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**Greater Phoenix Leadership Member Selected Man of the Year**

John Graham selected Valley Leadership Man of the Year

PHOENIX, AZ, November 6, 2018 - Greater Phoenix Leadership (GPL) is pleased to announce that Valley Leadership has selected John W. Graham, former Chair of the Board, as the 70th Man of the Year. Graham will be honored at the Man and Woman of the Year awards luncheon on March 29, 2019 at the JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa.

“John Graham embodies the kind of leadership and dedication that have strengthened the greater Phoenix region,” said Neil Giuliano, President & CEO of GPL. “We are grateful to have John’s talent and commitment in GPL and our community. Congratulations on this much deserved honor.”

John Graham is President and CEO of Sunbelt Holdings, a real estate development, management and investment firm based in Scottsdale. Graham has been a member of GPL since 2004 and served as Chair from 2013-15.

Graham is a dedicated philanthropist who has given his service to several organizations throughout the years, including: ASU Foundation, Banner Health Foundation, First Place AZ, Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center, Brophy College Preparatory, Office of the Governor and Teach for America Phoenix. Graham’s thoughtful leadership and strategic guidance have made an indelible mark on our community.

Graham joins a renowned list of current and former GPL members who have been selected as Valley Leadership’s Man and Woman of the Year. The partial list includes:

2017 Sharon Harper and Neil Giuliano  
2016 Maria Harper-Marinick  
2015 Michael Crow  
2014 Tommy Espinoza  
2013 Gary Trujillo  
2008 Denise Resnik  
2006 Bill Post  
2005 Betsey Bayless and Lattie Coor  
2002 Richard Mallery  
2001 Robert Bulla  
2000 José Cárdenas  
1995 Edward Eisele  
1994 Linda Brock and Richard Snell

1992 Jerry Colangelo

1991 O. Mark DeMichele

1989 Eddie Basha

1988 Jack Pfister  
1986 Keith Turley  
1983 Dennis Mitchem

1982 Sam Mardian

1981 James Simmons   
1973 Bill Shover  
1968 Herman Chanen

1966 Frank Snell

1963 William Reilly

**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](http://www.gplinc.org)

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