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CITY AWARDS \$132,000 TO LOCAL NONPROFITS THROUGH COMMUNITY DONATIONS ON UTILITY BILLS

From the Heart program helps aid city's most vulnerable residents

GLENDALE, Ariz. –Glendale officials have named more than 20 local nonprofit agencies as this year's From the Heart grant award recipients. "Through the generosity of Glendale residents, From the Heart has disseminated \$132,000 back to our community," said Mayor Jerry Weiers. "The great thing about From the Heart is that every dollar donated goes toward helping Glendale residents who truly have needs."

The community-funded From the Heart grant program provides needed funding to local nonprofit agencies for assistance in offering emergency and essential services to the city's most disadvantaged children, families and elderly residents.

Since inception in 1997, the From the Heart program has collected and distributed more than \$2.5 million in donations to non-profit agencies serving the Glendale community.

2017 from the Heart Grant Recipients

- A New Leaf
- Alzheimer's Association
- Assistance League of Phoenix Arizona
- Audrey's Angels
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix
- Chrysalis
- Community Legal Services
- Duet
- Feeding Matters
- Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona
- Goldensun Peace Ministries
- Homeless Youth Connection
- Hospice of the Valley
- Jewish Family and Children's Service
- Maggie's Place
- Mission of Mercy
- OCJ Kids
- Phoenix Gospel Mission

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- Solecito Services
- St. Mary's Food Bank
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Teen Lifeline
- Vineyard
- YWCA

“From providing emergency food boxes to helping those impacted by the devastating effects of Alzheimer’s disease, to making sure each child has what they need for school, the From the Heart program supports so many people throughout our city,” said Weiers.

Funding for the From the Heart program is made possible through voluntary donations from Glendale residents and businesses by adding \$2 to their monthly city utility bill. The program also accepts one-time monetary donations.

Funds collected through the utility bill donation program are distributed to local social service agencies through the From the Heart program grant application and selection process. Eligible agencies are required to provide services to Glendale residents that address urgent needs, strengthen families and promote the positive development of youth.

For more information about the community-funded From the Heart program or to learn ways individuals or businesses can participate, visit www.glendaleaz.com/FromTheHeart. Checks or money orders made out to “From the Heart” in any dollar amount can be mailed to From the Heart, Customer Service Office, City of Glendale, 5850 W Glendale Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301. All donations are tax deductible.

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