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**GLENDALE RESIDENTS RECOGNIZED WITH SPARK AWARDS
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY**

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale recognized with Spark Awards neighborhood leaders and businesses who have contributed to their community and improved the quality of the city’s neighborhoods. The awards are given annually to those individuals who spark their communities into action. The Citizens’ Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods presented “Spark Awards” in the following six categories:

- Young Leaders on the Move: This is a brand new category this year, and was awarded to Eagle Boy Scout Michael Skidmore. At the young age of 13, Michael coordinated a team of numerous volunteers to help paint fire hydrants in the Cholla District. In total, 105 hydrants were painted with donated supplies.
- Business Support & Involvement: A downtown favorite for years, the Spicery Restaurant & Spice Barrel Lounge, was acquired by new owners this year and has contributed to the surrounding neighborhood by hosting meetings for numerous groups.
- Community Partner: ‘Partners of Arrowhead Hospital’ was chosen for their health related programs and the resources provided to their patients and the residents in the area.
- Neighborhood Revitalization: This category recognized a resident who has been involved in his neighborhood association. John Geurs has been active with the Orchard Glen Neighborhood Association since 1999 and was instrumental in organizing clean ups and participating on the Weed and Seed committee.
- Traditional Neighborhood Leadership: A resident of the Catlin Court Historic District, Diana Colby has organized her neighbors to address crime, code and cultural issues. She has reached out to various city departments to take full advantage of their resources for residents.

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- HOA Leadership: A resident of Arrowhead Ranch Phase II, Rose Jacobson is the president of her HOA and was recognized as a leader who is able to accomplish goals in a professional way. She led a group of neighbors who applied for and received a neighborhood grant from the city.

For more information, about the Spark Awards or how to become active in your neighborhood, please contact the Community Partnerships Department at (623) 930-2868 or visit the department's Web site at: www.glendaleaz.com/CommunityPartnerships.

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