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GLENDALE HONORS VOLUNTEERS DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH *Volunteers Play Vital Role in City Services and Programs*

Glendale, Ariz. —Volunteers donated more than 68,500 hours to the city of Glendale through a variety of methods and services in the past year, creating an economic value of more than \$1.6 million. This dollar figure is equal to the amount it would cost if the city had to pay for the volunteers' services.

The city's volunteer corps is made up of 787 individuals working in ten different city departments, as well as 3,634 people who have volunteered for community projects. Volunteers provide a variety of services with the city including reshelving books at the libraries; assisting visitors and fulfilling travel information requests at the Glendale Visitor 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; serving on boards and commissions; assisting recycling efforts during special events; and providing upkeep and care to the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden.

The city of Glendale honored its volunteers at the 23rd annual volunteer recognition event held on Saturday, April 28 at the Glendale Adult Center. Councilmember Turner read the Volunteer Week proclamation and presented it to a representative of all the city's volunteers, Frank Yaeger. Frank, a 10-plus-year volunteer with the city has given his time to the Glendale Fire Department, Dial-A-Ride, Parks and Recreation, Special Events and the Community Volunteer Program. Frank stated that "he likes helping his community, meeting nice people throughout the city, and keeping busy as a disabled adult".

Several local businesses also partnered with the city to help make the recognition event happen, including Credit Union West, Summer Winds Nursery and the Home Depot. About 180 volunteers attended and they were treated to lunch and an afternoon of fun entertainment. For more information on the city's volunteer program, visit www.glendaleaz.com/volunteer.

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