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Breakfast of Champions® Event to Feature Olympian Carl Lewis and Recognize Dr. Patrick Faricy

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Breakfast of Champions®, Peak Vista Community Health Center Foundation's (Peak Vista) long-running fundraising event, will feature Olympic legend, Carl Lewis, as its keynote speaker and recognize long-time Peak Vista advocate, Dr. Patrick Faricy, as its 2025 Champion of Community Health. The event will be held at 7 am, Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Broadmoor's International Center.

Proceeds from the event will support Peak Vista's Uncompensated Care Fund, which provides medical, dental and behavioral health care to those who cannot afford it otherwise. Peak Vista is the health care home for more than 74,000 patients across 14 counties in Colorado, with more than half living at or below the Federal Poverty Level. **In 2024 alone, Peak Vista provided \$15 million in uncompensated care, an increase of 47% over the previous year.**

Peak Vista is honored to recognize two remarkable individuals in 2025:

Keynote Speaker: Carl Lewis

Sportsman of the Century. World Athlete of the Century. Olympian of the Century. Lewis is one of the most decorated American Olympians in history, with ten total medals across four Olympic Games. In 1984, Lewis entered the Olympic scene, dominating the 100-meter, 200-meter, 4x100 relay and long jump races. He continued to set records and win medals for the next decade, winning Olympic Gold in each of the four Olympics in which he competed: Los Angeles, Seoul, Barcelona and Atlanta. An activist for family, youth, education, wellness and fitness, Lewis brings his international celebrity to attract awareness for the challenges and opportunities surrounding these issues around the world. Today, Lewis serves as the head track and field coach at the University of Houston.

Champion of Community Health: Patrick O. Faricy, MD

Peak Vista will present Faricy with its 2025 Champion of Community Health Award at the October event. The Champion of Community Health Award is bestowed to advocates for and changemakers in community health. It was first presented to Bishop Richard Hanifen, one of the key founders of Peak Vista, during the original Breakfast of Champions® event in 2005.

Faricy has a long history of influence and care in Colorado Springs. As President and

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Managing Partner of Urological Associates PC, he grew the practice as he innovated how the community's urologists collaborated for the good of all patients. While successfully leading the medical team at Memorial Hospital during the transition from a city-operated facility to being part of the UCHealth system might not be recognized as an Olympic achievement, it is certainly a Herculean task. And it is one that Faricy managed with quiet grace and deep integrity as Memorial's Chief Medical Officer. Faricy builds community wherever he is, whether through development of a collegial approach to cover weekend calls for competing practices or in driving his colleagues to volunteer at Peak Vista. His commitment to quality of care extends from his days in medical school to his current role as Quality Committee Chair for the UCHealth Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

Sponsorships, Donations and Tickets

The Breakfast of Champions® celebrates individuals who overcome physical and mental challenges to achieve extraordinary feats that expand our understanding of human capacities. Sponsorships, donation opportunities and tickets at PeakVista.org/BOC.

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About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization providing exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Celebrating over 50 years of community health service, Peak Vista offers primary medical, integrated behavioral health and dental care services. We proudly serve over 74,000 patients annually through 20 outpatient centers in Colorado's Pikes Peak and East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit PeakVista.org.

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