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**GREATER PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN-LAVEEN
ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SPIRIT OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN AWARDS**

(PHOENIX) — The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce at South Mountain-Laveen has selected 15 finalists for the Spirit of South Mountain Awards, which recognizes local leaders and organizations whose community efforts have contributed to the growth, prosperity and positive economic development throughout the South Mountain and Laveen villages.

The 2011 Spirit of South Mountain finalists are:

- **Education/School Administrator:** Eagle College Prep Elementary School; Nicole Nipros, M.C. Cash Elementary School, Laveen District; Roosevelt School District, Superintendent/Governing Board Team
- **Individual Volunteer:** Rod Ambrose; Victor Contreras; Karen Mischlispy
- **Local Business:** Good Night Pediatrics – South Mountain; In & Out Chiropractic; Santa Barbara Catering
- **Local Government Agency:** Senator Leah Landrum Taylor; Maricopa Integrated Health South Mountain; Travis L. Williams Center – Mental Health Programs
- **Non-Profit Agency:** Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center; South Mountain-Laveen Festival of Events; Southwest Behavioral Health Services

The 2011 Spirit of South Mountain Award Recipient in each category will be announced at the Community Awards Dinner on Thursday February 24th at The Secret Garden Event Center from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Also, Commander Chris Crockett will present the 2010 South Mountain Precinct Officer of the Year Award during the dinner.

The Annual Spirit of South Mountain Awards is presented by the Salt River Project. Other supporting sponsors include: Gust Rosenfeld PLC; Farmers Insurance; South Mountain Community College; The Secret Garden and The Arizona Lottery.

Tickets are \$75 and a table of eight is \$560. For reservations visit www.phoenixchamber.com. For questions, please contact the Chamber's special events hotline at 602.402.6086.

About the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

Representing 2,900 businesses across Metropolitan Phoenix, the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce is Arizona's oldest and largest Chamber. The Chamber supports the growth and development of business by offering networking and marketing opportunities, money-saving programs and a voice in government, keeping its members informed, connected and prosperous.

The Chamber enhances members' success by promoting economic development, entrepreneurship and a connection to the community with local chapters in Anthem, Deer Valley and South Mountain/Laveen.

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