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GLENDALE COLLECTS CELL PHONES TO AID DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN NOVEMBER

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale is dialing in on a good cause with its annual cell phone recycling campaign. The campaign, which coincides with America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, benefits domestic violence victims.

Through Nov. 30, the public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at any of following locations: Glendale’s three public libraries, the Glendale Visitor Center in downtown Glendale or Gate 3 of Jobing.com Arena.

All phones collected in Glendale will benefit the Glendale Family Advocacy Center which serves victims of domestic violence. On average, more than 500 phones a year are turned over to the center which is able to have the phones refurbished or recycled for cash. Refurbished phones are programmed so victims of stalking and domestic violence will have a means of dialing 9-1-1 if threatened. Money collected for non-working phones is used to fund hotel stays, toys for children, taxi rides or to provide other services to keep victims out of harm’s way.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, cell phones are replaced after approximately 18 months of use. As many as 150 million phones a year are disposed of annually.

America Recycles Day was created to raise awareness of recycling and promote the environmental benefits of recycling. For more information on the program, visit <http://americarecyclesday.org/>.

“While Glendale promotes recycling, telephones are not part of our curbside program. This event gives people an opportunity to keep phones out of the landfill and help people who need a vital link to those who can help them in a crisis,” said Deb Coy, recycling coordinator for the city of Glendale.

For more information on Glendale’s recycling program, visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

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