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### **North Middle School Students Participate in 9Health Fair In the Classroom Program, presented by The Children's Hospital**

**Denver, CO** — The Children's Hospital and 9Health Fair's In the Classroom Program are working together to bring extensive educational programming to the youth of Colorado. Through the partnership, new opportunities for students will be developed and current programs enhanced.

On Thursday, April 14, students at North Middle School Health Careers Academy in Aurora will host a student health fair from 12 to 2:30 in the school gymnasium. Students from the school's Aurora Lights Program will be leading health education activities for three nearby grade schools. The student leaders will provide education at over 15 interactive health stations for the elementary school children.

"We are so pleased to partner with 9Health Fair to empower kids with tools they need to keep themselves safe and healthy," said Deb Federspiel, Director of the Children's Health Advocacy Institute at The Children's Hospital. "By working together, we can enhance our ability to reach as many youth as possible."

9Health Fair's In the Classroom Program serves as many as 70 schools each year with training, technical support and interactive health education activities so that student leaders can host their own health fair and teach their peers about healthy behaviors and choices.

"Our student health fair program has been in existence since 1982, growing to reach as many as 24,000 students each year," said Teresa Jensen, Manager of the In the Classroom Program. "These events provide students with opportunities to learn more about their own health, safety issues, teen medical trends, and the benefits and consequences of choices they make. It also helps student leaders to see themselves as teachers or in a future health career."

#### **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 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.

#### **About The Children's Hospital**

The Children's Hospital has defined and delivered pediatric healthcare excellence for more than 100 years. Founded in 1908, The Children's Hospital is a leading pediatric network entirely devoted to the health and well-being of children. Continually recognized as one of the nation's outstanding hospitals by U.S. News & World Report, The Children's Hospital is known both for its nationally and internationally recognized medical, research and education programs as well as the full spectrum of everyday care for kids throughout Colorado and surrounding states. With more than 1,000 healthcare professionals representing the full spectrum of pediatric specialties, The Children's Hospital network includes its main campus, 15 Network of Care locations and more than 400 outreach clinics. For more information, visit [www.thechildrenshospital.org](http://www.thechildrenshospital.org).