

La Vista Newsletter April 24, 2017

2017 1st Quarter General Aid

This quarter, we were able to reach out to 17 families and two community groups!!! And it's all thanks to the generous, consistent support of you, our Los Ojos de la Familia community.

Here is a just a quick summary of those we helped:

Coral Community Charter School -

Due to recent school budget cuts, CCCS Summer Enrichment, a program designed to engage a a student's curiosity and imagination while improving academic skills, was in danger of being canceled. We wrote a check to help cover some of the costs to keep the 5-week program going.

Metro PAL Community Garden -

The New Mexico Metro Police Athletic League has put together plans for a new Mentorship Community Garden. NMMPAI has been working with community-based mentoring since 2010, alongside CYFD and First Nations Community HealthSource. Their mission is to reduce child abuse through education, mentoring and counseling through peer and adult mentorship programs. We were glad to donate toward this worthy project, and we are excited to see the results.

Adrianna Anglada -

Adrianna is a single mother of one 3-year-old, who also cares for her two teenaged siblings, as her mother is disabled. She works full time to care for her family, but is struggling to make ends meet. We wrote a check to her landlord to help with some of this month's rent.

Jessica Ellis -

Jessica is a single mother of a 4-year-old boy with autism, who lives on a fixed income. She was recently forced to move to a new apartment, due to failed housing inspection. Her new residence does not include utilities, and she has not been able to raise the money for utility deposits. We helped her with some of each deposit to PNM and NM Gas company.

Noberta Vigil -

Noberta's mother recently passed away, and Noberta was given the responsibility of caring for her niece and two children. She was already caring for her own children and grandchildren. She was working two jobs, but had to let one go, due to health issues. We helped her with a check for her utility bill.

Rebekaah and Robert Burnett -

The Burnetts have gone through some challenges over the last two years, while Rebekaah has been struggling with severe health problems. Her recent surgery, her inability to work and Robert's reduction in hours have put the Burnetts in a financial bind. We wrote a check to help them with rent.

Floralea Trujillo -

Floralea is a single mother of four, who has also opened her home to foster three additional children. She works hard to care for each of them, but recently fell behind on her utility bills. We wrote checks to PNM and NM Gas Company to help her catch up.

Ronnie Cordova -

Ronnie is a single father of two 7-year-old girls, who works full time to make ends meet. He has been struggling lately to keep up with utilities and food; we gave him a gift card to help cover food and basic needs for his family.

Alexandria Weeding -

Alexandria is a single mother of two young boys who has been struggling to keep up, and she has no vehicle at the moment. We wrote a check to her landlord to help her stay current on her rent.

Deseree Garcia -

Deseree is a single mother who works full time to support herself and her 6-year-old daughter. However, due to work being slow the last month, she was a bit short on her rent. We wrote a check to help her get caught up.

Ginger McIntyre -

Ginger is a mother, who like many others, deals with ongoing mental health issues, She recently lost custody of her child, and she has been struggling to make ends meet, while she battles to regain custody. We wrote a check to help her with part of this month's rent.

Patton Kinzel -

Patton is a single mother of three boys, who is currently attending school full time to try to provide a better life for her children. She is on a fixed income, but has fallen behind on some of her bills. We wrote a check to her landlord to help her catch up on rent.

Chana Jimenez -

Chana's family has recently gone through some financial struggles, when her husband was injured during a robbery at his job. He went back to work sooner than recommended because they fell behind on bills. We gave them a gift card to help cover household essentials.

Valerie Vigil -

Valerie is a mother of four who recently found a good job, after several months of being unemployed. She is working hard to take care of her family, but has struggled to catch up

on the outstanding bills. We helped her with her PNM bill and a little toward her rent.

Emily Williams -

Emily is an 8th grader at James Monroe Middle School, who is going on the 8th grade educational field trip to London. Her mother, Tru -who also volunteers for Los Ojos, works full time and takes care of all her bills, but the cost of the trip, \$3,600 has put a severe strain on her finances. We helped her with a contribution toward the trip.

Dean Monday -

Dean is an older gentleman who has trouble with his hip. He was given a prescription for medical massage therapy, but he cannot afford his portion. We helped him with part of his PNM bill, to free up some money for his therapy.

Jessica Jaramillo -

Jessica is a single mother of three who has fallen behind on her utility bills, while trying to keep up with rent. Her gas was disconnected, so they were without heat for awhile. We wrote a check to PNM to help get her gas turned back on and caught up.

Meri Vittetoe -

Meri is the mother of three, whose son has been hospitalized three times for seizures. Her husband works full time, and they have a boarder, but that person has also been ill and requires surgery. They have fallen behind on utilities, and Meri's sons need some new clothes. We gave her a gift card to Walmart to help them with clothes and household needs.

Rita Hidalgo -

Rita had surgery in January, for a condition which had already kept her out of work for four months. She is still on medical leave, but has fallen behind on rent and bills. We wrote a check to her landlord to help her catch up on rent.

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