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Peak Vista Community Health Center Honors Dr. Richard Moothart

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) attended Colorado Community Health Network's (CCHN) annual award ceremony for Community Health Champions and Advocates; individuals who support the work of Colorado Community Health Centers (CHCs).

Peak Vista proudly nominated Dr. Richard W. Moothart for CCHN's Volunteer Clinician Community Health Champion Award.

Dr. Moothart graduated from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. After completing a fellowship in cardiology at the University of Colorado Medical Center, Dr. Moothart entered into private practice in Colorado Springs, taking time during his career to serve on numerous hospital committees as well as hospital medical staff leadership positions. He introduced the use of echocardiography, the intra-aortic balloon pump and started the use of interventional coronary angioplasty at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs.

President and CEO, Pam McManus described Dr. Moothart's contribution to Peak Vista:

"After his retirement from private practice, Dr. Moothart began volunteering at Peak Vista in August 2010. He typically sees our patients during three hour clinic sessions he holds on a nearly weekly basis at our volunteer health center. Since November of 2012, Dr. Moothart has seen 257 cardiology consults.

"Without question, Dr. Moothart has provided much needed patient access to cardiology consultative services for our Peak Vista patients for the past seven years. He truly epitomizes those ideals of selfless service that are an integral part of the Hippocratic Oath."

On accepting the award, Dr. Moothart stated, "These patients give me more than I give them."

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 90,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit <u>peakvista.org</u>.