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SPIRIT OF GIVING WEEKEND AT GLENDALE GLITTERS CELEBRATES GIVING BACK

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale Glitters will be a place where generosity and compassion are celebrated for the holidays with the Spirit of Giving weekend Dec. 11-12, from 6-10 p.m. each night, with 1.5 million dazzling lights and all kinds of entertainment for the entire family.

The city of Glendale is honoring and celebrating many non-profit organizations and companies that give back to the Glendale community and Valleywide, including the West Valley Child Crisis Center, Donor Network of Arizona, the Swift Branch and The Boys and Girls Club.

Glendale's Spirit of Giving event will also have St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance on hand, collecting canned food items to benefit to the less fortunate during this holiday season. Take this opportunity when you come out to the event to give a little something back – bring one or as many as you like to donate! Last year, the event collected enough food to help feed 10,186 meals to needy families, so this year, event organizers hope to exceed that number.

The Spirit of Giving weekend in downtown Glendale offers free admission, and will also feature delicious food and beverages, horse-drawn carriages rides with special mini-pony rides, inflatable rides and visits with Santa Claus. Bring your camera, or have Santa's helper snap one for a small fee.

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Many of the downtown merchants will offer extended hours to help visitors get their holiday shopping done. Free make-and-take crafts will be holiday cards that children can decorate and take home, or, donate to St. Mary's Food Bank to accompany the meals going to needy families.

In addition, "Madagascar" will be shown for free, twice each evening, so viewers can bring a blanket to spread out and watch a fun family film.

But what holiday celebration would be complete without some music and dancing? Musical and dance troupe performances will get everyone in the festive holiday spirit, as well. The entertainment lineup includes:

Dec. 11th	Target Main Stage
6:00	My Kids In Sign
7:00	Royal Dance Works
8:00	Westwind Harmony Chorus
9:00	The Boot Scooters
Dec. 12th	Target Main Stage
6:00	Devney's Dance Academy
7:00	Valley Vista Choir
8:00	Michaela's Dance Magic
9:00	Wagner Dance and Music

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Glendale's Spirit of Giving weekend is sponsored by The Arizona Republic, Glendale Community College, KTVK 3-TV, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, 7-UP and Sedona Pines.

For more information on Glendale Glitters' Spirit of Giving weekend, call the Special Events Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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