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18 SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS THROUGH GLENDALE'S FROM THE HEART PROGRAM

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Eighteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to the city's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents received \$172,900 in grants from Glendale's *From The Heart* program.

The grants will be used to serve the community in many ways, from providing home-delivered meals and home medical equipment to senior citizens to providing emergency programs for victims of domestic violence.

The money distributed to the social service agencies last week was raised through Glendale's *From The Heart* program, which enables residents and businesses to add \$1 to their city utility bills each month or make one-time donations.

This past year, Chicago White Sox Charities donated \$5,000 with money generated from the White Sox green cap auction, which took place while the team was in Glendale during spring training. Also, The Limited donated \$2,804 as part of the retailer's grand opening weekend at Arrowhead Towne Center last September.

In addition, the Gila River Indian Community donated \$75,000 towards this year's grant funding total. This is the second year the Gila River Indian Community has donated money to the Glendale program.

Agencies receiving grant funds this year included the Alzheimer's Association - Desert Southwest Chapter – \$10,000, Back To School Clothing Drive Association – \$10,000, Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix – \$10,000, Central Arizona Shelter Services – \$12,500, Community Legal Services – \$10,000, Duet-Partners in Health & Aging – \$5,000 and First United Methodist Church of Glendale – \$10,000.

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Other agencies receiving funds were Gabriel's Angels – \$5,000, Jewish Family and Children's Services – \$5,000, A New Leaf – \$6,000, New Life Center – \$10,000, One Step Beyond – \$5,500, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – \$12,500, Society of St. Vincent de Paul – \$15,000, Salvation Army Glendale Corps – \$6,000, Sojourner Center – \$8,900, Solecito Services – \$15,000 and YWCA of Maricopa County – \$16,500.

The distribution represents money donation to Glendale's *From The Heart* program during the 2011 calendar year.

Money collected from the program is distributed annually to local social service agencies through a grant application and selection process. The main criteria to receive funding is that the agencies must provide services to Glendale residents that promote the positive development of youth, strengthen families and assist citizens of all ages in addressing urgent needs.

Since *From The Heart* began in 1997, more than \$2.4 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents.

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