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TWO-DAY FAMILY 9HEALTH FAIR PROVIDES THOUSANDS OF HEALTH SCREENINGS

Over 3,700 Adults and Children Served at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City

Denver, CO - - Underscoring the need for free and low-cost health services, 9Health Fair announced today that more than 3,000 adults and 750 children had their health checked in just two days at the second annual Family 9Health Fair at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City. The health screenings, which ranged from low-cost blood screenings, flu shots and immunizations to free dental screenings, glucose screenings and Pap smears, were provided by more than 800 medical and non-medical volunteers, including 300 bilingual English and Spanish speaking volunteers, from around the metro area. Additional results include:

- 1,430 adults had a blood chemistry screening, which provides information on cholesterol levels, triglyceride levels, glucose, thyroid function, calcium levels and more.
- 470 adults learned about the health of their blood through a blood count screening
- 270 men checked their risk for prostate cancer through a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) screening
- 180 adults had a colon cancer screening
- 210 women received a free Pap smear screening
- 1,200 seasonal flu vaccinations were administered
- 160 children were immunized
- 1,700 had people had their vision checked
- 115 children had a dental screening
- 160 children learned about their total body mass index
- 800 people learned about Medicaid or Medicare options available for their family members

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In addition, hundreds of people spoke with a health professional and 52 percent of participants were referred to seek additional follow up and treatment from a healthcare provider.

“We are very excited about the impact this fair had on the people in and around the Commerce City community,” said Jim Goddard, President and CEO of 9Health Fair. “Through on-site surveys with people at the fair, we also discovered that over 80 percent were participating in their very first health fair. This just shows that more people than ever before are taking that first, very important step in learning more about their health status so that they can take better care of themselves.”

People who took advantage of any of the blood screenings, along with those who had a colon cancer screening or Pap smear, will have their screening results mailed to their home within six weeks.

“The city of Commerce City helped to provide about 600 volunteers to facilitate this health fair, and we are very proud to offer this event to our community,” said Commerce City Mayor Paul Natale. “We are committed to the health and wellness of our neighbors, family and friends and we look forward to serving even more people next year.”

For more information on 9Health Fair and how to offer a 9Health Fair in your community, please visit www.9healthfair.org or call 303-698-4455.

About 9Health Fair

9Health Fair is Colorado’s largest nonprofit, 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 screenings 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 2009 9Health Fair include 9NEWS, Quest Diagnostics, 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.

About Commerce City

Rated the second fastest growing city in Colorado and 16th fastest growing city in the nation by Forbes Magazine, Commerce City covers 41 square miles and is home to more than 40,000 people. And while the city’s population has more than doubled in the past 10 years, the city itself has maintained its small-town atmosphere. Commerce City is Denver’s suburban neighbor to the northeast and offers a

historical downtown, beautiful residential areas, and thriving businesses and industry. Commerce City is where the past, the present and strong civic pride come together to develop a Quality Community for a Lifetime for the future.

With nearby shopping, entertainment and dining, Commerce City offers the best of all worlds. Plus, it's a short trip to Denver International Airport and downtown Denver. And within an hour, residents and visitors alike can find themselves deep in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. The city, the 19th largest city in Colorado and recognized as the hub of commerce in the Denver metropolitan area, is surrounded by interstates 70, 270 and 76, E-470 and is easily accessible by rail or air.

Commerce City provides police, parks, land-use planning, and building permit services, and partners with the South Adams County Water District to provide water and sewer utilities. The South Adams County Fire District provides fire suppression and emergency medical response that is supported by Northglenn Ambulance Company.

The City Council, which is elected on a non-partisan basis, is comprised of a mayor and eight council members. The city's charter establishes a City Council-City Manager form of government.

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