



Happy New Year!!!

from Los Ojos de la Familia

Los Ojos de la Familia is excited about the possibilities for this new year, and we've wasted no time getting into the swing of things. We are pleased to tell you about the 14 recipients of general assistance for the final quarter of 2012.



Alma Alvarez is a mother trying to take care of her five dependents, which include her diabetic husband (whose disability benefits were cut two months ago) and 3 children under 18. She works when she can, cleaning houses, and asked for help with her PNM bill, which is 3 months past due. We paid for the November balance of her PNM bill.

Elizabeth Molinar is struggling to care for her family, her 2 children and her husband, who recently suffered a knee injury and will now require a complete knee replacement. His medical bills are growing, he has not worked in a month, and they do not know when he will be able to work again. She asked for any help she could receive. We paid their car payment for December and gave them a Walmart gift card to help with household supplies.

Tequila Bagwell and her family were nominated to receive a Christmas basket this year, and after hearing her story, we decided to help her with general aid as well. She and her two daughters were abandoned by her husband, and she struggles with a fixed income to make ends meet. We gave her a gift card to Walmart to help cover some of their basic needs.

Erika Ness is a mother of two, whose husband was laid off in November. She works as a waitress, and he has found a temporary position at the CNM bookstore, that will start this month, while he attends school. He will receive his AS in Psychology this year, but they have fallen behind in their bills in the meantime. They asked for assistance to catch up, and have offered to "pay it forward" to the next family in need. We paid their PNM and

NM Gas bills for the month of December, the past due balance of their rent, and we gave them a Walmart card to help with household needs.



Lorraine Martinez was laid off last year and, although she has had interviews, has been unable to find work. Her unemployment ran out about a month ago and she has asked for help to pay her mortgage or anything we can do. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help with immediate household needs.

Sandybel Tirado is a mother of two, who recently lost her job. Although she is actively looking for work, she has not found a job yet, she has gone through her savings, and she has no income to pay bills or buy food. She asked for help with rent, food or diapers for her children. We gave her a Walmart gift card so she could provide these things for her family.

Terry and Roxanne McMains are the parents of 3 boys with their 4th son due now. Her husband recently had surgery to remove stage 2 cancerous tumors from his legs, and he continues to require treatment for blood clots. Their baby will need immediate heart surgery at birth. Their medical bills continue to grow and consistent work has been difficult to find. They asked for help with medical bills and travel expenses for the baby's surgery. We paid off their utility bill from December.

Angela Chavez is a single mother and full time student at CNM; her only source of income is her financial aid, and it has not been enough to cover the bills for her and her son. She asked for help with rent or utility bills, which have fallen behind. We paid the majority of her past due rent for the month of November.

Anna Urbaniak is a substitute teacher, who has been having financial challenges due to lack of work. She has been making extra effort to market her services in childcare or tutoring during the school breaks. She asked for some help in catching up with her rent. We paid for the majority of her December rent.

Guadalupe Nicolas is a woman who asked for our help in her current financial crisis. Her husband was laid off and her work is unstable, so she babysits for extra money. However, they have fallen behind on rent and asked if we could help. We gave them a Walmart gift card to help with household needs. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help buy groceries and other household items.

Kevin Nolin was diagnosed with cancer two years ago, and although he had a full time job, it was seasonal and when he completed surgery and recovery, he was told his job had ended. He has struggled to find work, and recently was able to find a job as a merchandiser. However, has no medical insurance and has fallen behind on all of his bills, including thousands in overdue medical bills. He asked for any assistance we can give him. We paid the past due balances for his gas, utility and propane bills.

Terence and Lynn Martin recently lost everything they owned in a fire. The Martins and their two children have been living in a hotel and would appreciate any help that they can receive. They asked for clothes, food, personal items, etc. We gave them a Walmart gift card to help buy these things.

Veronica Sandoval is a mother of two, currently attending CNM; she has been unsuccessful in finding employment and her financial aid has not been enough to cover the bills. She has asked for assistance to pay for car repairs and utility bills. We paid the November utility bills for PNM and NM Gas Co, and made a payment on her car repair balance.

Vinnie Medina is a single father of 3, who was recently laid off from regular employment. He has been doing side jobs to try to pay the bills, but has fallen behind on food, clothing and household staples for his children. He asked for help with everyday items and volunteered to help in any way that he is able. We gave him a Walmart gift card to help purchase these household needs.

Veneranda Chavez is a single mother of 4 children under 10, who was recently laid off. She is caught up on her bills but asked for help to provide a Christmas for her children, to give them clothes and shoes and perhaps toys. We gave her a Walmart gift card for her family Christmas.



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