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**Peak Vista Announces New Mission Statement
Affirming Commitment to Health Care Education**

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) announced today that its board of directors has approved a change to the formal Peak Vista mission statement. This change coincides with the onboarding of the inaugural class of residents joining Peak Vista's Family Medicine Residency program beginning this week.

Peak Vista's mission is now "To provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education."

"The addition of 'through clinical programs and education' underscores Peak Vista's dual commitment to providing access to primary care to our communities and educating health care professionals," shared Peak Vista Board Chair Dr. Donna Johnson.

The shift is part of Peak Vista's Education Health Initiative (EHI), an innovative business model focused on education and wellness. Peak Vista's EHI is composed of three programs:

- **[Family Medicine Residency Program](#)** – A three-year osteopathic primary care residency program. The inaugural class of eight resident physicians began work at Peak Vista June 20, 2016. These primary care doctors will do rotations in various Peak Vista primary care local hospitals and specialty practices.
- **[Advanced Practice Registered Nurse \(APRN\) Primary Care Fellowship](#)** – A one year fellowship for recently graduated Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). The first class of five APRN fellows will graduate in August 2016.
- **Academic Affairs** – Peak Vista provides formalized clinical training opportunities in Family practice, women's health and pediatric settings for medical students from institutions such as [University of Colorado School of Medicine](#) and [Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine](#).

"I am extremely pleased to announce Peak Vista's new mission statement," said Peak Vista President & CEO Pam McManus. "This properly reflects our dedication to stay true to our roots of providing access to care for those in need while concurrently enhancing the health care workforce."

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To learn more about the Education Health Initiative, please contact the Peak Vista communications team at (719)244-6606 or communications.omb@peakvista.org.

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. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to nearly 84,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central Plains regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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