Los Ojos de la Familia LA VISTA Newsletter

December 7. 2015



November 2015 **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

From time to time, Los Ojos de la Familia receives urgent requests for help, and we treat each of these cases with special care. When a board member has nominated one of these requestors, the entire board votes on if and how to help. We received three of these last month, and our board voted to assist all of them.

Lindsay Murray

Lindsay is a single mother of two, who is raising her children without the benefit of any kind of support from the children's father. When he left, she was stuck with all of the expenses of caring for the family and raising the children, but she has fallen behind on rent. She asked for help in getting caught up, while she looks for more affordable housing. We wrote a check to her landlord to help her get back on track.

Jayde Armijo

Jayde is a junior at West Mesa High School who recently made it on to the Fillies, the school dance team. She owes money for her dues to the team, which cover all the expenses of competing with the team, but her family is unable to cover the costs at this time. Her mother is a single parent, whose husband died when Jayde was a baby; she recently went through several months of unemployment, which took a great toll on their finances. She found new work a couple months ago, but struggles with medical problems and catching up with the bills. Her mother asked for help for her daughter, to "help her daughter with her dreams and goals, in dancing and in school." We wrote a check to help cover remaining costs for the West Mesa Fillies.

Josie Cazares

Josie lost her husband unexpectedly just a few years ago. As she is retired and living on a fixed income, she has been struggling to make ends meet. Her children try to help her out as much as they can, but she has fallen behind and needs help with bills and groceries. We gave her a gift card to Walmart to help restock her home with necessities.

The nominations are in, and basket assembly is underway! We just need your sponsorship now, to put that food on the tables of less fortunate New Mexicans.

Just \$50 is all it takes to deliver Holiday Cheer to a deserving New Mexico family; 65-lbs of food and household goods, plus toys for the children. Give the gift of a sponsorship to one of your loved ones, or just do it for yourself. We also accept corporate sponsorship, so visit our website today, and let's lift each other up this holiday season.



Last year Los Ojos de la Familia surprised 250 families with a 65 pound Holiday Gift basket filled with food, toiletries, deserts, treats & a holiday dinner. In addition to the Holiday Gift Basket Los Ojos also surprised the families with bags filled with toys for the children.

This year our goal is to again distribute 250 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 \$50.

Where: 100 Myers Rd NW Albuquerque, NM

When: December 19, 2015 Starting at 8am

Visit our website for more information about the organization: www.LosOjosDeLaFamilia.org

If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please call us at 505-362-6073 or e-mail us at assistance@losojosdelafamilia.org.

Los Ojos de la Familia is registered with United Way Northern New Mexico



and we encourage you to consider asking that your donations go toward this charity. Ask your benefits administrator how you can designate LODLF as your charity of choice. <u>United Way Contribution Form</u> For a full calendar of assistance and scholarship deadlines, visit our website <u>www.losojosdelafamilia.org</u>

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