

# Thoughts from the CHAMPS Board of Directors on CHAMPS' 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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CHAMPS has done a fantastic job over the last 30 years in helping health centers maximize our efficiencies and effectiveness in serving our patient populations.

~ John Santistevan, Chief Executive Officer,  
Salud Family Health Centers, CO

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, CHAMPS! It is a great honor to work with you on moving the Community Health Center movement onward and upward. Your high quality education and resource materials are easily accessible to Colorado Community Health Centers. Your partnership and organizational leadership also makes a big difference, and we at CCHN look forward to our continued work together to make Community Health Centers the future of health care.

~ Annette Kowal, President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Colorado Community Health Network, CO

CHAMPS continues to provide an invaluable resource for CHCs in our region with education, support, and networking opportunities. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary, CHAMPS! Thank you for 30 years of strengthening our health care safety net!

~ Nancy Taylor, Vice President of Clinical Operations, RiverStone Health, MT

The CHAMPS conference brings together national, regional, and state information in a useful way to network and share best practice information that motivates one's organization to develop strategy and acquire tools to address today's challenges in healthcare. It is an excellent mechanism for our staff to more effectively work together with the knowledge and resources acquired through attendance. It is also an opportunity to identify the strengths and successes of our organization when you interact with your colleagues away from the daily activity one is involved in at home.

~ Ricardo Velasquez, MD, Physician, Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc., CO

As a New Access Point leader, the fall conference was an excellent opportunity for education and networking!

~ Colette Behrent, Chief Executive Officer, Heritage Health Center, WY

## **SOAR**

We are CHAMPS;  
See us SOAR!  
We aren't invisible anymore.  
We are sensitive, caring and kind;  
We help to educate anyone's mind.  
A regional network is what we are;  
We fill the gap and raise the bar.  
Our staff is responsive, timely and prepared;  
No need to worry, fret or be scared.  
We look out for you and help you along;  
For we are here and we are strong.

~ Aaron Garman, MD, Medical Director, Coal  
Country Community Health Center, ND

**Community  
Health  
Advocate for  
Many  
People;  
Super job for 30 years!**  
~ Simon Hambidge, MD,  
PhD, Executive Director,  
Denver Health Community  
Health Services, CO