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FROM THE HEART GRANTS FUNDING TO 19 LOCAL NON PROFITS *19 Agencies Assisting Glendale Residents in Need Receiving \$200,000 in grants*

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- Nineteen local non-profit agencies received \$200,000 in grants from Glendale's From The Heart program which provides emergency and essential services to the city's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents.

The grant funds will be used in a variety of ways, from providing home-delivered meals and home medical equipment to the frail and elderly to providing emergency programs for victims of domestic violence and abuse. The From The Heart program-enables residents and businesses to add \$2 to their city utility bills each month. The program also receives one-time donations. In addition, the Gila River Indian Community donated \$75,000 towards this year's grant funding.

"Through the generosity of Glendale residents and a grant from the Gila River Indian Community, From The Heart has disseminated \$200,000 back to our community," said Mayor Jerry Weiers. "The great thing about From The Heart is that every dollar donated goes toward helping Glendale residents who truly have needs."

This year the city of Glendale was able to provide St. Mary's Food Bank and St. Vincent De Paul with \$17,500; Arizona YWCA, Alzheimer's Association, Hospice of the Valley, A New Leaf Inc., CASS and Phoenix Gospel Mission were each awarded \$15,000. In addition, the Back to School Clothing Drive received an \$8,000 grant; while, Boys and Girls Clubs, Duet, Jewish Family and Children's Services, The Salvation Army, Teen Lifeline and The American Red Cross were each awarded \$7,500; Maggie's Place and Chrysalis were each granted \$5,000 grants. Finally, the Southwest Lending Closet received \$4,500.

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“From providing emergency food boxes to helping those impacted by the devastating effects of Alzheimer’s disease, to making sure each child has what they need for school, the From The Heart program supports so many people throughout our city,” Weiers said.

Money collected from the city utility bill donation program is distributed to local social service agencies through a grant application and selection process. To receive funding agencies must provide services to Glendale residents that addresses urgent needs, strengthens families and promotes the positive development of youth. Since From The Heart began in 1997, more than \$2.5 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving the community.

Individuals or businesses wishing to contribute to the program can mail a check or money order made out to “From The Heart” in any dollar amount to: From The Heart, Customer Service Office, City of Glendale, 5850 W Glendale Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/FromTheHeart.

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