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GE Capital Financial Sponsors Glendale Middle School Community Education

SALT LAKE CITY – Glendale Middle School is proud to announce that GE Capital Financial has become the premier sponsor of the Glendale Community Education program. The new sponsorship extends a long-time relationship, in which GE has been involved in programs which assist Glendale students in academics and other areas.

“GE has sponsored a variety of programs at Glendale for several years,” said Kathleen Curry, Glendale Manager of Community Education. “Besides providing financial assistance, we’ve also been privileged to have many GE employees volunteer at Glendale, particularly in our summer reading program.”

“We take our responsibility to participate in the community seriously,” stated Myra Renwick, Government Affairs Officer for GE Capital Financial. “We’ve had a great relationship with Glendale, and we’re confident that together we can make a difference for the students.”

GE Capital Financial is making a donation of \$65,000, which will fund several programs available to Glendale students outside of traditional school hours. Glendale Community Education currently offers before-school tutoring, an after school homework program, after school activities, and a five-week summer school program. Such programs regularly serve over 600 students per year. GE is already the sponsor of a business education program where students learn about running a business. Students then put the principles into practice, operating a small shave-ice business, for which GE Capital Financial provided start-up funding and equipment.

GE will also be the premier sponsor for Glendale’s annual Multi-Cultural Night, which is now entering its 11th year. Each spring, more than 275 Glendale students learn about the art, music, and dance of cultures from around the world from local artisans. They then participate as performers in an evening of entertainment for the community.

The multi-cultural theme is particularly relevant for Glendale Middle School since students come from 26 different nations and 32 different languages are spoken at the school. Glendale is a Title I school, where approximately 95 percent of the students come from families classified as living in poverty. Due to the services made available through the Community Education program, students continue to make academic gains.

“Our students benefit from the extra time they spend on academics outside of the traditional school day,” said Betty Valenzuela, Principal of Glendale Middle School. “The Community Education program is an important component of our academic work at the school, and we’re grateful to GE Capital Financial for helping us to continue that program.”

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In her position with GE Capital Financial, Renwick has also been a board member of the Salt Lake Community Action Program (SLCAP) for 12 years. During that time, SLCAP has partnered together with GE Capital Financial and Glendale Middle School to create or sustain a variety of programs at Glendale, including the annual Multi-Cultural Program, the School Community Council and the Parent-Teacher-Student Association.

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