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**ADAM'S CAMP AND PARTNERS IN PEDIATRICS TEAM UP AGAINST THE HARLEM AMBASSADORS IN THE FIRST ANNUAL HOOPS FOR HOPE EVENT TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF ADAM'S CAMP**

**DENVER** ... February 28, 2013 ... [Adam's Camp](#) announced today they are teaming up with Partners in Pediatrics (PIP) to host a game between the Adam's Camp PIPsters and the internationally-acclaimed [Harlem Ambassadors](#) to raise funds for the children, youth and families of Adam's Camp.

On Sunday, March 10, 2013 at Cherry Creek High School the Harlem Ambassadors, known for their unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines, will be challenged by the Adam's Camp PIPsters. The PIPsters, coached by former Denver Nugget, **Bill Hanzlik** will be comprised of local TV personalities such as **Theresa Marchetta**, and **Jim Benemann** as well as pediatricians from PIP and other surprise players. Olympic gold medalist **Missy Franklin** will make a special appearance to get the festivities started.

"At our shows, we want the kids to know that they're part of our team too," Harlem Ambassadors Coach Ladè Majic said. "We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front row seat during the show, and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do."

The Ambassadors set themselves apart from other "Harlem-style" basketball teams by working with local not-for-profit and service organizations and holding Harlem Ambassadors shows as community fundraising events. Tickets are just \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door and free for children three and under. Funds raised at the March 10 event will support the children, youth and families of Adam's Camp.

Adam's Camp, located in Centennial CO provides intensive therapy camps to children with developmental disabilities and their families as well as recreational camps for youth and young adults with disabilities. Since 1986, Adam's Camp has created countless stories of progress and hope for over 10,000 children with special needs and their family members through therapy, respite, education and recreation.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 7 children in the U.S. has a developmental disability. That's 173,783 children in Colorado alone. Children with developmental disabilities are at a disadvantage educationally and socially. Adam's Camp is **the only organization in Colorado that practices the intensive, multi-disciplinary, family-centered therapy model** to take on that disadvantage.

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Pediatrician Nancy Lataitis explains the special partnership she and others in her practice have with Adam's Camp, "We at Partners In Pediatrics have been thrilled to be involved with Adam's Camp since its inception. As the pediatricians for Adam, we were amazed at the progress he made from that first week of intensive, multidisciplinary therapy. When Adam's mom, Karel, expressed the desire to bring this type of therapy to other children with special needs, we agreed and jumped on board. The progress kids make and the support and hope families gain from the Adam's Camp experience, is amazing and heart-warming to see in action."

Partners in Pediatrics (PIP) was formed in 1977, with the primary goal of providing the highest quality and most comprehensive pediatric health care available in a private-practice setting. PIP utilizes a holistic and integrated approach in the care of pediatric patients and families. PIP has two offices, 919 Jasmine Street, Denver, Colorado 80220 (Phone: 303-388-4256) and 9785 Maroon Circle, #G104, Englewood, CO 80112 (Phone: 303-779-1172).

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