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2009 GLENDALE HISPANIC NETWORK BREAKFAST

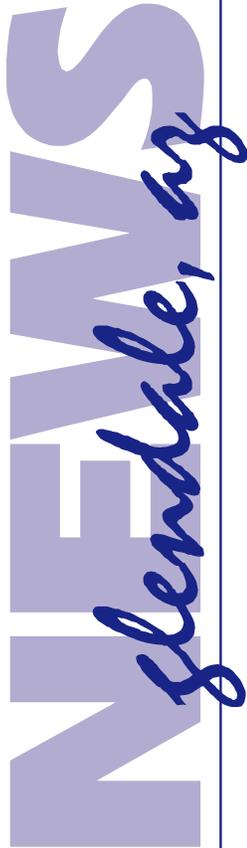
GLENDALE, Ariz. -- The Glendale Hispanic Network (GHN) will sponsor a community breakfast in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn in Historic Downtown Glendale.

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, which celebrates the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is now celebrated annually between Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. This period was selected because many Latin American countries celebrate their independence during this month.

Rosemary Ybarra-Hernandez will be the keynote speaker for the breakfast. Ms. Ybarra-Hernandez is the CEO and Founder of AGUILA Youth Leadership Institute, a college prep/access program for Latina/o youth that has received national recognition for its innovation and success. AGUILA is her vision and witnessing the transformation of Latina/o youth she serves is a life-long dream realized.

A champion for education, Ms. Ybarra-Hernandez describes herself as a “Life-Long learner” holding Associates Degree in Marketing, certification as a Paralegal, a Bachelors in Political Science/Pre-Law, with a Certificate of



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Concentration in Women's Studies, a Masters Degree in Public Administration, Post Graduate work in Juvenile Justice Policy and plans to complete her PhD in Educational Leadership. Inspired by Hector Elizondo in Tortilla Soup, she still has not ruled out a degree in culinary arts.

Throughout her life Ms. Ybarra-Hernandez has been recognized for her personal, as well as her academic accomplishments. As a champion for those in need, Ms. Ybarra-Hernandez has been recognized for her achievements in the design and delivery of award winning programs in government, education, and non-profit organizations, particularly those which serve youth. She has received local, national and international recognition for her work.

Doors will open at 7:00 a.m. and the program will begin at 7:30 a.m. There will be a special performance by Trio del Monte and Latin Dance Group.

Individual tickets are \$35 per person or \$350 per table. Tickets can be purchased at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn, Suite 140 or by calling (623) 930-4502. The Visitor Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 9 is the deadline for purchasing tickets.

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 Martina Longoria at 623.930.2878.

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