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**GLENDALE'S FROM THE HEART PROGRAM TO
DISTRIBUTE \$183,915 TO SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES**

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Eighteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to Glendale's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents will receive \$183,915 in grants on Thursday (June 9) from Glendale's *From The Heart* program.

The money will be used in a variety of ways, including providing home-delivered meals and home medical equipment to the frail and elderly, feeding Glendale's hungry and providing emergency programs for victims of domestic violence and abuse.

Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs and BHHS Legacy Foundation Chief Executive Officer Jerry Wissink will present the grant-award checks to agency representatives at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9 at the Foothills Branch Library. The reception is open to the public.

All the money being distributed was raised through Glendale's *From The Heart* program, which enables residents and businesses to add \$1 to their city utility bills each month.

From The Heart also receives money through one-time donations. For example, Chicago White Sox Charities donated \$5,000 with money generated from the White Sox green cap auction. The auction took place while the team was in Glendale during spring training. --more--



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Once the money is collected from utility customers, businesses and other donors, the Legacy Foundation provides a 50-cent match for every dollar donated to *From The Heart*.

Since *From The Heart* began in 1997, more than \$2.25 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents.

As the program's matching partner for the last nine years, the Legacy Foundation has contributed more than \$527,000 to *From The Heart*. Although the Legacy Foundation will no longer be funding the program, Scruggs is grateful for the foundation's involvement.

"As a result of Legacy Foundation's 50-percent match, each dollar donated by our utility customers and others has gone a long way in helping residents who are truly in need of human services," she said. "I want to thank and extend my sincere appreciation to Legacy's board of directors and Mr. Wissink for their generosity and caring so much about our community's well-being. The city's partnership with Legacy has benefitted literally tens of thousands of citizens throughout Glendale."

Agencies receiving grant funds this year include the Alzheimer's Association-Desert Southwest Chapter – \$10,000, Back to School Clothing Drive Association – \$10,000, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona – \$4,000, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix – \$10,000, Central Arizona Shelter Services – \$15,000, Community Legal Services – \$10,000, Duet-Partners in Health & Aging (formerly Beatitudes Center DOAR) – \$5,000 and First United Methodist Church of Glendale – \$10,000.

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Other agencies receiving funds are Jewish Family and Children's Services – \$8,000, New Life Center – \$15,000, One Step Beyond – \$5,915, A New Leaf (formerly PREHAB of Arizona) – \$9,000, Salvation Army Glendale Corps – \$10,000, Society of St. Vincent de Paul – \$15,000, Solecito Services – \$12,000, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – \$15,000, Teen Lifeline – \$5,000 and YWCA of Maricopa County – \$15,000.

Thursday's distribution represents money donated during the 2010 calendar year.

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