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**Pam McManus, President and CEO Honored with 2018 Legacy Award**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) is pleased to announce that the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) awarded Pam McManus, CPA with the *Jessie Trice Excellence in Leadership Award* at this year's Community Health Institute (CHI) and Expo event, held in Orlando, Florida August 26 – 28 welcoming over 2,000 attendees from around the country.

This prestigious award was presented during the annual gathering of health center clinicians, executives, consumer board members, along with State/Regional Primary Care Associations and Health Center Controlled Networks. During the award ceremony, McManus shared, "it's humbling and at the same time I'm filled with gratitude to be recognized after a woman that made such a difference in innovation and excellence."

McManus has served Peak Vista as a champion of community health and an advocate for underserved members of the community for 26 years, stepping into the President and CEO role six years ago. Under her outstanding leadership, Peak Vista's 2017 annual report numbers demonstrate exponential growth since 2010, evident by patient increase from 58,000 to over 92,000 (59%), employees increasing from 504 to over 900 (80%), and the number of health centers increasing from 19 to 26 (37%). McManus has spent time focusing on integrated behavioral health, dental program expansion, workforce training initiatives and access for rural areas.

"Pam has put her heart and soul into Peak Vista, serving as an inspirational leader to us all. She is always seeking ways to better meet our mission: *To provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education*," comments Dr. Michael Welch, Chief Medical and Dental Officer, "Pam's work as an exceptional administrative leader extends beyond her role as President and CEO."

McManus has worked closely with numerous community partners and serves as Treasurer for Community Health Partnership (CHP). McManus also serves on the boards for YMCA of the Pikes Peak and Colorado Community Managed Care Network (CCMCN) and is currently the Accountable Care Organization Governing Board Chair for Clinical Partners of Colorado Springs. She serves as an officer for the Colorado Community Health Network Board, a statewide association for community health centers, and serves on the National Association of Community Health Centers Senior Health and Membership Committees.

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McManus has been recognized by the Leadership Pikes Peak "Modeling the Way" Community Leadership Award, the "Women of Influence" award from the Colorado Springs Business Journal, the Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) "Outstanding Legislative Leadership" award, the Delta Sigma Theta "Hat's Off" honor and Southern Colorado AIDS Project (SCAP) "Hero" award.

**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 92,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit [peakvista.org](http://peakvista.org).

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