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Greater Phoenix Leadership Members Selected Man and Woman of the Year
Giuliano and Harper selected 2018 Valley Leadership Man and Woman of the Year

PHOENIX, AZ, November 1, 2017 - Greater Phoenix Leadership (GPL) is pleased to announce that Valley Leadership has selected Sharon Harper, Immediate Past Chair, and Neil G. Giuliano, President and CEO, as the 69th Man and Woman of the Year. Giuliano and Harper will be honored at the Man and Woman of the Year awards luncheon on March 8, 2018.

“Sharon and Neil are both proven leaders,” said Don Brandt, GPL Board Chair. “It is fitting that Valley Leadership has recognized their tremendous accomplishments and contributions to the business and philanthropic communities. Greater Phoenix Leadership is fortunate to work with such talented and dynamic individuals. On behalf of the GPL board and membership, I congratulate them both on this honor.”

Sharon Harper is President, CEO and co-founder of Plaza Companies, a development, leasing and management company with nearly 10 million square feet of Arizona medical office properties, senior living facilities and bioscience/biotechnology centers.

Harper served as GPL Board Chair from 2015-17, serves on the Executive Board of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council and was appointed to the Trustees of ASU. Harper is a Trustee for the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust and serves on the Board of Trustees of the McCain Institute for International Leadership.

Neil G. Giuliano serves as the President and CEO of GPL, which for over forty years has been the forum for corporate leadership to collaborate with the government, education and philanthropy sectors to create and sustain a safe, healthy and prosperous community. In 1994 Giuliano was the youngest person ever elected mayor of Tempe, a post he held until 2004. Prior to returning to Arizona, Giuliano was CEO of San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF,) one of the largest AIDS service organizations in the world, from 2010-15. Giuliano was president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and executive producer of GLAAD Media Awards from 2005-2009.

Giuliano chairs Maricopa County Sheriff Penzone’s LGBTQ Advisory Board and serves on the board of directors of Partnership for Economic Innovation, Valley of the Sun United



Way, Maricopa Association of Governments Economic Development Committee, Kiwanis Club of Tempe and Arizona Bioscience Board.

About Man & Woman of the Year

Valley Leadership's Man & Woman of the Year Luncheon is one of the premier business and community recognition programs in the Phoenix Metropolitan area. It is attended by approximately 1,000 of the Valley's most prominent business and community leaders and serves as the primary fundraiser for Valley Leadership, the oldest and largest leadership development organization in greater Phoenix. Nominations for this prestigious award are accepted each year from the public at large. A committee of past honorees and community leaders then selects a single man and woman to be honored at a spring luncheon. For more information, please visit: <http://www.valleyleadership.org/manandwoman>

About Greater Phoenix Leadership

Greater Phoenix Leadership is an organization of leading CEO's aligning leadership and resources at the intersection of the business, education, philanthropy and public policy sectors to improve economic vitality and quality of life. The mission of GPL is to improve the greater Phoenix area and the State of Arizona by bringing together talent, resources, and leadership to create action on priority issues. More information is available at www.gplinc.org

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