



3rd Quarter General Assistance

We are making a real, positive difference in our community. Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of all of you, who give of themselves to help make New Mexico a better place to live. Here is a quick list of those we were able to help this quarter, thanks to all of you in our Familia.



Art Simoni - Art is a young man on the West Mesa high school wrestling team, and part of his duty to the team is raising funds for uniforms and team expenses. We wrote a check to West Mesa HS Wrestling to help out the team.

Cordae Kennedy - Cordae is a young man in 5th grade, who participates at the Elite Sports Academy, who needed help with his monthly dues. We wrote a check to help him stay active for the next three months.

Elijah McDaniel - Elijah is a junior at Cibola High School who also

attends the Elite Sports Academy on the basketball team. We wrote a check to help him stay in the Elite basketball program for the next three months.

Esperanza Dodge - Esperanza is a single mother of one son who has asthma and was recently diagnosed with some life-threatening allergies. His medications are more than she can afford on a regular basis. We gave her a gift card to Walgreen's to help cover some of those costs for the next 3 months.

Jaralyn Coriz - Jaralyn has been looking for work, but has fallen behind on rent during the search. We wrote a check to her apartment complex to help her keep her home while she works to better her life.

Jenelle Baptiste - Jenelle is a mother of four, who fell behind on her rent when her car needed repairs, and she has not yet been able to pay off the repairs. We wrote a check to the repair shop, to free up her income to catch up on rent.

Juan Sedillo - Juan is the father of five and a proud National Guard veteran. He works full time and takes some college courses, he is on the PTA board at Barcelona elementary and volunteers at their food pantry. Some recent legal struggles have caused him financial stress, so we wrote a check to PNM to help him get caught up on his utility bills.

Keith & Jaime Watson - Keith & Jaime are the parents of one son with autism. They are going through financial hardship at this time, due to loss of some of their income. We wrote a check to their apartment complex, to help them get their feet back on the ground.

Kelsea Scheiders - Kelsea is a young mother of 3 children, all five years and younger, and they were all recently was forced to leave her home, due to possible abuse by another family member. She is not currently employed and does not have the means to rent a hotel room. Rio Rancho Police Department reached out to us, to ask us to help her find a hotel until a restraining order can be filed. We helped pay for the cost of her young family's hotel room.

Melissa Theis - Melissa is a young mother of one toddler, who has been living in motels recently. She asked for help to cover food and clothing for her son. We helped pay for her hotel room for while, so she can provide for her son.

Rachel Sanchez - Rachel is a mother of six children, five of whom live with her. She has Multiple Sclerosis and lives on a fixed income. Due to some recent problems with her income, she has fallen behind on many of her bills. We wrote a check to PNM to help her get caught up on utilities.

South Valley Prep - South Valley Prep recently moved to a new location, and during the move, a bag of soccer and basketball uniforms for boys and girls teams was lost. We wrote a check to help them purchase replacement jerseys and shorts for the teams.

Terrie Mirabal - Terrie is a first-grade teacher at Horizon Academy West, as well as a single mother of two boys. She was recently diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer, which is very aggressive and requires time-consuming and expensive treatment and medication. We helped her pay off some of her medical bills, and gave her a gift card to Walmart to help her with household necessities.

Vanessa Cervantes - Vanessa is the mother of three, who is currently on maternity leave after giving birth to her youngest this month. She does not have any maternity income, and she has fallen behind on rent and water. The father will be able to help but not for another couple of weeks. We wrote a check to her landlord to keep her and her family in their home.

William Lilley - William is disabled and on a fixed income, and his teenage son lives with him and helps pay the bills. However, his son recently moved out of state, and William has fallen behind on some of his bills. A stranger he met at Walmart told him about LODLF and he reached out to us. We wrote a check to PNM to help him get caught back up on utilities.

Athletic Youth Development Group Warrior Boxing - Cutting Edge Youth Empowerment

Los Ojos de la Familia strongly believes that physical fitness, encouraged in youth, helps lay the groundwork for a happy and healthy lifestyle. The AYDG program is a way for us to help children be part of a sports or gym team, who may not otherwise be able to afford membership dues. We just finished our latest distribution with our partner, Warrior Boxing, and here are just some of the kids' testimonials.



I grew up having to fight for what I want, so I think this program will help me keep my anger in control, instead of holding it in, and it will keep me fit. My life has been tough, always moving place to place, never having a place to stay. I've lost both of my parents, so I've been doing whatever I can to keep my siblings in check and myself.

- Angel

Thank you for your sponsorship. I appreciate being in your program. Also the reason why boxing is important to me is because without boxing, there is no life, especially for me. I love boxing for a better life and of course the money, but I also hate boxing because of the training and sacrifice that boxers deal with when making weight. "There is no love if there is no hate", is a quote by a fighter named Nick Diaz that motivates me. It make me love but hate this sport.

- Sergio

I had once been in boxing about 4 years ago, since then I've wanted to go back. During that time there were many circumstances and distractions my sisters and I had to deal with. My father passed away and grief set in. This was the first attempt to join, but even with the scholarship I was unable to pay at that time. Then my mother dealt with cancer for 8 months and passed away. Now I realize my four sisters and I have a ton of stress that needs to be dealt with. This is the perfect time to join boxing. Over the past few months, as guardian over my sisters, I wondered what some family goals could be. Eating habits, physical activity, mental health. We all wanted to be active and find other ways to relieve stress and overcome our circumstances. Boxing, being one goal, is the best way to learn and grow together as a family.

- Richard

I wanted to join boxing so I can get in shape because I gained a lot of weight since my dad and mom died. All I'm trying to say is, I want to get fit, and it will help me a lot.

- Keerah

I wanted to join boxing so I can stay in shape, also to see what may come out of it. This past year a lot has changed, and I've gotten really unhealthy, and I want to be fit again. This past year has been really hard for me; I lost my dad and then my mom, and trying to focus on my life isn't easy. I get so stressed and unfocused. I think boxing is a great stress relief, and it's something I can do to stay busy, and it's a good way to stay connected with my brother and sisters. It's something that will get us fit and closer; it's a good experience for me and my family.

- Aaliyah

I wanted to join boxing because I think it would be good discipline for me, and it helps with mental and physical health. I would like to be fit and athletic and in shape. It's also a thing to look forward to after school, and I would look forward to seeing my progress throughout the week. It is a good stress reliever and helps to blow off steam and unwanted energy. It is also a good opportunity for me and my family to get a healthier relationship.

- Micah

Boxing to me is like a hobby. I like to exercise a lot and be active, so boxing is a great way to release my energy. Boxing is the way I live, without it I would be a depressed fat boy. I gained wisdom from boxing and knowledge to understand life more. It has helped me to love the place I live and where it will take me in the future. I love boxing because it makes me feel alive and know who I am.

- Ivan