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**Pima County Health Department Awarded \$15.75 Million as Part of Recovery Act
Prevention and Wellness Initiative, *Communities Putting Prevention to Work***

Tucson, Arizona – March 19, 2010 – The Pima County Health Department was awarded a grant of \$15.75 Million to promote the adoption of healthy eating and active lifestyles as a way to combat obesity in Pima County.

This grant award is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* initiative to support public health efforts that reduce obesity, increase physical activity and improve nutrition to combat chronic diseases and promote health.

The \$372.8 million, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, was awarded to 44 communities, including cities, towns, and tribes. These communities are receiving awards to implement policy, systems and environmental change strategies over the next two years.

“This project provides Pima County the opportunity to connect with health experts and advocates in our community who are committed to improve the quality of life through sustainable programs and policies,” said Pima County Health Department Director Sherry Daniels. *“The goals of this program are to craft policy and provide opportunities to educate our community via our schools, workplaces, faith-based organizations and neighborhoods that*

encourages our residents to engage in healthier lifestyles through improved nutrition and increased activities.”

Pima County will be collaborating with employers, neighborhoods, school districts, health and human service agencies, community food banks and others to encourage residents to engage in healthy eating, physical activity and other similar behaviors that limit the risk for obesity and improve overall health.

This grant will fund programs within Pima County for 2 years. Additional information regarding this grant can be found at Pima County Health Department’s website: <http://www.pimahealth.org>

To learn more about *Communities Putting Prevention to Work*, visit www.hhs.gov/recovery and www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/recovery

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