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2008 Neighborhood Leadership Forum Recognizes Ways to Connect with your Community

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale’s Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods will host its annual Leadership Forum and Spark Awards on Saturday, June 28 from 8 to 11: 30 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

The breakfast event is free and open to all Glendale residents, neighborhood leaders, community volunteers and business owners. The theme is “Connecting with your community: It’s our time to shine,” and those who attend are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to benefit the St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance. A raffle ticket will be issued in exchange for the donated food items.

Mayor Elaine Scruggs will welcome the audience and provide comments, which will be followed by the keynote address given by Alison Rapping, executive director of Valley Leadership, who will discuss the importance of community involvement.

Rapping has been called “a proven visionary leader in the non-profit sector with a track record of building strong organizations.” Rapping brings nearly 15 years public sector experience to her role at Valley Leadership. The bulk of Rapping’s career was invested growing the local Make A Difference chapter from an organization with assets of \$35,000 to more than \$1.1 million during her tenure.



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In addition, the Commission will announce the six Spark Award recipients, which recognize individuals and organizations for their exemplary leadership and continued contributions and dedication to Glendale.

To register for this free event or for more information, please call (623) 930-2125 or email: leadership@glendaleaz.com by June 17. Space is limited.

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