

*Los Ojos de la Familia*  
**LA VISTA Newsletter**  
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***2016 General Assistance***



*It is because of the generous contributions of you all, that we are making a real difference in the lives of our fellow New Mexicans. Here are the members of our community you helped us lift up this quarter.*

**Academy of Trades & Technology** - *The staff at ATT reached out to us, to request help with their own food basket giveaway. As we were already working on our own, we instead gave them a check to help fill the baskets with whatever they needed.*

**Albuquerque Talent Development Academy -**

*The ATDA is a high school designed to facilitate individual growth, both academically and socially. They asked for help with a student trip to France, we wrote a check to help defray some of the costs.*

**Donna Jo Martinez -** *has a large family, with seven children, ages 3 - 18, and it has become increasingly difficult to care for all of them, including food, gas and medical bills. She asked for some help with feeding her family for the holidays. We gave them a gift card to Walmart.*

**Efrain Escobedo -**

*Efrain makes a yearly trip to Juarez for the holidays, to take toys to kids in need. We gave him a gift card to help with the purchase of some toys for this year's trip.*

**Elaine & Martha Torres -** *Elaine's family recently lost everything in a house fire. They have nothing left, and need any help they can get. We gave them a gift card to help with the process of rebuilding their lives.*

**Else Uribe -**

*Elsa is suffering from a severe form of cancer, and is currently hospitalized for treatment. The medical bills are rising, and the family is struggling to stay afloat. We helped by making a payment on property taxes. Keep up the fight, Elsa!*

**Joanna Ortiz -**

*Joanna is a single mom working to care for her daughter, who will soon be graduating. The additional costs of pictures, cap and gown, as well as a recent problem with her vehicle set her back a bit, and she asked for some help with her utility bills. We helped her get caught up with PNM and NM Gas.*

**Lauren/Loretta Blea -**

*Loretta reached out to us, to ask for help with her daughter's Washington DC field trip. As a single mother of two, it is difficult to raise the necessary funds to cover such a trip, but she wants to*

*give her daughter the experience of a lifetime. We wrote a check to help with the cost of the trip.*

**LaVana Faustman -**

*LaVana is a junior at Los Lunas High School, who has been playing soccer for 11 years. She asked for help with her club soccer dues this year, as her family needs help with covering those costs. We wrote a check to the AUFC Animals, to help her stay on the team. Keep up the hard work, LaVana!*

**Margarita Angelina Jaramillo -**

*Margarita is without a home right now, and she and her son are currently staying in their car. She asked for help with housing and food. We gave her a gift card to Walmart to help with food and other needs.*

**Maria Cueva -** *Maria reached out to ask for help with her bills. She had fallen behind on her utilities and was facing disconnect. We helped her get caught up on her PNM and water bills.*

**Maria Dolores Duran -**

*Maria is a finalist in the High School Honors Performance Series, which means she will be performing, along with other finalists, at Carnegie Hall in NYC. She asked for help raising the funds to participate in this amazing opportunity. We wrote a check to the organization, to help her on her way.*

**Michael Franks -**

*Earlier this month, Michael woke up to a fire in his apartment. He was able to get out safely, but he lost everything. On top of that, just last month he was burglarized and lost all his electronics. We gave him a gift card to Walmart to help rebuild his losses.*

**Michelle Rios -**

*Michelle recently lost her vehicle, which has caused her to miss work, and her children to miss school. Additionally her daughter has medical bills and her son has been sick. Her missed work has cut her income and she has also fallen behind on rent. She asked for help catching up on bills. We helped her get caught up on her water bill and wrote a check to pay part of her rent.*

**Nehemiah Cionelo** - *Nehemiah is a young man who has been running track since he was eight. He has been competing in the USATF Junio Olympics for the last five years, and he is now working to raise enough money to go to the USATF Outdoor Championships in California. We wrote a check to help him on his way. Good luck, Nehemiah, we are cheering for you!*

**Quiana Ortega** -

*Quiana is a full-time college student, who works part time; unfortunately, last month, her car was broken into and her backpack, along her wallet and cards, were stolen. The thief rang up almost \$800 in charges, and Quiana has been trying to get her money back and pay for the broken window to be fixed. We gave her a gift card to help replace some of her stuff.*

**Valerie Vigil** -

*Valerie is a mother of four, until recently unemployed, who has been struggling to keep up with bills, while she looked for work. She did find a job, thankfully, but is having difficulty catching up with the bills. We getting back on track. We helped her with checks to catch up on her car and trailer payments.*

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for being a part of this worthy organization, and may  
your new year be full of happiness and peace.***

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