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La Vista—Newsletter

Upcoming Events/Activities

Introduction Party 8/28/10

Kids Fall Carnival 10/23/10

Annual Christmas Dinner —Basket Give-away 12/18/10

Thank You Note—

I want to thank Los Ojos de la Familia and staff for helping me and my family when nobody would. We are a working family, and recently we got in financial trouble and won't qualify for help because we are above the low income bracket and have a job. Los Ojos de la Familia was the only one who basically answered my prayers. They helped my family with a gift card to a grocery store, which was a great help. People who use a credit card to buy food because they can't afford it from a paycheck will understand what a relief this is. Thank you very much to all the people from Los Ojos de la Familia and to all the sponsors, you are making a difference in peoples' lives. Thank you. Sincerely—
Natalya

Initial Foundational Assistance

Los Ojos de la Familia has received several applications for assistance. Members of our board carefully reviewed the applications to determine the best ways to give them assistance. Some of the applicants needed tuition assistance for continuing education. Others needed general assistance to care for families, including food, and medical aid. Thanks to the generous contribu-

tions of our patrons, we were able to give assistance to 12 individuals/families. Please take the time to read a little about each of these, and find out just how much it means to our community to be able to help.

If you are interested in contributing to the organization, please call or email us. 100% of all donated funds go directly to the families in need.



SEE INSIDE STORIES

Also, if you know anyone in need of assistance, please send them our way, and we will do whatever we can to help them.

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.

Scholarships

Alicia Candelaria

Alicia is attending UNM, with the goal of becoming a Certified Nurse. She has already completed a Nursing Assistant course at CEC. She regularly volunteers for church, school and community activities. We were happy to award her a \$500 Scholarship to UNM.

Marissa Perez

Marissa is a student at UNM, studying to be an elementary school teacher, with a specialization in teaching English as a second language. She plans to finish her undergraduate degree and continue on to complete a masters degree. She also participates with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in Albuquerque. We were thrilled to award her a \$500 Scholarship to UNM.



Karen Marler—McCollum Elementary

Karen is a first grade teacher at APS's McCollum Elementary School, which is a Title 1 school having >80% of students receiving financial aid. She asked for help to take her 60 1st grade students on a field trip to a school time series performance at Popejoy Hall. The cost of the expedition would be \$300 for the bus, plus \$120 for tickets. We were happy to donate the \$420 for the field trip. The amount was donated directly to the school. She will take the kids in the fall, and send photos and thank you notes from the class.

Financial Aid

John Franco

John is a single father with two children, and they are currently homeless. He is working to put a down payment on a home for his family. We gave them a \$350 Gift Card to help with food and general household needs.

Materesa Rios

Materesa is a mother of six children, the oldest of which has Down's Syndrome. She has asked for any help she can get to take care of her children. We gave her a \$350 Gift Card to help with food and general household needs.

Monica Melcitor

Monica is the single mother of 4 children. She lost her husband in December 2009 to Swine Flu, and lost her job in May. She needs any kind of help. We gave her a \$350 Gift Card to help with food and general household needs.



Natalya Misquez

Natalya takes care of her mother, who had to move in with her when her father passed away. Her mother had significant damage to her teeth, to the point where she could not eat properly. Without medical insurance, they were forced to pay over \$2000 to get her mother's teeth fixed. They are struggling to catch up now. We gave her a \$350 Gift Card to help with food and general household needs.

Alynem Galaviz

Alynem is a girl whose father was killed in Juarez last August. She needs glasses to read, but her family does not have medical insurance. We gave them a \$200 gift card to Walmart to help with food and general household needs, and \$150 gift certificate to the eye doctor, Dr. Jerry Sandoval, who agreed to match that amount.

Sylvia McAfee

Sylvia is taking care of her sister's five children. She is struggling to keep them together until their mother returns. They need are looking for a vehicle and a place to live. We were able to give them a \$350 Gift Card to Walmart to help with food and general household needs.



Magaly Monge Torrez

Magaly is a teenager attending school at Albuquerque High. Her family does not have the money to take her to the dentist, and she truly needs dental care. We gave her a \$350 gift certificate to dentist,, Dr. Gil Frenandez, who has agreed to match the amount.

Melonie Daugherty

Melonie is a single mother of two children. She was diagnosed with lymphoma a year and a half ago. She is unable to work, due to the treatment, which is proving ineffective. She wants to seek an alternate treatment center in Boston. We gave her a \$500 check.



Casandra Sanchez

Casandra is part of a family of 7, including 4 elementary school children, whose husband and mother work to support her and her sister's families. They have suffered reduction in pay recently and are struggling to make ends meet. We gave them a \$350 Gift Card.



August 28, 2010 — Los Ojos de la Familia Introduction Party

This event will be held at the Montoya residence, at 100 Myers Rd NW. There will be home-made New Mexican food, wine and entertainment. The event will start at 7:00 P.M. and all are welcome. Come learn about the charity and see how you can be involved.

October 23, 2010 — Kids' Fall Carnival and Benefit

This event will start at noon at 100 Myers, and will be even larger and more fun than years past. There will be piñatas, cakewalks, costume contest, candy, games, jumpers, food, entertainment and drawings. Bring your children and support the charity.



December 18, 2010 1st Annual Christmas Dinner—Basket Give-Away

Los Ojos de la Familia is holding its first annual Christmas dinner-basket on December 18, 2010, at which time we will be preparing and delivering gift baskets to 50 families in need.

We are in need of volunteers for the following teams:

Shopping Crew, Set-Up Crew, Boxing Crew, Decorating Crew, Delivery Crew

Also, we are accepting donations to sponsor the baskets to be delivered this Christmas. The description of basket contents is to the right. We are still looking for volunteers to help prepare the baskets, beginning at 8:00 a.m. the morning of the 18th.

Call us to volunteer for one of these crews, to sponsor a family for a gift baskets, or if you know a family in need of assistance at this time.

Special thanks goes to Onesimo Vigil for chairing this committee, as well as to all the others who have already contributed their time and effort to this occasion.

LOS OJOS DE LA FAMILIA RAFFLE

We are raffling off tickets to benefit the Christmas Dinner-Basket give-away.

Raffle will be held on October 23, 2010 at the Kid's Fall Festival.

Prizes include:

- Prize #1— \$500 Cash
- Prize #2— Painting by David Escudero
- Prize #3— iPod
- Prize #4— "New Mexico" Christmas Basket
- Prize #5— \$25 Movie Gift Card—Winners need not be present to win.

We are only selling 100 tickets, so buy yours as soon as possible. Contact us to find out how.

Proposed Christmas Basket Food List

Main Meal Essentials

Turkey or Ham
 5 lb bag of potatoes
 canned green beans
 canned corn
 stuffing (stove top)
 a jar of gravy
 cranberry sauce
 rolls
 tortillas (Grandma's)
 butter
 salt/pepper

Dessert

pumpkin pie
 whipped cream

Extra Items (Wal-Mart)

Detergent (Sun-29loads)
 Laundry Baskets
 Dish Soap (Ajax-16 fl oz)
 Canned Food (Great Value)
 Bag of rice
 Bag of beans
 Loaf of bread
 Flour
 4-pack of tissue paper

Grand Total:
\$60.00 per Basket



We're on the web!!

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THANK YOU!!!!

Los Ojos de la Familia wants to thank the following people, who have contributed money, time, and effort for the benefit of the community:

Dr. Gil Fernandez—Donated dental work. (505) 898-8063

Dr. Jerry Sandoval—Donated eye exams/glasses. (505) 888-5111

Roman and Alicia Martinez—set up of Carlos Rey recipients

Della Montoya—Time and effort in contacting and organizing awards.

Onesimo Vigil—Chairperson for Christmas Baskets

Nancy Mcrae—Chairperson for Applicant Reviews

Jason Ayala—Chairperson for Fundraising Committee

Trula Howe—Time and effort in preparing media for charity, and all other efforts.

Jill Montoya—time and efforts with committee and planning.

The following people have already agreed to sponsor Christmas dinner-baskets, *so far we have 21, we would like to have at least 50:*

Onesimo & Rachel Vigil

Eric & Linda Strauss

Darlene McKerracher

Rita Calderon

Vince & Christian Martinez

Eddie & Karla Quintana

Chris & Marquita Montano

David & Cecilia Escudero

Jennifer & Bobby Medina

Michael & Jill Montoya

Nancy McRae

Sigfredo & Debbie Vigil

Benny & Della Montoya

Isaac J Zamora

Jason Ayala

Steve & Michelle Montano

Brian & Jocelyn Chavez

Roman & Alicia Martinez

And the following people, who have already volunteered to help with the Christmas dinner-basket give away:

Karen Romero

Amy Evelyth

Stephanie Brewer

Celina Vigil

Alec Rael

Joann Mercure

Brandy Smotts

Jackie Gregory

Della Montoya

Aban Lucero

Alek Lucero

Thank you to the people who have been a part of the Los Ojos committees:

Rachel Vigil

Alicia Martinez

Anne Swenson

Amy Evelyth

Karen Romero

Jill Montoya

Susan Johnson

Marquita Montano

Jared & Rachel Bevan

Thank you to all the board members for all your input and help:

Chairman—Michael Montoya

Vice Chairman—Brian Chavez

Secretary—Onesimo Vigil

Treasurer—Jason Ayala

Board Members:

Eric Strauss

Steve Medina

John Chavez

Nancy McRae

And thank you to all the board members and volunteers for making this organization a real and beneficial impact on the community.