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MEDIA ALERT

COLORADO SPRINGS PIKES PEAK HILL CLIMB RACERS TO VISIT KIDS AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WHO:

Colorado Springs-based racers. Chris Lennon, Dan Novembre and Jonathan Newcombe are set to visit young Pediatric patients at Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Working closely with Racers Who Care to arrange this visit was Kelsey Bohman, of Memorial Hospital's Child Life Department.

During their visit, the racers will encourage the young patients with their personal Quick Tips on Winning in Life based on their own career experiences and will share race videos.

RACERS:

Chris Lennon is a veteran of 16 years of road course racing. He was the 2009 Porsche Parade National Autocross Class Champion and is a longtime High Performance Driving Instructor. He has served as Chief Driving Instructor for the Alpine Mountain Region of the Porsche Club of America (PCA) for five years, leading the High Performance Driver Education program for PCA in Southern Colorado across four tracks. Currently, he serves on the National Driver Education Committee of the PCA.

He was the 2015 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Champion in the Vintage Division, and finished on the podium (meaning he was one of the top three finishers) in the recent 2017 Open Class. He has competed on Pikes Peak six times, earning podium finishes. He also leads regular trips to Germany's famed Nurburgring race course. Additionally, he is President & CEO of MediAnswers, a Colorado-based media technology firm, serving the global media industry.

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Dan Novembre first saw the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb when he was 13 years old and saw that local, grassroots racers could compete with pro teams on a level playing field. Now, after nine years of open wheel competition on the Hill, 2018 will mark his tenth time racing in the Hill Climb.

Dan additionally, competes in the Colorado Hill Climb Association (CHCA) series, a 5-race series around the mountains of Colorado on dirt forest roads. He won the Super Sprint Championship in 2012, and the Open Wheel Championship in 2014. When not racing, Dan is a Project Manager for Harris Corporation, managing part of a Department of Defense contract for the U.S. Air Force supporting Missile Defense Radar stations.

Jonathan Newcombe began autocross racing as soon as he received his driving learner's permit. When he was 14 years old, his father took him to the Pikes Peak Hill Climb and he determined to race it one day. Jonathan has now raced the Hill Climb several times and plans to continue racing it as long as he can.

Jonathan's recent racing achievements include, winning the 2013 Western States SCCA Pro Solo Championship and the 2013 Central States Pro Solo Championship. In 2014, he broke the Pikes Peak FWD record, placed 1st in 5 out of 5 Rocky Mountain Solo races in the STS class, placed 19th overall out of 56 in CS class of the Solo National Championships, and Jonathan placed 9th out of 23 in the Time Attack 1 Division of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb. In 2016, he placed 10th in the Time Attack 1 Division of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

Since 1908, Memorial Hospital has been caring for kids at all ages and stages of life, treating more children than any hospital in a seven-state region, with a mission to improve the health of children through the provision of high-quality, coordinated programs of patient care, education, research and advocacy. The Hospital serves children in Southern Colorado with a multidisciplinary care team of more than 350 professionals, treating infants, children and teens who require inpatient hospital care and specialty services, and pioneering new ways of curing childhood diseases. This pediatric expertise provided in Colorado Springs is an extension of the world-class Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora, Colorado.

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