

## Los Ojos de la Familia 3rd Quarter General Aid Recipients

Los Ojos de la Familia was happy to be able to distribute yet another round of assistance to members of our community in need. Please take a moment to read their stories.



**Juanita Trujillo** (left) has been a part of the LODLF family for two years. "You have made my holidays very special." Juanita has suffered from MS for 24 years and suffered a heart-attack 12 years ago. One of the side effects of her medical treatment, which includes chemotherapy, has been loss of hair, which has made her self-conscious. She has asked for help with buying a wig. We gave her a \$200 gift card to Wal-Mart.

**Sebastian Rael** (right) has been wheelchair-bound for more than 15 years, but that has not stopped him from remaining active; he has played wheelchair basketball "to stay healthy and have a common ground with others with disabilities" for almost 15 years, but his chair is breaking down and is unable to be fixed and a new chair runs upwards of \$3000. He asked for help with a replacement wheel chair, and we paid \$350 toward the purchase of his new chair.



**Stephanie Montoya** is a young woman who has been struggling financially due to necessary car repairs, which cleaned out her savings. She asked for help with her PNM bill,

we gave her a \$150 gift card to Wal-Mart.

Jacqueline Gallindo is a young lady who became homeless two years ago, while she was still in school; abandoned by her parents. She struggled and achieved her GED and immediately registered for college. She has been working odd jobs to help pay her way, and appreciates the various people who have supported her. Now she has found her own place, and she has asked for help with rent while she looks for a job. We paid \$400 of her rent.

**Susan Potts** is a teacher at the Academy of Trades & Technology Charter HIgh School in Albuquerque. She has asked for help with the purchase of motivational incentive awards for December report cards. We gave her a \$150 Walmart card.

**The Griego Family** recently lost their 2-year-old son, Vicente in a DWI crash, when they were hit from behind, which is where his car seat was. He sustained a traumatic brain injury and was on life support for 5 days, but did not pull through. THe family needs help to pay for medical bills; we gave them a \$350 card to Wal-Mart.

**Rita Cordova** is a senior who has been out of work for the last several months due to an injury which broke her ankle and wrist. She asked for help paying her gas bill; we paid \$300 to New Mexico Gas Company on her behalf.

**Howard Miller** is a father of 3 who suffered a spinal cord injury which caused quadriplegic paralysis, in March 2012. The family has used all of their savings to pay for cost of living and medical bills, and he is unable to work to support the family. They also need a vehicle to transport him so he can continue home recovery care and rehab. We paid \$400 for their electric bill.

**Jose Maestas** is a married father of two daughters who is going through surgery to remove lymph nodes, which is causing him to miss at least two months of work. He is going through chemotherapy as well, and receiving unemployment but it is not enough to cover family expenses. He asked for help with living expenses; we paid \$400 toward his mortgage.

**LeeRoy Jouett** is a man on disability, who is trying to help care for his brother's two children. He himself walks to his doctor's appointments, and has asked for help repairing his vehicle. We paid \$400 of his car repair costs.

**Mary Gremillion** is a woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer this year; she recently had surgery and has to undergo 6 days/week of treatment. She has fallen behind on some bills due to the cost of medical bills and travel. We paid \$200 toward her bills.

Los Ojos de la Familia takes great joy in being able to help the people in need of our community. Please visit our website to find out how you can get involved. <u>www.losojosdelafamilia.org</u>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

In less than 3 weeks, we will be holding our 3rd annual Fall Festival, and of course, it will be bigger and better than ever!! Dress up and bring your family and friends!!





Please visit our website and see how you can participate!!

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