

The Summit Medical Center Health Foundation will host their 3rd annual fundraising event on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Keystone Conference Center from 6:00 PM to Midnight with the return of the hospital gala event *Dancing with the Mountain Stars*. Modeled after the hit television show “Dancing with the Stars”, the foundation is hosting its own celebrity and professional dance competition and all proceeds from the event will be used to support the purchase of a Jackson Table for the operating room expansion project at the hospital.

*Dancing with the Mountain Stars* will feature notable Summit County residents paired with professional dancers from Los Angeles. This glamorous affair will begin with a cocktail reception and silent auction. Items in the silent auction will feature sports tickets, dining and lodging, ski area season passes, retail shopping gift certificates and more. An elegant dinner, the dance competition, a dance performance by the LA based professionals, followed by dancing for all dinner guests, will complete the evening’s festivities. Table sponsorships, accommodating 10 people, are available for \$5,000 and \$2,500. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$150 per person.

Current sponsors already committed for this year’s event include Colorado Surgical and Critical Care Associates/Summit Surgical Consultants, GE Johnson, St. Anthony Central Hospital, Vail Summit Orthopaedics, Don and Meredith Van Dyne, Dr. Mark Norden, Rich and Maryann Rowley, St. Anthony Summit Medical Center, Summit Daily News, Town of Frisco and Dr. John Warner.

Local dance celebrities include Kate Brewer, Steve Corneillier, Ron Holthaus, Kelly Pestello, Dr. Greg Poulter, Karn Stiegelmeier, Jody Thompson, Tracy Van Anderson, Dr. John Warner, and Gary Wilkinson. The 2009 dance winners, Dan Gibbs and Alton Scales, will also perform as special guests of the event.

Emmy-nominated choreographer Mandy Moore, a former Summit County resident and Summit High School graduate, choreographs each dance and coordinates the professional dance partners at the event. While the line-up of professional dance partners is still in progress, previous years’ dancers will be returning to perform with the Summit County celebrities. Together, these dancers bring a wealth of talent and experience to the competition.

A panel of qualified judges including District Court Judge Terry Ruckriegle, local realtor Rob Neyland and 2009 event dancer Lisa Cheek will rate each performance on a scale of one to ten to determine the winning dance couple. Each guest at the event will also have the opportunity to cast their vote for their favorite couple, which will be used to determine the winner of the “People’s Choice Award”.

For more information about *Dancing with the Mountain Stars*, please contact Deb Edwards at (970)668-6906 or [debedwards@centura.org](mailto:debedwards@centura.org).