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## GLENDALE MAKES TOP LIST FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING ORGANIZATIONS IN EMPLOYEE GIVING

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – City of Glendale employees are being recognized by the Valley of the Sun United Way as a Top Campaign of 2013. Awards are presented to the top organizations with the highest achievement in employee and corporate giving for each category, based on number of employees.

For the category of 1,000-1,999 employees, Glendale was the highest ranking city, coming in 14<sup>th</sup> out of the top 25 in its category that included mostly multi-million dollar private companies. ([List is attached.](#))

Primarily, year after year, the campaign has solicited monetary donations, and the city of Glendale has historically been one of the top municipal campaigns in the Valley. This year, the group that made up the city's United Way executive committee decided to send a message to employees that focused on giving back through volunteering, as well. The committee, led by two executive directors and several employees representing every city department, coordinated various community-focused projects during the campaign period that employees could participate in.

“During these continuing challenging economic times, we felt that it was important to not simply ask our fellow employees for money,” said Executive Director of Water Services Craig Johnson. “We wanted to encourage employees to give back to our community in a new way, one that would get us in touch with various organizations that need volunteers and truly make a difference in Glendale.”

In total, this effort led to 178 employees providing 783 hours of volunteer service during September and October. The campaign kicked off with Project Connect, a United Way event held at Glendale Nazarene Church on Aug. 13, which coordinated services and resources for homeless and low-income Valley families and residents.

Additional projects included:

- Assisting with check-in, packing and delivering food at Hope for Hunger Food Bank
- Cooking dinner for and visiting with teens at Streetlight USA
- Painting a new business center at Gompers, which employs disabled individuals
- Knocking on doors and assisting residents with the installation of new smoke detectors with the Fire Department

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- Assisting veterans with check-in and resources at the Stand Up for Veterans event at Glendale Community College
- Moving furniture for residents at the Glencroft Retirement Community
- Helping with homework and playing games with children after school at the Boys and Girls Club
- Painting homes for low-income, elderly or disabled residents during the Rock & Roll Paintathon

Additional fundraising activities for the city of Glendale's United Way campaign included a picnic, various raffles, a bake sale and a bowling event that was open to the public. Many activities were covered by sponsor-funded donations, such as the picnic and prizes that were raffled for employees. The monetary side of the campaign garnered more than \$70,000 for the Valley of the Sun United Way.

For additional information about Glendale's employees, programs and services, visit [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

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