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Upcoming Events/Activities (see back cover)

Deadlines 4th Quarter General Aid—12/9/2011, Spring Scholarships—12/31/2011



2011 Kids Fall Carnival

Families descended in droves on the Montoya property, on October 29, for the 3rd Annual Kids Fall Carnival. Sounds of children's laughter (as well as that of many adults), cakewalk music and MC Eric Strauss' voice filled the air from 1pm—5pm. The event - which featured jumping castles, dunk tank, cake walks, face-painting, frame decorations, bobbing-for-apples, bobbing-for-donuts, carnival games, rock-wall-climbing, paintball-course, costume contests, music, pony-rides, plus other games and booths, nachos and hotdogs and LOADS OF CANDY - was enjoyed by all who attended. Other fundraising activities at the event were the basket auction, the jersey auction and the raffle for the 1998 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy, the drawing for which will be held on December 17, 2011.

Volunteers from businesses, schools, other organizations and caring individuals put together a highly successful fundraiser which raised approximately \$2,000.00 for Los Ojos de la Familia.

1998 Harley-Davidson Raffle



Los Ojos de la Familia was generously donated a 1998 Harley-Davidson Custom Fat Boy, to raffle as a fundraiser for the charity. Tickets are \$20, only 1000 sold.

The drawing will be held on 12/17/2011, or sooner if all tickets are sold. For more information, please call 362-6073 or see website www.losojosdelafamilia.org.



THANK YOU!!

Los Ojos de la Familia would like to thank everyone who contributed time, material and money to help make the 2011 Kids' Fall Carnival a smashing success!!

We would like to thank all the families and individuals that helped with booths, food, set up , tear down , clean up, parking, raffles and entertainment for this years event

We would also like to thank everyone for their monetary donations and their time and support of this event. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time and that we can continue to grow the event and have a fun, safe and memorable event for many years to come.

Nothing would be possible without all the wonderful and generous support of everyone that was at this years event, Thank you all and have a wonderful Holiday season and we look forward seeing you all at the next event.

From the Redwood Girls

Shallen, Thank you for the candy, the costume, and also thank you for inviting me and all the girls to your Halloween party!! It was exciting and awesome! So again thank you for everything and also being my other favorite nurse that has been on Redwood. So again, thank you.
Love, Allie.
Happy Halloween

Hi Shallen, I just wanted to drop by to say thank you for inviting the Redwood girls to your Familia. It was a really, really amazing party. I give you thanks a lot for doing that for us. We got to get out of the unit for a few hours. You are the best nurse ever! You rock, don't ever forget that, Ms. Shallen. I really enjoying being there. It was great; I don't know how to tell you how much fun I had, I loved it! You rock, Shallen, always! I will always remember you,
Lilly Tucker

Shallen, I just wanted to say that I'm so thankful for everything that you had planned for us. I really enjoyed myself; I can't remember the last time I had as much fun as I had at the carnival. My words can't express enough, how much I am appreciative for you and your family, for the hard work you all put into the event. I want you to know that I appreciated it, and I'm positive the rest of our girls do as well. I have to say that this is the best Halloween that I've had so far. Thank you, and I'm so glad I had the opportunity to meet your family and enjoy myself the way I did. Sincerely and always, Elyssa Chavez



Los Ojos de la Familia recently received a request for assistance from a family in Arizona. A family of 5, the Grafts are active members of their community, devoting themselves wholeheartedly to the raising of their three sons. The two oldest are in college, and the youngest is a straight-A 7th-grader, involved in Scouts, sports and community. In addition, they care for an elderly man. The financial challenges of supporting their sons is becoming more than they can handle, despite careful preparation, with the rising costs of tuition, books, transportation, food, rent and medical expenses. They asked for our help with temporary relief. Los Ojos gave the family a \$500 gift card to

Walmart to help with much needed house hold items and food. CGI donated a HP mini Net book for the family to use for their personal use and class courses. This will be our first award to an Arizona family. As we look to branch out to other communities, families like the Grafts will be instrumental at spreading the word.

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2011 Christmas Basket Give-Away

Last year at Christmas, Los Ojos de la Familia gave out 70 baskets, filled with Christmas dinner, food, toiletries, and other supplies, to families in need. This year, our goal is to increase that number to 150 baskets.



Come join us as we reach out to our community during the holidays. We are accepting corporate donations and individual basket sponsorships; each basket will be \$60. You can also volunteer to assemble and distribute the baskets, on December 17, 2011.

Visit our website for more information about the organization and for video of last year's event:
www.losojosdelafamilia.org

If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please call us at 505-897-4225 and ask for Los Ojos de la Familia, or email us at assistance@losojosdelafamilia.org.



1st Annual Santa Crawl

"For a Good Claus"



The 1st Annual Los Ojos de la Familia Santa Crawl will be held on December 3rd, 2011. This event is a slight twist to your traditional pub crawl. 1st, it is tied to the charity so proceeds from ticket purchases, sponsorships, and kids toys go directly back to the community. 2nd, guests of the Santa Crawl are asked to dress in Santa Suits or Santa-ish gear, while we spread holiday cheer throughout Uptown & Nob Hill drinking establishments. Come set the tone for the Holiday Season and help out your community!

What's OK to Wear:

Santa Claus—Mrs. Claus—Elf—Reindeer—Candy Cane—Nutcracker—Snowman
**** Be creative, be funny, be sexy, but dress up and keep it clean!!!**

What's NOT OK to Wear:

Plain Clothes—Just a Santa hat

**** If you don't have the proper attire, you can get great costumes at:**

www.santasuits.com www.mysantasuit.com www.santacostumes.com



Gifts For The Kids: All guests are asked to bring an unwrapped/unopened toy.

AGENDA

4:00 PM Meet at Hilton Garden Inn Uptown—6510 Americas Parkway NE. Room discounts provided to LODLF, so book your room early.

5:30 PM Board buses, and the crawl has begun—Nob Hill Area. We will be stopping at Monte Vist Fire Station, JC's New York Pizza Dept., and a host of other great drinking establishments, spending about 1-1.5 hrs at each location. You will be emailed a list of bars and times prior to the event.

TICKETS: Santa(men) - \$75; Mrs. Claus(women) - \$25. Purchase your ticket at www.losojosdelafamilia.com.

Click the **PayPal** link to buy your tickets, then bring your receipt to the Hilton, where you will receive a wrist band at the hotel to participate in the festivities.

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.