The 17th Annual Hands to Love Hand Camp was held in Starke, FL on March 10-12, 2017. This year's theme was "Defying Gravity." We had 63 families, 66 campers plus about 200 family members attend this year's camp from all over the United States. About 120 volunteers including a quite a few from the UF Department of Orthopaedics (medical director for Hands to Love Dr. Sarah Molinari, fellows, residents, PA's, and staff) supported this year's camp.

Dr Paul and Ruth Dell started Hands to Love (H2L) in 2001 and the hand camp that was once a year has now grown into a 2-camp a year event (one in the spring, and a teen camp in the fall). It has truly made a major impact on many people.

UF GRIP supported this year's event by providing 3d printed prosthetics and devices to improve quality of life for campers with congenital hand and upper extremity anomalies.

The event was covered by local news media:

- WCJB TV20: [UF students demonstrate prosthetic arms for kids](http://www.wcjb.com/your-health-local-news-national-news/2017/03/uf-students-demonstrate-prosthetic-arms-kids)
- UF Florida Alligator: [At Hand Camp in Starke, kids with disabilities find haven](http://www.alligator.org/news/local/article_c6491e8a-078e-11e7-b6a6-e7563aeaf065.html)

For more info on the camp or the Hands to Love organization please visit them at online: [www.handstolove.org](http://www.handstolove.org)
