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2007 Glendale Hispanic Network Breakfast

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- On September 19, 2007, the Glendale Hispanic Network (GHN) will sponsor a community breakfast in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The national recognition of Hispanic Heritage was first observed in 1968 when Congress designated a week to celebrate the culture. In 1988, Congress expanded the celebration to a month. National Hispanic Heritage Month is now celebrated annually between September 15 to October 15. This period was selected because many Latin American countries celebrate their independence during this month.

Stella Pope Duarte will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Duarte is a critically acclaimed author, university professor and counselor. Her path toward success has taken her from her barrio roots to an accomplished author. Her books include *Let Their Spirits Dance*, *Fragile Night*, and soon to be released *If I Die in Juarez*. She is a member of the Arizona Commission on the Arts and has been inducted into the Phoenix College Hall of Fame. She has won the Arizona Highways Magazine Fiction Award, the Hispanic Women's Corporation Community Award in Literature, and the Valle de Sol Excellence in Latino Arts and Culture Award. She is a highly sought inspirational speaker for all ages. She has presented nationally at universities, book festivals, and cultural celebrations.

The breakfast will be held at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn in historic downtown Glendale. Doors will open at 7:15am and the program will

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begin at 7:45am. Mariachi Tierra Del Sol will provide lively entertainment for the event.

Individual tickets are \$35 per person or \$350 per table. Tickets can be purchased at the Glendale Tourism Office, 5800 W. Glenn, Suite 140 or by calling (623) 930-4502. The Tourism Office is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The event is sponsored by the Glendale Hispanic Network of the City of Glendale. The Hispanic Network is an employee organization committed to promote cultural awareness and professional development.

For more information about the event, please call Raquel at (623) 930-2239 or John at (623) 930-3676. September 7 is the deadline for purchasing tickets.

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