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**GLENDALE SPONSORS COMMUNITY INFORMATION FAIR,
PROCLAIMS NATIONAL CDBG WEEK FROM MARCH 24-30**

GLENDALE, Ariz. – As the nation observes National Community

Development Week, Glendale will sponsor a community outreach fair, featuring information on foreclosure prevention and showcasing local non-profits who receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 26 at the Glendale Woman's Club, 7032 N. 56th Ave.

The Mayor and City Council proclaimed March 24 to 30 as National Community Development Week in the city of Glendale. The theme for this year's recognition of the CDBG program is "Community Development Block Grant, On the Right Road." Since 1975, federal funds administered through the CDBG program have provided local governments with the resources to help address critical needs, as identified by the community.

In Glendale, the city's Community Revitalization office administers the annual CDBG grant funding, which provided \$2.6 million to revitalize neighborhoods, develop and construct infill housing with partners such as Habitat for Humanity, and fund many local non-profit organizations during the fiscal year of 2006-07. The allocation of the federal dollars is competitive, with oversight of the process handled by the Community Development Advisory Committee.

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Examples of CDBG funded activities that assist Glendale residents:

- Housing rehabilitation programs: Last fiscal year, 519 low to moderate income Glendale families benefited from programs that include replacement housing, roof repair or replacement, emergency home repairs and exterior improvement programs.
- Elimination of slum and blight: Last fiscal year, this voluntary program eliminated five substandard, dilapidated structures from the city's neighborhoods.
- Public facilities and improvements: Locally, the Boys & Girls Club, YWCA and St. Mary's/ Westside Food Bank Alliance all benefited from this program in the last year.
- Human services: In the last fiscal year, more than 32,000 individuals benefited from programs offered by social service agencies such as homeless prevention, congregate meals for elderly, employment services, legal counseling, domestic violence victims, homeless prevention, referral services, and assistance to seniors and the disabled.

Glendale began receiving CDBG funds in 1977 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and has received approximately \$49 million for improving the physical and social conditions for the city's residents.

For more information on the program or the Community Outreach Fair, contact the Community Revitalization Division at 623-930-3670 or visit

www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships.

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