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THE COLORADO TRUST NAMES THREE NEW TRUSTEES

Denver, CO – The Colorado Trust today announced the election to its Board of Trustees of Alan Synn, MD, Vascular Institute of the Rockies; John Hopkins, recently retired President and CEO of Rocky Mountain Health Plans; and Colleen Schwarz, Vice President-Sales for Community Reinvestment Fund, USA. Their five-year terms will begin January 1, 2011.

Synn, Hopkins and Schwarz will fill three vacancies on The Trust's nine-person board created when the terms of Stephen B. Clark, Kathryn A. Paul and William N. Maniatis, MD conclude, following 10 years each of exceptional service. Clark is President of SB Clark, Inc., Paul is President and CEO of Delta Dental Plan of Colorado and Maniatis is a Urologist with Advanced Urology, PC.

“Alan, John and Colleen bring strong expertise and insights in the areas of health care, health coverage and financial management. These three areas are critical to The Trust in realizing its long-term vision of ensuring that Coloradans have health coverage and access to a health care system that delivers quality, affordable health care services. As well, the foundation needs to maintain its financial strength to support the development and implementation of policies, programs and services that achieve access to health for all Coloradans,” said Kathryn A. Paul, Chairwoman of the Board of The Colorado Trust.

The Colorado Trust is one of the state's largest foundations. When the nonprofit PSL Health Care Corporation was sold to a for-profit organization in 1985, the proceeds of the sale were used to create the state's first foundation dedicated exclusively to the health of the people of Colorado.

Alan Synn, MD is a founding member of the Vascular Institute of the Rockies, where he specializes in complex arterial surgery and endovascular therapies. Synn also instructs medical students and residents at Health One Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center and St. Joseph Hospital. He received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and Doctor of Medicine from the University of California, Los Angeles. Synn completed his general surgery residency at the University of Washington in Seattle and his vascular surgery fellowship at the University of Iowa. He is past president of both the Denver Medical

Society and the Rocky Mountain Vascular Surgical Society, and has been recognized three times by his peers as a 5280 “Top Doc.”

John P. Hopkins served as President and CEO of Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) in Grand Junction, Colorado until 2009. RMHP is a nonprofit health plan that provides health coverage to more than 180,000 Coloradans. Working as a pharmacist, Hopkins first joined RMHP in 1986 as pharmacy services manager and went on to serve that organization as director of legislative/government affairs and director of provider administration, before being named President and CEO. Hopkins received BS degrees in Psychology and Pharmacy from the University of Wyoming and completed his clinical pharmacy residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, California.

Colleen A. Schwarz is Vice President-Sales for the Community Reinvestment Fund, USA (CRF). CRF provides capital to local community development lenders to improve economically distressed communities through such means as growing small businesses, increasing affordable housing and building child care centers and other community facilities. Schwarz has 25 years of experience in commercial finance, product development and marketing within the areas of economic development, government-sponsored small business, affordable housing and student loans. She received a BS in Management from Oakland University and an MBA from Arizona State University.

Current members of The Colorado Trust’s Board of Trustees are:

- Kathryn A. Paul – *Chairwoman*
President and CEO, Delta Dental Plan of Colorado
- Stephen B. Clark – *Vice Chairman*
President, SB Clark, Inc.
- Reginald L. Washington, M.D. – *Secretary*
Chief Medical Officer, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children
- Gail Schoettler, PhD – *Treasurer*
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- Patricia Baca, EdD
Educational Consultant
- William N. Maniatis, MD
Urologist, Advanced Urology, PC
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- Rev. R.J. Ross
Founder/President, Samaritan Institute
- William Wright, MD
Executive Medical Director and President Colorado Permanente Medical Group

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