



## ***Emergency Assistance***

***This month we received four nominations for emergency assistance from our board. Each of them was approved unanimously, and if you read their stories, it is easy to see why. We are grateful to be able to reach out and lift up our fellow New Mexicans in time of need. We couldn't do it without you!***

***Once again, thank you all for being a part of this generous and loving organization, and for helping us make a real difference in our community.***

### ***JADE GARCIA***



Jade is a young lady who was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer; she was given six months to live. She lives alone with her grandmother, and they are struggling to stay on top of the bills, with the heavy added weight of the many medical bills they now face.

Jade refuses to surrender to her illness, staying positive and fighting for her life. Her Brazilian Jiu Jitsu academy, Gracia Barra of New Mexico, has been working to raise funds to help the family, holding their own raffles and spreading the word to all of their members. One of their members is affiliated with Los Ojos de la Familia and recommended her to us. We are glad we could contribute to this inspirational young lady and her family

## ***THE RICHESINS***

Shawn and Felicia Richesin, along with their five children, when they were in a terrible accident, when they were struck by a car while pulled off to secure their load. Felicia suffered the worst of the injuries; both of her legs had to be amputated. The family is going through major financial and emotional distress, and are struggling to keep up with rent, bills, groceries and day-to-day needs. We contributed to the family's account, to help them as they struggle through this time of change and adjustment.



## ***NM MESA Truman Middle School: Cottonwood Gulch Adventure***



The New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (NM MESA and/or MESA) is a pre-college program that prepares students for college and careers in mathematics, engineering, science or technically related fields. During our last holiday basket give away, students

with NM Mesa worked with Los Ojos de la Familia to help assemble gift baskets. MESA has a yearly outdoor education adventure for students, the vast majority of which are Title 1 students, already on a limited family income. MESA notified us that none of the current applicants have ever been on a wilderness adventure or even put on a backpack for a hike. There are various fund-raising efforts to help the kids attend, and we were happy to be able to contribute to an eye-opening experience for those children who may not have had this opportunity otherwise.



## ***Albuquerque Aardvarks Junior Rugby***

The Albuquerque Aardvarks are a community recreational rugby team, founded in 1973, who are active participants in many community organizations and events. They work with local youth organizations to introduce, educate, and train kids in the sport. Many of the teenagers interested in joining the junior club are unable to pay the needed dues and fees. However, the club offers some need-based scholarships and accepts donations to cover some of these fees, to give less fortunate kids the same opportunity to learn and play rugby, and participate in upcoming tournaments. We wrote a check to help give New Mexico teenagers the chance to learn about teamwork, community, and the rewards of hard work, in a fun and exciting way.



## **UPCOMING EVENT!!!!**

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**6TH ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT**

**APRIL 16TH**

**\$25 DINNER**

**\$100 DONATION**

PLACE: HOLIDAY INN  
 5050 JEFFERSON ST. NE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109  
 REGISTRATION: 6:30PM TILL 7PM  
 DINNER: \$25 PER PERSON  
 TOURNAMENT FEE: \$100 (INCLUDES DINNER)  
 DINNER 7PM TILL 8PM  
 POKER TOURNEY 8PM TILL 11PM  
 DANCE 11PM TILL 1AM

ALL PARTICIPANTS MAKING THE FINAL TABLE WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE  
 FOUR ADDITIONAL GRAND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AS PARTICIPANTS ARE  
 ELIMINATED FROM THE TOURNAMENT BY ACE DRAW RAFFLE  
 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CHILDREN & FAMILIES...

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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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