



*Los Ojos de la Familia*

# LA VISTA Newsletter

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## Summer General Assistance

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We've been doing things a bit differently over the last year or so, but while our processes might change a bit, our mission remains the same:

*to make a difference in the New Mexico community by providing educational development and quality of life assistance.*

We've been making periodic distributions to individuals and families in need, as applications are received and reviewed, and according to each one's needs. Please take a moment to see how we are continuing to make a positive impact in our community, thanks to all of your generous support.

**Ruben & Dolores Armijo** - The Armijos have been on personal care services for the last 15 years, due to chronic disabilities which affect their mobility. Some of the recent heavy rain and consequent flooding made its way into their home and ruined the floors, which is an injury risk for the couple due to their medical conditions. We wrote a check to help toward the cost of repairing their flooring.

**Matthew Herrera** - Mr. Herrera is a coach for the Los Lunas Pop Warner Football. He reached out to us on behalf of two families on his team, who are struggling to make ends meet and therefore unable to afford equipment and fees. We helped them buy enough equipment to help equip all the children, so they can remain on the team and play safely.

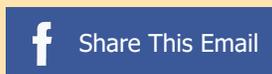
**Anika Toledo** - Anika is a young mother of two children, who recently lost her parents, and who is now taking care of her younger brother and sister in addition to her own children. She asked for some help to provide school clothing. We gave her some Walmart gift cards to help out the family with clothing and other household needs.

**Julie Thornton** - Julie is a survivor of domestic violence, who has been living in public housing, while caring for her mother as well as a daughter with behavioral health problems. She was recently the victim of a theft that included her rent money, and while she filed charges against the thief, she still needed help to cover rent. Additionally, due to domestic violence, she has had to move several times and has a monthly payment for storage for her belongings. We helped out the family with some of the rent and storage costs.

**Evelyn Ventura** - Evelyn is a single mother and an employee of APS who has been struggling with reduced income over the summer while school was out. As a result she has been struggling to make her rental payments for the last few months. We wrote a check to help toward her rent last month.

**Gerald Moya** - Gerald suffers from panic attacks and anxiety and was recently diagnosed with clinical agoraphobia. He is taking medication and seeing therapists through technology, but has been unable to work and has fallen behind on his RV space rent, while he is waiting for social security disability. We wrote a check to help toward his space rental, while he waits for public assistance.

**Maria Vodicka** - Maria is a single mother of two children, who has been working part time. She recently bought clothes and school supplies for her children, but asked for some help with buying shoes for her children, due to her limited income. We gave her a Target gift card to help cover these costs.



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