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### **CITY OF GLENDALE & MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY CELEBRATE 15 YEAR SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – 2010 marks the 15th anniversary of Midwestern University’s expansion west from Illinois and the groundbreaking in Glendale of its second campus. After selecting north Glendale from 14 Valley locations, the University broke ground on 144-acres at 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Utopia in 1995, and welcomed its first class of medical students in 1996. Since then, the city and school have grown tremendously, from the population of residents and students to business and academic development and economic prominence.

Over the past 15 years, Midwestern University has invested \$237 million in Glendale and has become Arizona’s largest medical school, graduating thousands of students and offering 12 degrees in fields including osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, dental medicine, optometry, and the health sciences. The community surrounding the school has increased in size and development with corporations, homes, schools and major roads. Other highlights – by the numbers - of the 15-year partnership include:

- Glendale population increase -- 179,000 residents to more than 250,000
- Midwestern enrollment increase -- 144 to now more than 2,464 students
- Midwestern employee growth -- less than 50 employees to now more than 560 faculty, staff, and medical residents

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- Development of 25 campus buildings at more than one million square feet
- More than 4,175 students graduating from Midwestern in 15 years; over 40% stay in Arizona to practice

“Our relationship with Midwestern University is very special and an economic asset because when cities invest in education, there is a ripple effect for attracting companies, jobs and new residents,” said Brian Friedman, Glendale Economic Development Director. “Two of our top targeted industries are medical and educational institutions and Midwestern is a proven resource that feeds and grows market interest for attracting other health and education related businesses to Glendale.”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the healthcare industry will generate 3.2 million new jobs by 2018, more than any other industry, largely in response to rapid growth in the elderly population. Midwestern University currently employs 513 faculty and staff, as well as 47 medical residents, and is linked to more than 7,500 medical professionals who serve as teaching preceptors. The University plans to hire close to 50 additional employees in 2011.

In addition to creating jobs and new building projects, Midwestern University has focused on giving back to the community since it opened. All first-year students are required to complete community service hours, and University leadership has donated many hours to Glendale organizations. President and CEO Kathleen H. Goepfinger, Ph.D., has personally served as Chair of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, the Glendale Arts Commission, and the Citizen’s Bond Committee in 1999, which has resulted in numerous City improvements such as Loop 101 sound walls, new neighborhood parks, and the Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center. Midwestern has also partnered very closely with the Glendale Fire Department, creating ongoing free training classes for the public on new CPR techniques and building an emergency bay on its campus for local Medic 155.

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“Midwestern University is extremely proud to be a part of the City of Glendale’s growth,” said Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D., Midwestern University President and CEO. “It is a critical part of our mission to give back to the community, and Glendale has been such an outstanding partner with us to make that possible, from the Mayor’s office to the libraries, local schools, and campus neighbors. I can’t imagine a better location for Midwestern University.”

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**Midwestern University** is a graduate degree-granting institution specializing in the health sciences with seven colleges and two campuses. The Illinois campus, located on a 105-acre site in Downers Grove, is home to 2,162 students and three colleges: the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Chicago College of Pharmacy, and the College of Health Sciences. The Arizona campus, located on a 144-acre site in Glendale, is home to 2,464 students and five colleges: the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, the College of Pharmacy-Glendale, the College of Health Sciences, the College of Dental Medicine-Arizona, and the Arizona College of Optometry. The University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, a Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.