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9th Annual Mental Health Luncheon to benefit low-income and uninsured in need of mental health services

Keynote Jennifer Ayers-Moore, sister of the musician portrayed in the movie *The Soloist*, will share her family's journey dealing with schizophrenia.

Englewood, Colo: (April 21, 2010) — Keynote speaker Jennifer Ayers-Moore, sister of Nathaniel Ayers, the talented musician portrayed in the book and film *The Soloist*, will deliver the keynote address at Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network's 9th Annual Mental Health Benefit Luncheon on May 13th, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Inverness Hotel & Conference Center in Englewood, CO. The theme of the event is *The Art of Recovery*. Proceeds from the event will benefit local low-income, uninsured and underinsured individuals in critical need of mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

Beginning at 11a.m., Ayers-Moore will greet guests and sign copies of the DVD *The Soloist*, which will be available for purchase. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Ayers-Moore will relate how her brother's schizophrenia changed not only Nathaniel's life – from Julliard scholar to homeless street musician – and her family's life as well. She'll share what she is doing to help reduce stigma and advocate for those with mental illness—especially for those who are artistically inclined.

Sponsors include Citywide Banks, Haven Behavioral Senior Care, Lockton Inc, Behavioral HealthCare Inc, Arapahoe and Douglas Boards of County Commissioners, Arapahoe House, Aurora Mental Health Center , Cherry Creek School District, City of Glendale, Community Reach Center, Intermountain Rural Electric Association, Kaiser Permanente, NAMI Arapahoe/Douglas Counties, Rocky Mountain Institute and Signal Behavioral Health Network, Inc.

Tickets are \$75 online at www.admhn.org. For more information, call 303 779 9676.

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Jennifer Ayers-Moore is available for interview prior to the luncheon. To schedule, contact Meryl Glickman at 303 793 9602.

About Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network

Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation providing professional, comprehensive behavioral health care and substance abuse treatment primarily, but not exclusively, serving the communities of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. We offer programs for adults, seniors, families, couples and children. Services include counseling, psychiatry, crisis services, case management, substance abuse treatment, victim services, an adult acute treatment unit, adult supported and residential housing, services to the criminal justice system, vocational and social rehabilitation, a day treatment therapeutic school, school-based services and an on-site pharmacy. For more information and appointments, call 303 730 8848. Community education, wellness programs and a Speakers Bureau are available upon request at 303 793 6602. To learn more, visit www.admhn.org.

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