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9HEALTH FAIR ANNOUNCES SITE GRANTS

\$40,000 in Funding Available to Communities Hosting a 2009 9Health Fair

Denver, CO - - To encourage people to volunteer and lead a 9Health Fair in their community, Colorado's largest non-profit, volunteer-driven health fair program announced today that \$40,000 in financial grants are available to sites hosting a 2009 9Health Fair.

Designed to offset out-of-pocket expenses and foster community support for volunteer-run 9Health Fair sites, grant amounts can range between \$500 and \$2,000 or more. The 30th annual 9Health Fair is April 18-26, 2009.

"Last year, we distributed \$20,000 in funds, and this year we are offering \$40,000. Thanks to support from companies like Pinnacle Assurance, we are very excited to double the amount of funds available to communities," said Jim Goddard, President and CEO of 9Health Fair. "9Health Fair believes that it takes everyday people and communities to impact people's health and wellness, and we hope that communities take advantage of this opportunity and get involved."

To apply for a 9Health Fair site grant, communities must provide 9Health Fair with the following:

- Completed grant application and site information sheet by December 31, 2008
- Description of how grant funds will be used
- Information on local community organization to receive and manage grant funds
- Attendance at 9Health Fair trainings
- A final report

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9Health Fair will notify communities awarded a site grant on January 30, 2009 and will distribute funds in February. For more information on the 9Health Fair site grants, visit www.9healthfair.org. The 9Health Fair site grants are made possible in part thanks to support from Pinnacol Assurance, Colorado's largest and oldest provider of workers' compensation insurance.

About 9Health Fair

9Health Fair is Colorado's largest non-profit, volunteer-driven health fair program that promotes health awareness and encourages individuals to assume responsibility for their own health. Created by a National Institutes of Health project and 9NEWS, 9Health Fair's free and low-cost health screening and education program has earned unique endorsements from the Colorado Medical Society, the Colorado Nurses Association and the Colorado Hospital Association. Since 1980, 9Health Fair has impacted 1.7 million lives. As an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, 9Health Fair is proud of its financial management performance, keeping its administration and fundraising expense under 17 percent of its total budget, well under the industry average of 20-25 percent.

Major sponsors for the 2008 9Health Fair include 9NEWS, Quest Diagnostics, UniPath, King Soopers/City Market, GE Healthcare and Abbott. Special thanks to the Colorado National Guard for its continued 9Health Fair support through delivering supplies to volunteers and sites around the state.

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