

Annual State of the City Address  
Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers  
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GOOD EVENING!

I'D LIKE TO WELCOME AND THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE TAKEN TIME TO BE HERE TONIGHT.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU HERE AT THE BEAUTIFUL RENAISSANCE GLENDALE HOTEL AND SPA.

I THANK THE GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERSE, THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND ITS PRESIDENT ROBERT HEIDT SINCE THEY HAVE ALLOWED ME TO MAKE MY ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS AT THIS EVENT.

AS I BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOME IMPORTANT FOLKS IN ATTENDANCE:

PUTTING MY PRIORITIES IN ORDER, FIRST IS MY BRIDE SANDY, MY WIFE OF 33 YEARS.

NEXT, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED US TONIGHT.

*[ANNOUNCE ALL COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT]*

REPRESENTING GENERAL SCOTT PLEUS AND LUKE AIR FORCE BASE IS COLONEL JEREMY SLOANE.

PATTY WHITE IS WITH US TONIGHT. SHE IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF DIGNITY HEALTH AND A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES. DIGNITY CHOSE GLENDALE FOR THE LOCATION OF ITS NEW ST. JOSEPH'S WESTGATE MEDICAL CENTER.

ALSO WITH US IS DON CARDON, CEO OF CARDON DEVELOPMENT GROUP. HIS TEAM IS HEADING UP THE ASPERA AT JOY PROJECT IN NORTH GLENDALE.

HE IS JOINED BY STEVE BACKMAN, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF CARDON DEVELOPMENT GROUP.

TAYLOR FIELD JOINS US AS PRESIDENT OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION – ALSO KNOWN AS MYAC.

PASTOR WALT KALLESTAD FROM COMMUNITY CHURCH OF JOY JOINS US THIS EVENING ALONG HIS WIFE MARY.

ALSO WITH US IS MR. DICK BOWERS WHO HAS COME ON BOARD AS OUR NEW ACTING CITY MANAGER.

NOW, I'VE GOT ANOTHER PERSON TO WHOM I'D LIKE GIVE SPECIAL MENTION.

IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS PAST YEAR, SEVERAL FAMILIES LIVING IN SOUTHWEST GLENDALE WERE HIT WITH UNPRECEDENTED FLOODING.

MEL STRAHL, OWNER OF STRAHL CUSTOM HOMES, TOOK IMMEDIATE ACTION TO COME TO THE AID OF HIS NEIGHBORS.

IN AN E-MAIL WRITTEN TO COUNCILMAN CHAVIRA ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, GLENDALE FIRE CAPTAIN MARK MANN DESCRIBED MEL'S ACTIVITIES LIKE THIS:

"HE OBTAINED WATER PUMPS THE MORNING OF THE FLOODING AND USED HIS CREWS TO START THE PROCESS OF PUMPING WATER FROM THE BASIN. HE DID THIS OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET.

YESTERDAY HE WENT TO HOME DEPOT AND RENTED FLOOR AND CARPET FANS FOR THE HOMEOWNERS SO THEY COULD START THE DRYING PROCESS.

TODAY HE SHOWED UP WITH ONE OF HIS CONSTRUCTION CREWS TO START CUTTING DRYWALL FROM THE HOUSES AFFECTED AND THEN WENT TO HOME DEPOT AND PURCHASED 6 ADDITIONAL FANS AT A COST OF OVER \$900 BECAUSE THERE WERE NO RENTAL FANS AVAILABLE.

ONE OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASKED WHAT THEY OWED HIM SO FAR AND HE REPLIED WITH, 'THERE IS NO CHARGE'."

WHEN WE ASKED HIM FOR FURTHER COMMENT ABOUT MEL'S ACTIVITIES CAPTAIN MANN ADDED:

"IN ADDITION... HE ALSO ASSISTED WITH HELPING MOVE 2 LARGE HOMES AND PUT THEIR BELONGINGS INTO STORAGE UNITS.

HE DID THIS WITH HIS TRUCK AND TRAILER AND PROVIDED A LARGE PORTION OF THE LABOR, BOTH THROUGH WORKERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. FOR WEEKS HE DID WHAT HE COULD FOR THEM. AT LUNCH, YOU GUESSED IT - HE WOULD EITHER ORDER PIZZAS OR HAVE SUBS DELIVERED TO KEEP THE VOLUNTEERS FED.

WHEN THREATENING WEATHER WAS AGAIN COMING IN AND THE CITY WAS SHORT ON SANDBAGS HE CALLED A LOCAL GRAVEL COMPANY AND HAD 25 TONS OF SAND DELIVERED AND WENT AND PURCHASED BAGS TO FILL ALL WITH HIS OWN MONEY.

THEN HE ORGANIZED A GROUP OF NEIGHBORS TO FILL AND DISTRIBUTE THE BAGS TO THE NEIGHBORS DOORWAYS TO PREVENT ANY ADDITIONAL FLOODING.

EVERY TIME I TURNED AROUND HE WAS PAYING FOR SOMETHING OR DONATING LABOR TO THE CAUSE."

MEL, PLEASE COME UP AND JOIN ME.

*[PRESENT PLAQUE AND KEY TO CITY TO MEL]*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING THE 2015 MAYOR'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

*[APPLAUSE]*

*[DIRECT MEL BACK TO SEAT]*

WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHAT MEL DID, THIS IS THE CONCLUSION I COME TO:

MEL IS PROBABLY ALL EMBARRASSED THAT WE ARE SINGLING HIM OUT LIKE HE'S EXCEPTIONAL, BUT THE POINT IS THAT HE IS EXCEPTIONAL AND WE WANT TO CREATE THE KIND OF ENVIRONMENT WHERE FELLOWSHIP LIKE THIS CAN BE THE NORM.

IT IS BECAUSE HE HAS A SENSE OF BELONGING AND PRIDE IN HIS COMMUNITY THAT HE WANTED TO HELP OUT.

IT IS BECAUSE HE IS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN THAT HE WAS ABLE TO HELP OUT.

I JUST WANT TO THANK MEL FOR BEING ONE OF THE FIRST TO HELP SHOW US THE WAY.

*[APPLAUSE]*

THE PEOPLE THAT I'VE CHOSEN TO RECOGNIZE THIS YEAR ARE IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND OUR POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH.

AFTER A LITTLE WHILE I'LL SHOW YOU A VIDEO SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT THESE PEOPLE REPRESENT.



AS ALL OF YOU SHOULD BE AWARE, GLENDALE HAS HAD SOME SERIOUS ECONOMIC CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME.

IT IS WORTH REALIZING THAT CHALLENGES OF THIS NATURE CANNOT BE SOLVED IN THE HALLS OF GOVERNMENT ALONE.

BOTH THE PURPOSE AND THE MEANS OF HAVING A MORE VIBRANT ECONOMY IS TO BUILD A MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

THE PEOPLE I'VE RECOGNIZED HERE TONIGHT ARE A PART OF THAT GROWTH TOWARD A MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITY. THEY REPRESENT MANY OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO CARE AND HELP MOVE GLENDALE AHEAD.

*[PAUSE]*

BECAUSE NEARLY HALF OF GLENDALE'S GENERAL FUND REVENUE COMES FROM SALES TAX, OUR CITY GOVERNMENT MUST DO ITS PART TO TAKE CARE OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

DOING SO WILL ENSURE THAT WE PROVIDE OUR TAXPAYERS THE SERVICES THEY DESERVE.

WHAT YOU MUST REALIZE IS THAT THE REASON THIS IS A WINNING APPROACH IS THIS:

A VIBRANT ECONOMY DOES MORE THAN PUT NEEDED DOLLARS IN THE REVENUE STREAM OF GOVERNMENT.

IT PUTS OPPORTUNITY WITHIN REACH OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH THAT ECONOMY BELONGS.

THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY THAT COMES WITH A VIBRANT COMMUNITY, IS WITHIN GLENDALE'S REACH.

I WANT YOU TO SEE THIS SENSE OF OPPORTUNITY AS I SHOW YOU THIS VIDEO OF HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS PROJECTS OCCURRING WITHIN OUR CITY LIMITS.

IN ORDER TO DO THAT, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREENS.

*[ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO]*

I SEE THESE BUSINESS OWNERS AS PUBLIC SERVANTS WITH A STAKE IN THE COMMUNITY JUST LIKE MYSELF. THEY BRING US JOBS, THEY BRING US TAX REVENUE, AND THEIR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS.

TO THEM I SAY, WELCOME TO GLENDALE. TO GLENDALE I SAY, WELCOME TO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF OUR HISTORY. I AM PLEASED TO BE IN THIS TOGETHER.

OF COURSE, WE ALSO HAVE TO PLAY WHILE WE WORK.

HENRY FORD SAID, "NO TOWNS WERE SO POOR AS THOSE OF ENGLAND WHERE THE PEOPLE, FROM CHILDREN UP, WORKED FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN HOURS A DAY. THEY WERE POOR BECAUSE THESE OVERWORKED PEOPLE SOON WORE OUT... THEY EARNED LESS AND LESS AND COULD BUY LESS AND LESS."

IN OTHER WORDS, ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES FOR A PRETTY DULL EXISTENCE, AND FORD WAS SMART ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THAT A DULL EXISTENCE IS NOT A PRODUCTIVE ONE.

HE WAS ALSO SHARP ENOUGH TO POINT OUT, "...THERE IS A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEISURE AND IDLENESS."

WE ARE CERTAINLY BECOMING KNOWN AS A LEISURE DESTINATION. YOU CAN SEE THIS WHEN I TELL YOU THAT THE GLENDALE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 10,000 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY AND THE WEST VALLEY DURING THIS JANUARY.

FAMED NBC REPORTER BOB COSTAS STATED BEFORE THE SUPER BOWL THAT "GLENDALE IS AMERICA'S SPORTS CAPITOL."

WHILE WE DEVELOP OURSELVES AS A DESTINATION FOR LEISURE, GLENDALE CERTAINLY HAS NOT BEEN IDLE.

IN THE SPACE OF JUST OVER A MONTH WE HOSTED THE FIESTA BOWL, THE PRO BOWL, AND THE SUPER BOWL.

BY HOSTING THESE EVENTS, WE DID FAR MORE THAN ENTERTAIN OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

WE CHALLENGED OURSELVES TO BECOME A MORE CAPABLE COMMUNITY.

AN EVENT LIKE THE SUPER BOWL BRINGS US MORE THAN DOLLARS. IT BRINGS US RELATIONSHIPS, AND IT SHARPENS OUR SKILLS.

THROUGH SUCH MONUMENTAL EVENTS WE BUILD THE VALUE OF OUR COMMUNITY WHILE WE PROVIDE THE VALUE OF LEISURE TO THE NATION.

THIS BECOMES APPARENT WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT OUR POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS DON'T JUST SHOW UP WHEN WE NEED TO HOST A BIG EVENT.

IN HIS E-MAIL PRAISING MEL STRAHL, FIRE CAPTAIN MARK MANN CHARACTERIZED GLENDALE'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS LIKE THIS:

"IT IS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF PUBLIC SAFETY WHO EVERY DAY SHOW UP KNOWING IN ADVANCE THAT DOING THEIR JOB WILL NOT GET IT DONE. THEY MUST DO WHATEVER IS REQUIRED AND THAT ALMOST ALWAYS INVOLVES DOING MORE THAN THEIR JOB. THAT'S WHAT MAKES US PROUD AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES US SUCCESSFUL", THE CAPTAIN WROTE.

THESE ARE THE FOLKS WHO ARE ON THE STREETS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR PROTECTING OUR LIVES AND THE THINGS WE HOLD DEAR.

THEN, WHEN WE DECIDE TO CHALLENGE OURSELVES AND PUT ON A NATIONAL CALIBRE EVENT, OUR CITY'S FINEST GO THROUGH A RIGOROUS PROCESS TO BECOME PREPARED.

THIS MEANS THAT THEY ARE NOW EVEN BETTER AT WHAT THEY DO FOR GLENDALE - AND THEREFORE THAT MUCH MORE VALUABLE TO GLENDALE- THE REST OF THE YEAR.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT HOSTING A MAJOR EVENT CAUSES OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS TO FORM INTO A TEAM BETTER EQUIPPED TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THIS INFORMATION:

THE SUPER BOWL IS THE ONLY EVENT THAT RECEIVES A NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SPECIAL EVENT ASSESSMENT RATING OF 1.

THERE IS ONLY ONE OTHER TYPE OF EVENT THAT RECEIVES A HIGHER RATING THAN THAT - A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.



THE SUPER BOWL REQUIRED THAT MORE THAN FORTY DIFFERENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES EMPLOY THE SKILLS TO COORDINATE TOGETHER COHESIVELY.

THE CITY WAS RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO THE NFL THAT INCLUDED BOTH PUBLIC SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICES. WE ALSO WORKED HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE NFL TO FACILITATE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.

THERE IS NOTHING TO CHALLENGE AND BUILD TEAMWORK AMONG OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS LIKE AN EVENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

HOSTING THESE EVENTS ALSO TRAINS GOVERNMENT TO RUN A TIGHTER SHIP AND CAUSES US TO BUILD A DEEPER AWARENESS OF GLENDALE'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

THE TRUTH OF THIS MAKES ITSELF KNOWN IN THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND FIGURES:

THROUGHOUT PLANNING FOR THE BIG GAME, STAFF WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS AND NEGOTIATE TERMS FOR CITY OBLIGATIONS. THIS ENABLED THEM TO SAVE US AT LEAST \$220,000.

IN ADDITION, THEY WERE ABLE TO GENERATE OVER \$60,000 FOR US IN NEW REVENUE.

CITY OFFICIALS HAD TO COME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PLAN REVIEW, INSPECTION, AND LIQUOR LICENSING SERVICES FOR ALL OF THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE AREA.

ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 100,000 FANS AND VISITORS ATTENDED FESTIVITIES IN GLENDALE'S SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.

GLENDALE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO STRENGTHEN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE NFL, AND NFL PARTNERS TO DELIVER AN EXCEPTIONAL EVENT.

THE DEMANDS PLACED ON US WHEN WE HOST A MAJOR EVENT ARE ALSO CAUSING US TO DEVELOP A MORE COHESIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE STATE, AS EVIDENCED IN THE FOLLOWING:

AS I MENTIONED LAST YEAR, OTHER STATES THAT COMPETE WITH US FOR THESE TYPES OF EVENTS HAVE A MODEL WHEREBY HOST CITIES CAN RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE NEED TO GENERATE SOMETHING SIMILAR HERE IN ARIZONA IS CAUSING US TO CONTINUOUSLY INTERACT MORE CLOSELY WITH OUR LEGISLATURE, WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ACROSS THE STATE, AND WITH THE TOURISM INDUSTRY.

LAST YEAR WE PUT FORWARD A BILL THAT FAILED TO PASS BY ONLY A FEW VOTES ON THE LAST DAY OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

THIS YEAR, WE ARE ABLE TO RENEW THE EFFORT AND BUILD OUR TIES TO THE REST OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO WORK WITH A COALITION THAT INCLUDES THE TOURISM INDUSTRY, BUSINESSES, THE ARIZONA SPORTS AND TOURISM AUTHORITY, AND OTHERS.

THIS COALITION WILL JOINTLY PURSUE A LARGER PACKAGE OF LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE FUNDING.

THIS MAY PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT TO ATTRACT MAJOR EVENTS AND INCLUDE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE PRIORITY FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS INCURRED BY THE HOST CITY.

UNDER THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTION, THIS SESSION WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THIS BROAD COALITION TO TACKLE THIS FUNDING ISSUE.

WE ARE NOT ONLY BRINGING IN REVENUE, WE ARE BUILDING THE TEAMWORK TO EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE REVENUE AND GROW HARMONIOUSLY AS A COMMUNITY.

IT IS THE CHALLENGES WE PRESENT TO OURSELVES WHEN WE TAKE ON AN EVENT OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE THAT ENABLE US TO DO THIS.

AS I CONSIDER GLENDALE'S FUTURE, I ASK MYSELF, "HOW MANY WAYS CAN WE INFUSE MORE WELL-BEING INTO OUR DAILY EXISTENCE?"

THIS YEAR, WE HAD FUN NOT ONLY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. WE ALSO DISCOVERED WE CAN HAVE FUN AT THE LEVEL OF OUR HOMETOWN GRASSROOTS, AND WE DISCOVERED HOW WE CAN TURN THAT FUN INTO DOLLARS THAT BENEFIT OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

NOTICE THE GROWING STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FOLLWING EVENTS:

THE MAYORS' BIG DOG RUN WAS A MORORCYCLE RIDE THAT HELPED TO FUND THE VETERAN'S SPIRIT OF SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AT GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

GLENDALE HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VETERANS OF ANY MUNICIPALITY IN THE VALLEY, AND THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS ONE WAY OF LETTING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES KNOW, WE WELCOME YOU HOME WITH OPEN ARMS.

ANOTHER EVENT THAT BENEFITED OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY WAS STAND UP FOR VETERANS.

WE HELD A TEDDY BEAR TOSS AT A LOCAL COYOTES GAME. VISITORS TO THE GAME DONATED STUFFED ANIMALS TO FIRST RESPONDERS THAT WILL BE USED TO HELP CHILDREN IN CRISIS.

I INITIATED AN ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE AMONG A GROUP OF ARIZONA MAYORS. THE RECIPIENT OF AN ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE AGREES TO DUMP A BUCKET OF ICE WATER OVER THEIR HEAD, OR FORFEIT THE CHALLENGE BY MAKING A CHARITABLE DONATION TO A.L.S. RESEARCH.

THE HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE  
CELEBRATED THE TRUE REASON FOR THE  
SEASON AND BENEFITED HOPE FOR HUNGER  
FOOD BANK.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE SCREENS TO SEE WHAT  
FUN WE HAD:

*[FUNDRAISING VIDEO MONTAGE]*

THE MAYOR'S BIG DOG RUN RAISED \$6,000  
FOR THE VETERAN'S SPIRIT OF SERVICE  
SCHOLARSHIP.

THE TEDDY BEAR TOSS STOCKED OUR FIRST  
RESPONDERS' SUPPLIES OF PLUSH ANIMALS.

THE ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE BUILT GREAT  
COMMARADERIE AMONGST MYSELF AND MY  
FELLOW MAYORS IN THE NAME OF A GOOD  
CAUSE.



THE HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE AGAIN  
RAISED ANOTHER \$10,000 FOR HOPE FOR  
HUNGER FOOD BANK.

I GUESS WE PROVED THAT LEISURE CAN  
WORK FOR US.

THANKS, MR. FORD.

WE HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN ABLE TO STABILIZE  
GLENDALE'S FINANCES, WE HAVE ALSO BEEN  
ABLE TO STABILIZE THE COMMUNITY WITHIN  
THE COMMUNITY. BY THAT I MEAN THE  
SYSTEM OF PEOPLE THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THIS CITY'S SMOOTH OPERATION.

WITH A STABLE COMMUNITY UNDER US WE  
CAN SHINE IN THE EYES OF THE ENTIRE  
NATION.

AND THE SKILLS WE DEVELOP WHEN WE STEP INTO THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ARE THE VERY SKILLS THAT HELP US MAKE OURSELVES A TIGHTER, STRONGER COMMUNITY, WITH A GREATER SENSE OF PURPOSE, EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

I WANT TO GIVE A THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO KEEPS THIS CITY RUNNING, FROM OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS TO MY COUNTERPARTS IN GOVERNMENT AT THE CITY COUNCIL, AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN.

WITHOUT BOTH STABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE, WE COULD NOT ACHIEVE TRIUMPHS LIKE SUCCESSFULLY HOSTING THE SUPER BOWL.

AND FINALLY, AS I LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR, IT IS MY DESIRE THAT GLENDALE CONTINUE TO SEE THIS CITY'S PROBLEMS SOLVED, AND BECOME AWARE OF THE INCREASING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO ALL OF OUR CITIZENS.

*[PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE]*

BEFORE I TURN THE TIME BACK OVER TO ROBERT, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF FUN.

IN ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESS LEADERS STEP UP, CERETTA'S HAS DONATED SOME CUSTOM – ONE OF A KIND CHOCOLATES TO BE SOLD TONIGHT.

ALL FUNDS RAISED TONIGHT WILL GO TOWARDS MYAC.

THERE ARE ONLY 50 BOXES OF THESE CHOCOLATES, WHICH ARE CALLED THE MAYOR'S ROAD APPLES. THESE TREATS ARE FANTASTIC AND A BOX OF 9 CAN BE YOURS FOR JUST \$20.

THEY WILL GO FAST, SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND ONE OF OUR MYAC STUDENTS WILL DELIVER YOUR CHOCOLATES.

OUR MYAC STUDENTS REPRESENT SOME OF GLENDALE'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST TEENS.

IN MYAC, THE STUDENTS GET INVOLVED IN CITY GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

THEY HAVE PAINTED HOMES, HELPED FORMER MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AT STAND UP VETERANS, ASSISTED WITH THE NEW COUNCIL INSTALLATION, HELPED WITH THE HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE, PLANTED TREES AND PICKED FRUIT AT SAHUARO RANCH PARK, AND PARTICIPATED IN MANY OTHER SERVICE PROJECTS THAT HELPED GLENDALE RESIDENTS.

THEY ALSO RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR ANNUAL ANGEL TREE PROJECT TO HELP PROVIDE GIFTS TO FAMILIES IN NEED.

THEY RAISE MOST OF THEIR FUNDS DURING THE CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE. HOWEVER, AS YOU MAY RECALL, THE WEATHER CLOSED THE CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE FOR ONE DAY THIS YEAR AND CUT THEIR FUNDRAISING.

SO PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING MYAC BY PURCHASING SOME OF THIS WONDEFUL CUSTOM CHOCOLATE!

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF GLENDALE AND THE MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION.

IN CLOSING, LET US ALL WORK TOGETHER TO CAPTURE THE OPPORTUNITIES AND SHAPE A BRIGHT GLENDALE FUTURE.

I AM PROUD TO LIVE IN GLENDALE.

I AM PROUD TO WORK TOGETHER WITH YOU ALL.

I AM PROUD AND PRIVILEGED TO BE THE  
MAYOR OF OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.