



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*What a phenomenal year we've had! Every fundraiser was more successful, we have dozens of new volunteers, and most importantly, we were able to make a positive and powerful impact on our New Mexico community. We just finished wrapping up last year with the latest round of general assistance, and we were glad to reach out to **14 families** this quarter. We hope you will take just a moment to read about how, with your help, Los Ojos de la Familia is making a difference in the lives of the people of New Mexico.*

*All of us at Los Ojos de la Familia want to thank you for your giving (time, money, resources), loyalty, and support in 2015. We hope to see you again in 2016!*

**2015 4th Quarter General Assistance**



**Andrea Martinez** lives with her disabled husband and works very hard to make ends meet. However, it has been a struggle lately to keep food on the table. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help feed her family this month.

**Markisha Dixon** is a mother of two who has fallen behind on a few bills due to a cutback in hours at work. She is already working to get more hours but needed a helping hand. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help with essentials.

**Maria Saiz** is an elderly woman with stage 4 cancer, whose does not have enough funds to cover her bills. She lives on her own, and her condition makes it difficult to do much work around the house. We gave her a Walmart gift card to ease the strain of grocery expenses.

**Sandra Lucero** is a single woman with guardianship of her three grandchildren. The income from her job has not been enough to keep up with the bills. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help with the children's everyday necessities.

**Desert Ridge Middle School Band Program** requested help with sending three underprivileged children to Hummingbird band camp this month. Although the program is available to all students, many families cannot afford the fees to send their kids to camp. We wrote a check to the program to help cover registrations fees for some of these children.

**Debra Perez** recently suffered a severe blood illness which required heart surgery. Not being able to work and the cost of her regular medical appointments and medication are becoming too much for her finances. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help with daily needs.

**Efrain Escobedo** makes a yearly trip to Juarez, Mexico, to bring toys to the less fortunate children of the city. He asked for help in purchasing more toys for his yearly trip. We gave him a Walmart gift card to help fill his vehicle with toys for Christmas.

**Jessica Jamon** is a mother of three who recently became homeless because of a domestic violence situation. She found work and is looking for an apartment for her family. We gave her a Walmart gift card to free up some of her funds toward a down payment.

**Nancy Banuelos** suffered a vehicle accident several months ago, which left her with severe spinal injuries and brain trauma. She lost her job and currently has no income. She will be undergoing long term treatment for her TBI, and has no family support. We gave her a gift card to help keep up with the basic needs.

**Yvonne Salazar** is a mother of two who recently had surgery, which forced her to use her all her time off to recover. Between her remaining copay, deductible, regular bills and caring for her special needs nephew, she has used up her savings and is now in a bind. We gave her a gift card to help her cover her family's daily needs.

**Luke Anthony Sanchez** has been fighting to see his son, who was taken 2-1/2 years ago by his ex-wife to another state, against court orders. After returning to court, he was given visitation rights but has to cover the costs of traveling to Oregon regularly to spend his allotted time with his son. He asked for help to be able to continue to visit his son. We gave him a Walmart gift card to help free up expenses for his next trip.

**Tim Terrell** is a husband and father of four children who was recently laid off his job. As a cancer survivor, he incurs regular medical bills. The family has fallen behind on bills due to loss of income and building medical expenses. In addition to the holiday gift basket, we gave them a gift card to help cover basic household items.

**Drew Austin** is a teacher and single parent, who is recovering from brain surgery. She didn't think she and her two daughters would have Christmas, because she had to obtain a service dog for one of her children. In addition to the holiday gift basket, we gave them a Walmart gift card to help cover regular household needs.

**Gustavo Hernandez** is a disabled father, whose fixed income is limited and during the winter months, it is not enough to cover utilities. We gave him a Walmart gift card to free up some of his income for utility bills.

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Los Ojos de la Familia is registered with **United Way Northern New Mexico**



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and we encourage you to consider asking that your donations go toward this charity. Ask your benefits administrator how you can designate LODLF as your charity of choice.

[United Way Contribution Form](#)

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