

La Vista

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Upcoming Events/Activities (see back cover)

Deadlines

4th Quarter General Aid—12/9/2011
Spring Scholarships—12/31/2011

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Kids' Fall Carnival

When: October 29, 2011, 1:00 PM—5:00 PM

Where: 100 Myers Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM

Who: The Whole Family!

Come one, come all! Bring the entire family for the annual Kid's Fall Carnival, to be held 100 Myers NW, starting at 1pm and ending at 5pm. This year will be even bigger and better than ever!

There will be cakewalks, face-painting, rock-wall climbing, horse/pony rides, a dunk tank, piñatas, costume contest, talent contests, candy, games, jumpers, food, entertainment and drawings.

Food will be on sale (to purchase with tickets): hot dogs, juice/sodas/water, and nachos. All activities, rides and food will be on a ticket system, so buy your tickets at the door and support the charity. Parents must accompany their children at all times. There will also be a permission form at the door, which must be signed by a parent/guardian, for each child.





Tyanna Chavez—a single mother of two, whose son was diagnosed with cancer, compromising his lymphatic system, which makes him regularly sick. His medications have become expensive, and because Tyanna works full time, she does not qualify for food stamps. She was grateful for the WalMart gift card for \$299.



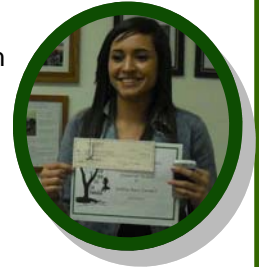
Natalie Gutierrez—is a mother of three, with another on-the-way, is unemployed due to injury. Her unemployment ended in April, and her fiancé is also injured and unable to work. The unborn baby was diagnosed with spina bifida, and Natalie underwent prenatal surgery on the baby. The cost of this surgery plus travel overwhelmed the family, and they have great need for any financial help available. We paid their PNM and Gas Co bills.



Timothy & Jennifer Varela—a couple with four children, Jennifer was recently diagnosed with Lupus. They have spent all their savings and some monthly income on medical expenses, and are now short on rent, with no money for clothes or school supplies. We gave them a gift card to WalMart for \$299.



Ashley Ruiz-Farmer—is a high school student on the all-star cheer team, Fifth Dimension, who competes around the country. She volunteered at the last LODLF event, and is now asking for help with travel and competition fees. We gave a check to Fifth Dimension for \$200 on her behalf.



Michelle Alarid—is a mother of two, and her daughter has just had a baby. Her monthly expenses currently exceed her salary, and she is looking for additional work to cover the difference. She needs help fixing her refrigerator/freezer, as well as school clothes for her son. We gave her a \$300 WalMart gift card.

Jasmine Watrin—is a single mother of 3, currently unemployed, whose only income is unemployment. Her daughter was diagnosed with aplastic anemia, requiring chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. Because of the treatment, they were forced out of their apartment. We wrote a check to that complex for \$300.00



Ellen Atencio—is a women whose sons live with her, one just left the military and lives there with his girlfriend and infant daughter, and the other is 12-years old. She has been diagnosed with cancer and has been undergoing treatments, which will include radiation beginning in October. Her only vehicle was in an accident, and she must travel from Espanola to Santa Fe every day for her treatments, lasting 6 weeks; so she must find and pay for that daily transportation. To help her out with , we wrote a check to Adobe Propane for \$300.00.

Luis Ordonez—is a student at Albuquerque High School, and one of the presidents of their DECA chapter. He is asking for help with her trip to the Leadership Conference, as his single mother, who cares for him and 3 other children, cannot afford the cost. We wrote a check to AHS DECA for \$100 on his behalf.



Gilbert Felix Vasquez—is a severely disabled individual, whose family is struggling with the medical costs for his Sarcoidosis with Fibrosis. They are unemployed, as he is disabled and she is taking care of the home and children. He's taking steroids, whose long-term use is detrimental. An alternative treatment is available in Denver, CO, which is a last resort before a lung transplant is needed. They want refrigerated air to ease the strain on his lungs, or help with travel costs to Denver. We gave them \$300 to WalMart to help with regular expenses.

Kathryn Angela Chavez—is a woman on social security disability who adopted her grandson, now 14 years old. SSD is her only source of income, and she does not yet qualify for Medicaid. She is moving into community housing because she cannot afford her current rent. She asked for help with school clothes and supplies for her grandson. We gave her a \$200 WalMart gift card.

Lupe & Andrea Baca—are a couple with a new baby, living in a trailer, after being without a home for awhile. His shoulder injury has made it difficult to find regular employment. They need help with water bill, as well as repairs for the car. We wrote a check for \$150 for their water bill, and gave them a \$150 gift card to WalMart.



Taylor Novak—is a middle-school student at Desert Ridge. A straight-A student, she is involved in student council and book clubs, and she is a level 7 gymnast at Gold Cup Gymnastics. She needs help with her competition costs, which are upwards of \$2,500, including fees, travel, costume, tuition. We gave \$200 to Gold Cup.

Damien Prieto—is a single father of a teenage girl, Lila, who has a cancerous tumor in her brain. Damien has been unable to return to work, due to Lila's constant sickness and regular extended hospital stays. Because of this, he is under considerable financial strain. We wrote a check to NationStar Mortgage for \$299.



AHS DECA—is an organization that has participated in multiple events for LODLF, giving their time, money, resources, to help make the charity a success. For years, they've volunteered with the NM Army Corps of Engineers for National Public Lands Day. They need help with the cost of a bus to transport the students to volunteer. We were happy to donate \$200 to the group.

Kimberly Castillo—is a student at Albuquerque High School, and one of the presidents of their DECA chapter. She is asking for help with her trip to the Leadership Conference, as her mother cannot afford the cost of the trip. She has volunteered at LODLF events, and is active in her community. We wrote a check to AHS DECA for \$100 on her behalf.

Sabrina Howe—is a student at Cleveland Middle School, wanting to attend the annual Social Studies trip to DC, which costs \$2,099. Her mother, Trula, volunteers with LODLF, but cannot afford the trip without help. They are working on fundraisers with family, church and friends. We wrote a check to World Strides for \$250 for down

1998 Harley-Davidson Raffle



Los Ojos de la Familia was generously donated a 1998 Harley-Davidson Custom Fat Boy, to raffle off as a fundraiser for the charity. The tickets are \$20 each, and only 1000 will be sold.

The drawing will be held on 12/17/2011, or sooner if all tickets are sold.

For more information, please call 362-6073 or see website www.losojosdelafamilia.org.

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2011 Christmas Basket Give-Away

Last year at Christmas, Los Ojos de la Familia gave out 70 baskets, filled with Christmas dinner, food, toiletries, and other supplies, to families in need. This year, our goal is to increase that number to 150 baskets.

Come join us as we reach out to our community during the holidays. We are accepting corporate donations and individual basket sponsorships; each basket will be \$60. You can also volunteer to assemble and distribute the baskets, on December 17, 2011.



*Visit our website for more information about the organization and for video of last year's event:
www.losojosdelafamilia.org*

If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please call us at 505-897-4225 and ask for Los Ojos de la Familia, or email us at



Santa Crawl

"Ho, Ho, Ho!" Los Ojos is starting off this holiday season with a Santa Crawl, Dec.3rd.

What better way to get in the holiday spirit, than donating toys for kids in need and having cocktails with friends!

All participants will be dressed in Santa outfits and spreading holiday cheer. We will be shuttled around by luxury coach and hitting several local hot spots. So mark your calendars now, and check out these costume places to get your gear early:

www.mysantasuit.com

www.santasuits.com

You may also find some at your local Halloween Spirit store.

More details to follow... stay tuned this is sure to be an event to remember!



Our Purpose

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

Our #1 Goal

100% of donated funds goes to helping people in our community. All of the time and effort required for the organization to function is donated by members of Los Ojos de la Familia, so that we may pass on the maximum amount of assistance to those in need.

Type of Charity

This is a 501(c)(3) charity, so your donations are tax-deductible. Consult your tax advisor.