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Los Ojos de la Familia Newsletter - April 2015



1st Quarter General Assistance

We just finished distributing this quarter's general assistance, and we are excited to tell you about several New Mexico families, individuals and groups we've helped.

Please take a moment to see how we, with your help, are making





Ryan Blea is a junior at Del Norte High School, who plays on the school baseball team. His mother, Loretta, works hard to care for her two children, and she asked for help to cover the costs of Ryan's participation on the baseball team: equipment, clothing, food, and out of town games. We wrote a check to Del Norte Baseball Team, to help cover Ryan's expenses.

Sandibel Tirado is a mother of two, 5 and 3, all of whom suffered from a

recent illness, which kept her from being able to work enough hours to pay the bills last month. She asked for some help with rent and groceries. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help care for the basic needs of her family.

Victoria Barahona is a mother of three special needs children. She travels to and from appointments daily, but recently, her car broke down and was not reparable. Without a vehicle, she struggles to make apointments. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help cover the household basics for her family.

Aida Gonzales is a woman living on a fixed income, who was recently let go from her job of 18 years. She is volunteering part time as an art teacher for Chimayo Boys Club, and she wanted to purchase art supplies for the children, but her income leaves her no room for extras. We gave her a Walmart gift card to cover basic needs.

Monica Santistevan of the McKinley Child Development Center,

a preschool which services low-income families, contacted us this quarter, to request help in purchasing supplies to create a Children's Garden on the playground. We were happy to write a check, to help purchase planters, tools, soil and seeds.



Chris Jarvis and Jim Cicccarello, coaches of the **Bandelier Elementary School Jump Rope Team**

wrote to us this quarter to request help with purchasing shirts for the team. They explained that this team uniform gives kids a sense of accomplishment and team pride. They began ten years ago with only 20 kids, but this year they have about 100 children who need shirts. We gladly wrote a check to

contribute to this cause.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Our community was recently devastated by the loss of Oscar Almeida, husband and father, who was killed in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. His family was in the car with him, and is wife, Ana, is still in critical condition, and does not know yet that she lost her husband. His son and his girlfriend were also injured, but were released from the hospital. We paid the family's PNM bill, to help free up funds for funeral arrangements.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

Get your tickets, and mark your calendars!
Our 5th annual charity poker tournament is just
three weeks away!!



And Stay Tuned for More Information on our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament!



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.

United Way Contribution Form

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