

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **Peak Vista Community Health Centers Celebrates 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Olympic Champion Jackie Joyner-Kersey at Third Annual **Breakfast of Champions****

#### **Dr. Thomas W. Theune Honored as 2007 Champion of Community Health**

Colorado Springs, CO, November 8, 2007--Peak Vista Community Health Centers held its third annual **Breakfast of Champions** (featuring Wheaties) today at the Broadmoor's International Center. Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Olympic Gold Medalist in track and field, provided the keynote address to a capacity crowd. The annual event raised more than \$100,000 for primary medical, dental and behavioral health services for working families in the Pikes Peak Region. Raising awareness of the organization and its contributions to this community, the event also served to recognize the many champions associated with Peak Vista, especially volunteer physicians and dentists, and community partners.

El Pomar Foundation served as **Breakfast of Champions** Presenting Sponsor with Kathy and Bill Hybl recognized for being co-founders of the event. As Gold Sponsor, Academy Bank sponsored Jackie Joyner-Kersey, whose presentation was both motivational and inspirational. Kaiser Permanente served as Silver Medal Sponsor. "Jackie's health issue is asthma and it certainly impacted her life as well as her career," according to BJ Scott, President and CEO of Peak Vista. "While Jackie had numerous resources to tap during her asthmatic episodes, many of our patients have little to none when a healthcare crisis arises. Peak Vista is there for the many working families of El Paso and Teller counties when they have health-related needs...in essence, we serve as champion for the 52,000 patients we care for each year," Scott continued.

Peak Vista's **Breakfast of Champions** recognized Dr. Thomas W. Theune as its 2007 Champion of Community Health. Theune has contributed immensely to those with visual impairment in our region. Nominees for the award must 1) exhibit outstanding advocacy for issues which directly impact our community's health or 2) contribute financially to a measurable community health-related initiative or solicit significant funding for the same.

## **About Peak Vista**

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional healthcare for people facing access barriers. Established in 1971, Peak Vista annually offers primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services to more than 52,000 El Paso and Teller residents...most from working families without health insurance. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit [www.peakvista.org](http://www.peakvista.org).

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