People magazine features Hanger Clinic patients

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New York, N.Y., September 19, 2014 – The September 22, 2014 issue of *People* magazine includes the story of Hanger Clinic patients Hassan and Hussein Benhaffaf, and Winter the amputee dolphin.

Hassan and Hussein, twins born conjoined from the chest to pelvis, underwent a life-saving surgery at just four months old to separate them. While the surgery was a success, it did leave the boys with just one leg and one kidney each. The twins, now four-years-old and nicknamed “Little Fighters”, have had anything but an easy journey thus far, but continue to persevere.

The boys received their first prosthetic legs in 2012 that were fit by Ireland-based prosthetist Michael Fouhy in collaboration with Hanger Clinic Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll, MS, CP, FAAOP, and Area Clinic Manager Dan Strzempka, CPO, the same men who made Winter the amputee dolphin’s prosthetic tail.

Recently, during a trip to the U.S., Carroll and Strzempka introduced the Benhaffaf twins to Winter who lost her tail after it became entangled in a crab trap in 2005, and became the first dolphin to have her entire tail fluke replaced with a prosthetic device. Winter’s story has become an inspiration to people all over the world, including the Benhaffaf twins, and came to life on the silver screen nationwide in a 3D feature film titled “Dolphin Tale”. A sequel titled “Dolphin Tale 2”, also based on a true story, was released nationwide on September 12, 2014.

The *People* magazine article found on page 63 of the September 22, 2014 issue, highlights the boys’ visit to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium to meet Winter, and includes a photo of the boys alongside Winter, Carroll, and Strzempka.

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