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# La Vista Newsletter

Upcoming Events/Activities (see back cover)

**Deadlines— 2nd Quarter General Aid—6/3/11,  
Fall Scholarship—6/4/2011**

## Thank You Letters

*Esta nota es para agradecer a la asociación de Los Ojos de la Familia por la ayuda que a brindado a mi familia. Que Dios siga bendiciendo sus finanzas para que sian con la organización. y puedan ayudar las familias que lo necesiten. Gracias de todo corazon que Dios los siga bendiciendo. - Familia Rodriguez*

(Translation)

*This note is to thank the association Los Ojos de la Familia for the help you provided to my family. May God continue to bless your organization with the finances to help other families in need. Thank you with all my heart and may God continue to bless you. - The Rodriguez Family*



Dear Los Ojos de la Familia:

*I want to thank you for the WalMart card that you gave me and my family. I am very grateful. After our home burnt, we were left with nothing. This has helped me to buy food, shoes, clothes and other things we needed. I will always be thankful to Los Ojos de la Familia. Forever in your debt,*

*Leticia Caraveo*

## New Mexico Force —Youth Basketball Club

The New Mexico Force Youth Basketball Club is a non profit, 501(c)(3) team, which works with young men ages 10-17 throughout the state. It provides youth with an opportunity to play competitive basketball in New Mexico and in other states. The team consists of ten young men, and it costs the average youth about \$3,000.00 per year for club fees and traveling expenses, which include airfare, room and board. For many of these kids, athletics are the key to higher education. Many parents cannot afford the full costs, so they rely on sponsorships for their kids to attend and compete in these tournaments. Through these tournaments, many players have been noticed by college scouts, and have received full-ride scholarships to colleges and universities. This program has saved them and their families thousands of dollars in tuition fees. Tournaments begin every March and run through July. We were happy to give this team \$575.00 to cover the costs of two upcoming events— the Albuquerque West Mesa Tournament and the El Paso Shootout.



**Brandon Munoz** Brandon attends Highland High School, where he is an excellent student with a 3.0 GPA. He also participates in the Army JROTC program, in which he currently holds the rank of Commander. In addition, Brandon is an accomplished boxer, a sport in which he has won many championships, and it is his desire to become a professional in 2 years, when he graduates. He has asked for assistance to attend the Men's Golden Gloves competition in Colorado Springs, CO. We gave him a check in the amount of \$299.00, made out to Warrior Boxing.

**Christina Mata** Christina is a member of AHS DECA, and the General Manager for the AHS snack bar. She wants to attend the International Career Development Competition in Orlando, FL, an event designed to develop business and marketing knowledge and skills, and is asking for assistance to cover trip expenses, which total about \$1,100.00 per student. We gave her \$299.00 made out to AHS DECA.



**Leticia Caraveo** Leticia is a single mother of 4 and a survivor of domestic violence. Her house burned down on Christmas Eve this last year, and she was left with absolutely nothing. She and her family stayed in a church for awhile until that church raised enough to help her rent a house. They still need everything: clothes, furniture, groceries, anything one needs for a normal healthy life. We gave her a \$299.00 gift card to WalMart.



**Rodriguez Family** The Rodriguez family, led by single mother Rosa, has lived through some terrible tragedies. Her daughter, Paula, has leukemia and must be treated daily until 2012. The family had to move to Albuquerque because of this, and Rosa had to quit work in order to take care of her daughter's constant needs. The family lives on donations, from neighbors, churches, anyone who will help. We gave them a Walmart gift card for \$299.

**Samantha Saldana** Samantha is a member of AHS DECA and currently the Vice President of Communications for her chapter. She recently placed first in a local competitive event, which qualified her to participate in the International Career Development Competition in Orlando, FL. She is asking for assistance to cover trip expenses, and we gave her \$299.00 made out to AHS DECA.



**Santiago Amaro** Santiago is a student at Van Buren Middle School, an accomplished student with an excellent GPA, and a member of his local boxing team. His dedication to excellence shows not only in his grades, but also his boxing, at which he trains five days a week. He is asking for assistance to attend the Golden Gloves competition in Clovis, NM; without assistance, his family will not be able to afford the trip. We gave him assistance in the amount of \$299.00, made out to Warrior Boxing.



**Talia Kimberly Garcia** Talia is a member of AHS DECA and a manager for the snack bar at AHS. She is a conscientious and responsible student, with an excellent GPA and devotion to learning. She has qualified to compete in the International Career Development Competition in Orlando, FL, along with her teammates—Christina and Samantha. She is asking for assistance to help cover the costs of the trip. We gave her \$299.00 made out to AHS DECA.

### **Mammovan - Free Mammogram**

Associated Builders and Contractors is hosting a mobile mammogram event at their offices on April 19, 2011. The High Resolution Mammovan performs onsite digital screening mammograms. Sponsorship opportunities were offered, to cover the cost of these screenings. We donated \$200 to go to the cost of a mammogram for an uninsured woman.





## ACE LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Building Opportunities.

On March 29, 2011, ACE Leadership High School's Re-Engagement Program met in the PM hours to hear several announcements and to hold a small celebration of achievements. The student body was pleasantly surprised as *Ojos de la Familia* awards were announced. **Eleven**, very deserving students were donated \$150 Walmart gift certificates each. The timing was perfect as these students had just begun a new trimester, and the funds will help them and their families take care of personal needs. Present for this event, was the school's director, Tony Monfiletto and the evening Personnel, staff and students were very appreciative and rejoiced in the high-five's, congratulations, and plans of how to use the funds. This group had a heart felt thank you to *Los Ojos de la Familia* for helping make a great difference in these students' lives. This very generous gesture will not be forgotten! ACE is a new *charter* school and the Re-Engagement Program provides education and other services to students who have chosen to return to school to earn their high school diploma.

As you can imagine, this is no easy task. In addition to their studies, many of these families struggle financially. Education is the key initiative for Los Ojos de la Familia. This program and these kids are perfect examples of what we represent. We are proud to help these students as they work to help themselves and their families.

*Alejandro Solis, Amandarae Martinez, Angel Alvarez, Angel Silva, Dominique Trevino, Edgar Chavez, Eduardo Diaz, Emilio Estrada, Jesus Quintana, Mario Alberto Pilaes, Miguel Marquez.*



**United Way  
of Central New Mexico**

Thanks to the efforts of Nancy McRae and Brian Chavez, Los Ojos de la Familia is now a participating member of United Way of Central New Mexico.

This means that whatever company you work for, if they participate in giving to United Way, you can stipulate that any percentage of your donations goes to Los Ojos de la Familia.

Please mention this to all your coworkers, family and friends: help spread the word about us, so that we can help even more families and individuals in need of a helping hand.

Some participating companies in the Albuquerque area are:

*Intel, Lovelace, PHS, Cardinal Health, First Community Bank, Victoria's Secret Direct, Bank of Albuquerque, Bank of America, Big J Services, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, New Mexico Gas Company, and many more.*

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## 2011 Upcoming Events

### Casino Night

Our first annual casino night will be held at a local venue in either late May or early June of this year. It will be a night of gambling, eating, dancing and fun for all. This committee is headed by Michael and Jill Montoya, Onesimo Vigil and Janet Laswell.



### CLASSIC CAR SHOW



### Car Show

We will be hosting a car show in the park to benefit LODLF in either June or July of this year. It will be held at the Village of Los Ranchos Park off Rio Grande. We will have food and fun for all. This event is being organized by Eric and Linda Strauss and Onesimo Vigil.

### Annual Fundraiser

Last year's event with Tobias Renee was a great success! We plan on trying to top it this year with another great dinner and dance, in late August or Early September.



### Fall Carnival



Once again, we are having a Kids' Fall Carnival right around Halloween. There will be food, games, activities, candy, music and fun for all. We will also be collecting coats for kids again, so hold on to those winter coats that no longer fit, and start thinking about what costume you will wear.

### Santa Crawl



This event will be held at the beginning of December. We will solicit a local limo bus company to taxi a group of participants dressed in their holiday best from one local bar to another. We plan to raise money for the charity and celebrate the holiday season. Please come and join us. This event is being organized by Jason Ayala and Anne Swenson.

### Christmas Basket Give-Away

Last year, for this event we gave out 70 give baskets; this year our goal will be 150 baskets for families in need. We are very excited about this event, and the chance to reach so many deserving folks. This event is being chaired by Onesimo Vigil. Please watch last year's video about this event at our website:

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### 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.