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La Vista Newsletter

Upcoming Events/Activities (see back cover)

**Deadlines— 3rd Quarter General Aid—9/9/11
Spring Scholarships—12/31/2011**

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament



The Texas Hold 'Em Tournament was a complete success for our first year. Our first place winner was Devin Cannady, Second place went to Rhonda Dimperio, third went to Jason Chavez and fourth to Shallen Montoya. The tournament was organized and hosted by Aaron Jaramillo and his amazing crew. Every aspect of the tournament went smoothly and fun was had by all. All attendees enjoyed the great food, wonderful accommodations, lively DJ and all the wonderful door prizes and the \$1.00 raffle was a huge success again. The event raised over \$8,000.00 for continued support of our mission and commitment to help our community and those in need. This event will become one of our key fundraisers every year. Thank you to everyone involved.

Thank You Letters

Dear Los Ojos de la Familia,

I wanted to write and thank you for your support during the 2010-2011 school year. Your organization provided assistance for 2 field trips our students took, to stage performances of The Nutcracker and Pippi Longstocking. The children really enjoyed their experiences and learned about fine arts. I sincerely appreciate your support of our community and students.—*Karen Marler, M Ed, 1st Grade Teacher, McCollum Elementary School*

Dear Los Ojos de la Familia,

Thank you for sponsoring the ABC,ASA-NM, and CFMA *MammoVan Event for Women in the Construction Industry* on April 19, 2011. With your generous donations, we were able to provide mammograms for 33 women, about one third of whom were underinsured or uninsured. As a result of the mammograms, several uninsured women had to have further screening, and we had the funds to pay for those follow-up visits. You helped us save some lives! We hope that this will become an annual event—our primary purpose is to get women tested for breast cancer, and you helped us achieve that this year. Thank you again for your kindness and benevolence. Regards—*Roxanne Rivera-West, President, Associated Builder & Contractors, Inc.*

ACE Leadership High School wishes to formally thank Los Ojos de la Familia for the recent economic support given to eleven of our evening program students. The students in the Re-engagement Program have made a courageous decision to return to school and attempt to earn their high school diploma, a certification in one of our concentrations: architecture, construction, and engineering, and hopefully, an internship and/or higher education. Your contributions have helped these students cover some personal needs, but primarily, serve to encourage them in their continued work. We also wish you to know, we had a special ceremony wherein we made formal presentations of your awards and also honored the students for projects completed. Again, thank you so much. We hope LODLF will continue to consider future students for these awards.—*Tony Monfletto—Director, Rafe Martinez—Director of Student Support, Blanca Elia—Achievement Coach*

Mi nombre es Socorro Saldivar. Le estoy muy agradecida a Los Ojos de la Familia, por ayudarme, y espero que dios los siga ayudando a ellos para que sigan ayudando a la gente que lo necesita que dios los bendija a todos ustedes que se preocupan por las familias de aque de Albuquerque—*Socorro Saldivar*

Dear Los Ojos de la Familia,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! I really appreciate it!! This scholarship will help me in starting my degree in nursing. I can't thank you enough for granting me this scholarship, for continuing my education to make a difference in New Mexico. Once again, Thank you!! Sincerely—*Adelaida Jaramillo*

Los Ojos de la Familia,

Thank you so much for the gracious and beautiful scholarship. I am extremely grateful for the help you are providing. The money will be very helpful in furthering my education at UNM. I plan to major in Chemistry, with a concentration on Pre-Med, so I am happy to receive this wonderful gift. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart, and may God bless. In God—*Monica Rae Serna*

Los Ojos de la Familia,

Thank you so much for your help. This scholarship will help take weight off my parents' shoulders, and help me continue with my studies.—*Jaquelyn Hernandez*

Scholarships Awarded



Jaime Hernandez Jamie is a senior at La Cueva High School, the eldest of 3 children, his GPA is nearly 3.5, and he wants to be the first from his family to attend college. Accepted to Lincoln College, he is receiving a soccer scholarship to cover some of the tuition. Jaime has volunteered for the high school youth soccer camp for the last 3 years, and he and his team have been actively involved in the community, including feeding the homeless and a cancer awareness project. We gave him a \$500 scholarship to help with tuition.

Adelaida Jaramillo Adelaida recently graduated from Valley, the Student Body President and Valley Academy President during her senior year, and captain of Cross Country and Track for 2 years. She's been an active part of her community, organizing fundraisers for both school and charities, including Ronald McDonald House, Storehouse, Roadrunner Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul and Walk for Breast Cancer. She plans to attend UNM in either pre-med or education, but she and her single mother are on a limited budget. We gave her a \$500 scholarship.



Alicia Candelaria Alicia is a sophomore at UNM, who enjoys volunteering in her community, including Manzano de Sol nursing home, where she learned all about helping others and discovered her calling: she wants to work in the healthcare industry. She does not receive financial aid, as she is still living at home with her parents, but she works part time while attending school to try to pay her tuition and books. We gave her a \$500 scholarship.

Clarence Lucero Clarence recently graduated from Valencia High, where he earned a GPA of 3.645 and was involved in the drum line of the marching band. He is a dedicated student, and tries to be a good example of hard work and leadership. He plans to attend college to pursue a degree in engineering. He wants to inspire those around him to continue education and self-improvement. He can only work part time to help pay for college, due to class schedule. We gave him \$500 for tuition.



Jaquelyn Hernandez Jaquelyn is now a sophomore at UNM. During high school she participated in several community groups through Key Club (part of Kiwanis) and National Honor Society, working at Balloon Fiesta, community cleaning and maintenance projects, and pickup of neighborhood parks. She wants to avoid taking out loans, to start her career debt free. We gave her a \$500 scholarship.

Monica Rae Serna

Monica recently graduated from St. Pius X and will be attending UNM this fall to begin her education to become a doctor. She is an active participant in many community organizations including her church and school organizations and sports. She loves learning, and is a member of National Honor Society. We gave her a \$500 scholarship.



General Assistance Given



Brenda Perry, obo Desert Hills Desert Hills is a 24-hr residential treatment facility for at-risk youth, with many suffering mental illness from sexual and/or physical abuse. Many of these have little or no family support, dependencies, and live there 9 months or more a year. The program is on a strictly limited budget, and the directors are therefore limited to what activities and items can be purchased. Brenda, the Program Director of the Redwood unit of Desert Hills, asked for help to purchase hygiene and personal supply items. We gave Brenda \$299.00 for the youth.

Alisa Gonzales Alisa is a single mother, with a daughter who has CDLS and heart problems. She needs assistance with thickener for her daughter's formula, help with utility bill and any financial assistance available. We gave her \$250



Derrick & Monica Otero The Oteros are a family of 6, the youngest of which has a blood disorder. They are unsure how they will pay for medical bills they, from treatments, to medications, to possible bone marrow treatments; they will be making a trip to Denver Children's Hospital. There live with Derrick's parents, which covers rent and some needs. We gave \$200 for

Socorro Saldivar Socorro is a mother of six, who is doing her best to make ends meet. She often doesn't have enough income to provide for the kids' basic needs, such as toiletries, food and clothes, much less buying them the toys and games that most kids are privileged to enjoy. She asked for any help that we can give. We gave her \$200.00 to help with general expenses.



Kimberly Hernandez Kimberly is a single mother of 4, with chronic kidney disease that has progressed to end stage renal disease. She has 14% function remaining and is currently on the national list for kidney transplant. She needs help with utilities, as soon as possible. We gave her \$299.

Other Recipients Cecilia Munoz—Soccer coach requested assistance on her behalf to play competitive soccer including registration, uniform, tournament fees. We gave \$299.

Krystal Roybal—is a single mother, her son is due for open heart surgery. She has FMLA leave, but not with pay. We gave her \$250 to help with bills in her time off.

Mariah Calderon—was given the opportunity to play on triple-crown USA all-star softball team, but needs help with trip costs. We gave her \$250.

Marissa Baumgardner—is a student at St. Pius, was offered a chance to go on a pilgrimage to NY with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, to assist with the rebuilding at ground zero. Her family is unable to afford the trip; we gave her \$250 toward the trip.



Thank-You!!

Thank you to Aaron Jaramillo and his amazing crew for organizing the tournament.. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you to Faizel and the Kassam family for donating the Hotel space and all generous support

Thank you to Holiday Inn GM Richard Cardenas & Sales Director Michelle Maestas for all the wonderful support and organization

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Participants, who donated \$100.00 each:

Gene Baca, Kenneth Baeza, Tresha Binabese, Juan Calderon, Randy Calderon, Crickett Cannady, Devin Cannady, Mac Caudill, Brian Chavez, Jason Chavez, Kenneth Corazza, Rhonda Dimperio, Hank Gallegos, Gilbert Garcia, Larry Garland, Jackie Gregory, Jean-Paul de Jager, Brian Jaramillo, Cherish Jaramillo, Kevin Kahn, CW Laswell, Clarence Lucero, Anita Maestas, Melanie Quill, Adrian Marquez, Andrew Martinez, Derrick Martinez, Roman Martinez, Sue Martinez, Mario Medina, Steve Medina, Chris Montano, Marquita Montano, Benny Montoya, Shallen Montoya, Travis Pownall, Dave M. Romero, David A Romero, Jason Romero, Warren Salazar, Jim Tuttle, Jacklyn Velasquez, Debbie Vigil, Jack Vigil, Onesimo Vigil, Rachel Vigil, Sonny Vigil, Steve Yarbrough, Gilbert Garcia

Dinner and Dance attendees, who donated \$25.00 each:

Suzanne Alexander, Gerald Apodaca, Marjorie Apodaca, Debra Banda, Jeanette Bath, Jeremy Bath, Jolene Calderon, Rita Calderon, Janice Caudill, Joslin Chavez, Monica Chavez, Frank Craig, Beverly Dodson, Everett Dodson, Jocelyn Dodson, William Dodson, Tom Dimperio, Kelly Famiglietta, Steve Famiglietta, Debbie Garland, Adrianna Gallegos, Cleo Gregory, Chris Herrera, Georgia Herrera, Kate Jaramillo, Janet Laswell, Valerie Lovato, Aban Lucero, Cynthia Lucero, Darlene Lucero, Sandra Lucero, Mr. & Mrs. Luna, Reyes Maestas, Javier Mariscal, Shannon Mariscal, Alicia Martinez, Rosalyn Martinez, Nancy McRae, Della Montoya, Jill Montoya, Jose Montoya, Margaret Montoya, Michael Montoya, Sandra Montoya, Valorie Montoya, Georgia Mora, Nicole Morales-Garcia, Lydia Muniz, Oscar Muniz, Mike Novak, Sandi Novak, Denise Romero, Karen Romero, Sheryl Romero, Mae Lynn Spahr, Linda Strauss, Melissa Tuttle, Joyce Valdo, Arlie Velasquez, Susie Yarbrough, Brianne Hutson, Nichole Garcia

Prize Donations:

Men's Tool Bag – Value \$250.00 – Donated by: Benny and Michael Montoya

4 Tool Lithium Combo Set – Value \$240.00 – Donated by Mario Barrera from Lowe's (on 12th St.) and thank you to Mo for attaining the prize

42" Sanyo Plasma HDTV – Value \$500.00 – Donated by Michael and Jill Montoya

Turquoise Necklace with Pendant & Earrings – Value \$240.00 – Donated by Denise Jimenez

Victoria's Secret & Bath & Body Works Basket – Value: \$350.00 – Donated by: Nancy McRae, Della Montoya, Jennifer Medina, Shannon Mariscal, Suzanne Alexander, Tresh Binabese.

Holiday Inn Room w/ breakfast, wine, cheese and nuts basket – Value \$200.00 – Donated by Faizel Kassam and Cynthia Lucero

Cooking Basket – Value \$200.00 – Donated by Cynthia Lucero & Denise Jimenez

Candle Basket – Value \$200.00 – Donated by Denise Jimenez & Cynthia Lucero

Thank you to Rita Calderon, Denise Jimenez, Cynthia Lucero and Valorie Montoya for the generous donations for the \$1.00 raffle prizes.

Thank you to Mo Vigil, CrossFit Gym, Rita Calderon, Cynthia Lucero, Denise Jimenez, Valorie Montoya for the donations of the door prizes

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2011 Upcoming Events



Car Show

On July 24, 2011 from 10 am till 2 pm at Harnet Park on Rio Grade Blvd. Los Ojos de la Familia will be hosting its first annual car show. If you would like to show off your car please contact Linda Strauss at (505) 459-7413 or visit the website for a registration form. This event is free to the public and will be a day showcasing cool cars, a Harley Davidson raffle, live DJ, jump houses for the kids, food and lots of family fun for a wonderful cause.

Harley Raffle

A 1998 custom Harley Fat Boy has been donated to Los Ojos de la Familia. Raffle tickets are now on sale for \$20 each, and only 1000 tickets will be sold. Get yours now!



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.