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GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS HELPING CHILDREN OF BRAIN CANCER PATIENTS

Glendale, Ariz. — In honor of May being Brain Tumor Awareness Month, Glendale Firefighters have teamed up with local non-profit organization Jenny’s Strength to help the children of brain cancer patients.

The mission of Jenny’s Strength is to provide comfort and encouragement to children of a brain cancer patient. Jenny’s Strength presents a pillow pet and offers emotional support and resources to children whose mother or father has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Pam Szukala started Jenny’s Strength after her sister, Jenny, passed away in 2012 from Glioblastoma multiforme, the most common and aggressive cancerous brain tumor. Jenny, who was a 36-year-old mother of two girls and a loving wife, was a stay-at-home mom, dedicated to raising her two girls. Her family was active in church and her joy was in working in the church nursery, taking care of babies. “Jenny was known for her love of children – not only the babies at church but her daughters, and nieces and nephews and her passion was gift-giving,” Pam Szukala said.

Firefighters are asking residents to donate new pillow pets for this effort. Drop off sites have been set up at all nine Glendale fire stations and the Glendale Fire Public Information Office. Those locations are:

- Fire Station #151: 6851 North 52nd Ave.
- Fire Station #152: 6850 W. Bethany Home Road
- Fire Station #153: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
- Fire Station #154: 4439 W. Peoria
- Fire Station #155: 6255 W. Union Hills
- Fire Station #156: 6801 W. Deer Valley
- Fire Station #157: 9658 N. 59th Ave.
- Fire Station #158: 6261 N. 83rd Ave.
- Fire Station #159: 17159 N. 63rd Ave.
- Glendale Fire Public Information Office: 5800 West Glenn Drive, Ste. 350 (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

For more information regarding Jenny’s Strength, please visit their website at www.jennysstrength.org.

*****Media opportunities include interviews with Jenny’s family including her husband, daughters and sister.**

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