

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DEPARTMENT

The Community Partnerships Department
consists of three operating divisions—
Community Housing
Community Revitalization
Neighborhood Partnership Office

Our Mission:

“Connecting people through the power of community”

Organizational Structure

Community Partnerships Director, Erik Strunk
Community Housing Administrator, Elaine Adamczyk
Community Revitalization Administrator, Gilbert Lopez
Neighborhood Partnership Administrator, Matt Cohrs

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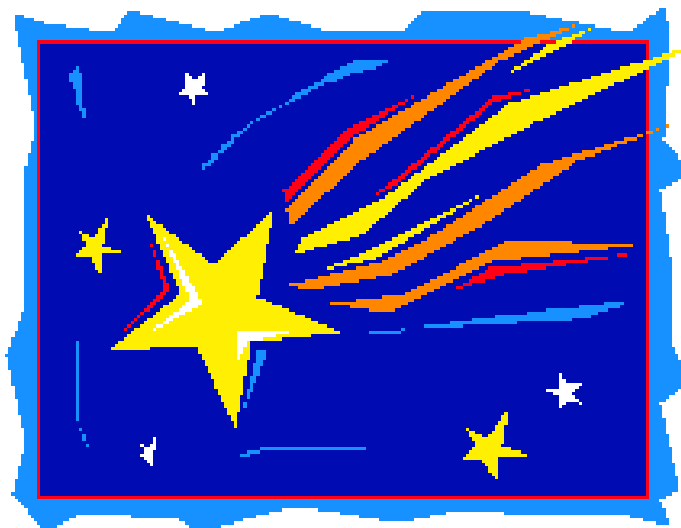
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Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods
and the Community Partnerships Department
proudly present the

2010 Neighborhood Leadership Forum and Spark Awards



“Recognizing Diversity
In Glendale”

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Vineyard Church

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Glendale Community Leaders:

Your willingness to become involved in the community, which you call home, does make a difference. Today you will hear about many exemplary efforts to build "One Community with Strong Neighborhoods." All of our nominees for the Spark Awards should be applauded for their efforts and commitment to their fellow residents.

This year's Leadership Forum theme is "Recognizing Diversity in Glendale." As the chair of the Commission on Neighborhoods, I have had the privilege of working alongside other residents who are dedicated to keeping the quality of life in Glendale high. It is an honor for me to serve with such a great group of people. We strive to represent your interests on issues.

It also goes without saying that the leadership in Glendale continues working diligently to improve our great city. The vision and determination of Glendale's Mayor and City Council is unparalleled. But, it is the volunteers who donate their time and talent that really provide the necessary momentum to make this city a great place.

On behalf of the City of Glendale Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods, I welcome all of you and hope you enjoy this event.

Sincerely,



Sharon Sprague, Chair
Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods



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Sharon Sprague, Chair, At-Large, Sahuaro District

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David Goulet, Ocotillo District

Yvonne Knaack, Barrel District

Phil Lieberman, Cactus District

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Steven Conrad, Police Chief

Jim Colson, Deputy City Manager

Cathy Gorham, Deputy City Manager

Horatio Skeete, Deputy City Manager

Message from the Neighborhood Commission

Each year, neighborhood leaders, businesses and community groups have made significant contributions to the betterment of Glendale's neighborhoods. These individuals and groups are the "sparks" of each neighborhood. They somehow, in working with the rest of their neighbors, are able to create a shared vision of what their neighborhood is or should be, and then go about the business of identifying existing resources to achieve this vision.

More directly, these special individuals are willing to spend personal time and resources to improve the area in which they live or do business, to research and find answers to important issues or questions, to solve problems, and to ensure that the overall quality of life is maintained or even improved. Each year, we honor these individuals.

Congratulations to all of the nominees for the 2010 Spark Awards! Your dedication and support has contributed to the strength and vitality of Glendale neighborhoods.



YOUNG LEADERS ON THE MOVE

Northwest Christian School

The students of Northwest Christian School, along with their Principal Ernie Molina, have volunteered for numerous community volunteer projects in Glendale over the past year. This group of young volunteers helped clean-up Thunderbird Paseo Park and Sahuaro Ranch Park. The day before Thanksgiving, they helped several elderly residents of the Blue Sky Mobile Home Park with yard clean-up, painting, and other projects at their homes. One of the student's parents owns a bakery and they donated several cakes to the residents for the Thanksgiving holiday. The group also spread rock & painted curbs at the Glencroft Retirement community. The students volunteered more than 6,000 hours during the most recent school year! Northwest Christian School volunteers are true "Sparks" in the Glendale community and exemplify positive leadership and decision-making in their school and community.

Other nominees in this category include:

Jesse Bywater, Tyler Coniam, Marissa Silva, Jason Woelfel, Brett Wood,
Glendale High School Students Against Destructive Decisions

BUSINESS SUPPORT & NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT

Glendale Daily Planet

Ed Sharpe launched the *Glendale Daily Planet* nearly 5 years ago. Since then, he has been on the spot to participate in stories such as the revitalization of downtown Glendale and the sports and entertainment district. Ed and his staff provide news in the form of text, photographs and video. The *Glendale Daily Planet* promotes diversity and portrays what all of our citizens are involved in, ranging from the Martin Luther King Day breakfast, Hispanic Heritage celebrations, Arab American festivals, Arizona Black Expo, Glendale's Centennial celebrations, and so much more. Accolades for the Glendale Daily Planet have come from all parts of the city and its municipal and civic organizations. The staff at the Glendale Daily Planet are true "Sparks" in the Glendale community.

Other nominees in this category include:

Elite Community Management, Midwestern University,
Vanguard, Waymark Gardens

COMMUNITY PARTNER

Vineyard Church

For the past 5 years, the Vineyard Church has worked with neighborhoods and the community to help enhance the quality of life for Glendale residents. The church recently "adopted" the East Catlin Court neighborhood by participating in the City of Glendale's "Adopt-a-Neighborhood" program. Each year, more than 100 volunteers from the Vineyard Church paint homes in the neighborhood. Before the painting begins, the volunteers power-wash each home, scrape needed areas, replace fascia board, and complete other minor repairs. It's not just the paint that makes a difference in the neighborhood, the church also provides lunch to the entire community and has developed a great relationship with the residents. The residents also make traditional Mexican Food dishes to share with the volunteers. Several residents have started attending church at the Vineyard. All of the Vineyard volunteers are true "Sparks" in the East Catlin Court neighborhood.

Other nominees in this category include:

Christ's Church of the Valley, Community Mediators,
Foothills Branch Library Book Sale Volunteers, Tim Reardon

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Floralcroft Historic Neighborhood Leaders

Leaders of the "Floralcroft Historic" neighborhood have done a wonderful job in taking the initiative to revitalize their neighborhood. Through the leadership of Manny Padia, Christine O'Hara and Diane Leon, the neighborhood just completed a major renovation. The neighborhood received streetscape improvements including historic pedestrian lights, ADA compliant sidewalk ramps, and sidewalk repairs and replacements. This group worked tirelessly with the City of Glendale Neighborhood Partnership Office and applied for neighborhood grant funding and \$240,000 of American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. After the improvements were completed, the neighborhood held a party to celebrate. Residents brought food, there was music, and fun for the children. They are truly the "Spark" that engages others in the Floralcroft Historic neighborhood.

Other nominees in this category include:

Marianne Kempton, Jana Olson

TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP

Heart of Glendale Neighborhood Leaders

John Torres, Mickey Nunez, Joe Eriquez, and Rebecca Ontiveros are the neighborhood leaders of the "Heart of Glendale" neighborhood. These four individuals have taken many steps towards building capacity in their neighborhood. The group applied for a neighborhood grant to provide leadership training that they felt was needed in the following areas: advocating, improving communications, community diversity, addressing neighborhood concerns, working as a team, problem solving and conflict resolution. They have worked hard to ensure the overall quality of life is improved in their neighborhood by bringing in resources that residents can utilize. The group also organized two large events that were held in their neighborhood park. More than 7,000 people attended both events. They are true "Sparks" in the Heart of Glendale neighborhood.

Other nominees in this category include:

Copperwood Watchers,
Fred & Georgia Rockey, Mary Savchick, Sharon Solberg

HOA LEADERSHIP

Ron Short

Ron Short has been the HOA President of the Manistee Ranch neighborhood for more than three years. In addition to leading the board and their meetings, Ron is the editor of the community's newsletter and actively participates in community events, while maintaining an open door policy to residents who have concerns. His friendly and congenial demeanor puts everyone at ease right away. Although Manistee Ranch has a professional management company to look after the community, Ron keeps tabs on many details and ensures that the neighborhood is a great and safe place to live. Recently, Ron and his wife went door-to-door to encourage participation in completing the U.S. Census. Ron is truly the "Spark" in the Manistee Ranch neighborhood.

Other nominees in this category include:

Brenda Ball, Rose Jacobson, Charlene Kusick