



handstolove

“where difference does not equal disability”

Paula Vann- Camper Parent

“It is hard to describe what Hand Camp and its community have provided Christian. Confidence and grit are two primary words that come to mind. Since he was 6 months old, he has seen ‘big kids’ and adults with limb differences do whatever they set their minds to at camp, H2L events, and in the online community. He is now entering that ‘big kid’ phase himself and hopes to do the same for younger campers. His confidence and grit showed up to help him make his middle school basketball team, and he hit a 3-pointer to celebrate.”



Innovation Station

Hello! My name is Emily, and I am an upper-limb prosthetist with Open Bionics, based out of Orlando, FL.

I was thrilled to be part of Hand Camp this year and to showcase some of Open Bionics' products and services. This was my second time attending Hand Camp. After last year, I returned with an even greater appreciation for how limb differences come in all shapes and sizes—and that is something to be celebrated! During my time with Open Bionics, I have worked with many kids and adults with congenital limb differences, and I love how this company consistently values user feedback to develop and improve its technology. I was excited to connect with the H2L community at this event to learn more about what is valued when it comes to prosthetics.

If you'd like to share feedback or ideas you have about the function and aesthetics you're looking for in prosthetics, I'd love to hear from you. You can reach me directly at emily@openbionics.com.

At Open Bionics, we offer custom upper-limb prosthetic solutions for both adults and children as young as six. These include the Hero Arm, a myoelectric arm with muscle control and multiple grip patterns; the Hero FLEX, an activity-friendly socket that works with a variety of attachments for sports and other hobbies; and the Hero PRO, the first myoelectric hand that is completely wireless and waterproof. For those with finger loss or absence, the Hero Gauntlet is a wrist-powered mechanical partial-hand prosthesis, perfect for two-handed activities like biking or precision-based tasks like baking. We use lightweight, breathable, and durable

materials to ensure that all of our prosthetics keep up with an active lifestyle. We are continually expanding our product line and working with even more users, so stay tuned for exciting developments!

I want to be a resource for this amazing community, so I encourage you to reach out if you'd like to discuss whether any of our devices could be a good fit for you or your child. We have multiple clinics across the country where we work directly with patients, and we offer complimentary video consultations and insurance pre-checks to help guide your decisions.

Our website: <https://openbionics.com/>

Contact me directly: emily@openbionics.com

Emily Shannon, CPO, MSPO



OT Tip of the Month

Summer is almost here! Whether you're celebrating the end of the school year or the return of backyard barbecues, these tools can make things a bit easier at your party:

No-spill trays are designed to balance food and drinks when going from room to room. If holding a handle is tricky, a loop can aid in carrying.

Ring pull can openers help with tricky pull tab cans. Whether you're craving a soda or some baked beans, this tool gives some extra leverage! This can be further adapted with an EazyHold or Velcro strap to aid with grasping the handle.



Send any questions about the OT Tip of the Month to kara@handstolove.org

UPDATE

THE AMAZING GIVE

Thank you for your support during The Amazing Give!

On April 24th, 2025, during the 12-hour Amazing Give, Hands To Love raised **\$36,975**. After all donations were counted, our total reached **\$45,655!**

We also won a **\$500** prize from the Junior League of Gainesville for receiving the most donations during the Lunch Hour (12–1 p.m.), and we proudly **finished 5th overall** on the leaderboard.

Thank you for your incredible support. We could not have done it without you!



How To Set Up Recurring Donations

1. Navigate to handstolove.org and click on the "Donate" tab on the top right
2. Scroll down and click the blue "Make a Donation" button
3. Click the blue "Donate" button on the right side of the screen
4. A pop-up will appear with amount options. Instead of choosing "One-time," consider setting up a monthly, quarterly, or annual donation.

Feel free to email info@handstolove.org with any questions!

Hands To Love is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. We strive to provide all H2L events and activities at the lowest possible cost to our families. We rely on the donations of generous supporters like you in providing services to upper limb different youth and their families.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

To give, click [here](#)



H2L 25th Anniversary QUILT RAFFLE

This one of a kind **quilt, body pillow, and tote bag set** will be raffled for the next 12 months to support H2L's mission of serving children with upper limb differences and their families

Purchase a raffle ticket or two for a chance to take these beautiful handmade keepsakes home! Click the link **[HERE](#)** for tickets!

1 Ticket = \$100
3 Tickets = \$200

