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CITY VOLUNTEERS SAVE GLENDALE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Glendale, Ariz. —Volunteers donated more than 120,000 hours to the city of Glendale through a variety of methods and services in 2011, creating an economic value of more than \$2.5 million. This dollar figure is equal to the amount it would cost if the city had to pay for the volunteers' services.

Mayor Elaine Scruggs, along with other elected officials and city leaders, will honor Glendale's volunteers at the 17th annual volunteer recognition event to be held this Friday, April 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Rhonda Oliver, President/CEO of HandsOn Greater Phoenix, is this year's guest speaker and will discuss the power of volunteering. Glendale's celebration is part of National Volunteer Week, April 15-21.

"Glendale's volunteers are invaluable. The work they do is always for the right reason – to help the community of Glendale," said Jim Brown, acting human resources director. "The thousands of hours of work poured into our community each year by our volunteers is considered priceless to the citizens and the city."

The city had 1008 volunteers in 2011 with the following top city departments for number of volunteers and hours below:

- Fire: 208 volunteers for a total of 37,344 hours
- Police: 152 volunteers for a total of 22,313 hours
- Library: 266 volunteers for a total of 21,235 hours
- Parks and Recreation: 273 volunteers for a total of 20,914 hours

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Volunteers provide a variety of services with the city including reshelving books at the libraries; answering phone calls and distributing visitors packets at the Glendale Visitor's Center; answering phones, giving tours and fixing electronics at the Glendale Adult Center; cleaning up parks and trails; painting homes and cleaning up neighborhoods; assisting fire and police with intervention to victims, families and witnesses during emergency situations; assisting recycling efforts during special events and providing upkeep and care to the xeriscape demonstration garden.

For more information on the city's volunteer program, contact Leona Vela at 623-930-2282 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/volunteer.

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