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Venus Williams praises Peak Vista Community Health Centers at annual fundraiser, Breakfast of Champions®

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Over 900 guests attended Peak Vista Community Health Centers’ tenth annual Breakfast of Champions® on Tuesday, November 4. Attendees heard from numerous community members, as well as President and CEO Pam McManus and four time Olympic Gold Medalist Venus Williams.

Williams served as Keynote Speaker and emphasized that focus and dedication – along with family influence – were key factors in making her tennis dream a reality. Williams likened this focus and dedication to elements needed to achieve the success Peak Vista has in serving more than 80,000 patients.

“That’s what Peak Vista does,” Williams said, “they make people’s dreams come true. You cannot achieve a dream if you don’t have good health.”

Williams also described her struggle with Sjogren’s Syndrome, an autoimmune disorder, describing its impact on her life and career. She noted that Peak Vista’s mission meets such an important need for people experiencing health challenges.

“Venus has a remarkable story that is very inspiring,” said McManus, “she was a wonderful choice to help champion the importance of health, wellness and community.”

To conclude the event, Peak Vista Foundation board of directors announced the dedication and renaming of the Peak Vista Foundation Endowment Fund in honor of retiring executive director, B.J. Scott. The fund now holds \$162,000 in perpetuity.

“Our supporters in this community are exceptional,” said McManus, “it is their ongoing commitment and support that allows us to continue to make such an impact.”

To learn more about Peak Vista Foundation, visit www.peakvista.org, or call (719)344-6605.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

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 now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to more than 80,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak region and the East Central Plains. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit www.peakvista.org.