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FIRST RESPONDERS AWARD

BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Deputy Garland Leatherman

This month, our First Responders committee recognized a need in our public service community: the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department Deputy Garland Leatherman was recently diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome, which causes partial paralysis and requires hospitalized treatment.

He is a husband and a father of two children, both under 4-years-old. He has been unable to work for about a month, and it is unlikely that he will be able to return for a few months. He is currently undergoing rehabilitation in an in-patient facility, and he is giving his all to get back on his feet. We wrote a check to help cover medical expenses and the costs of everyday living, while he is unable to work. Get well soon, Deputy Leatherman, our prayers and good thoughts are with you



2ND QUARTER GENERAL ASSISTANCE



JUANITA GALLEGOS is a hard-working young lady, devoted to her family and her education. She lives with her younger brother and her father, who suffers from diabetes and whose pension and military retirement are the main source of the family's income. He was recently hospitalized, but is now home. Juanita works at the Altamont Little League after school, to try and help with getting food on the table, and she plans to join the Air Force after she graduates. We wrote a check to help with this month's mortgage. You are a shining example of a responsibility, loyalty and devotion, Juanita. Keep up the great work!

ALYSSA ENCINIAS is a wife and mother of four, who recently underwent brain surgery to remove a tumor. When the surgery was unsuccessful and she had to return for further treatment, her husband, who is the main source of income for the family, missed three weeks of work, without pay, to care for the family. They had already fallen behind on bills because of the medical needs of her son, who requires out-of-state care. We wrote a check to help out with rent. Get well soon and blessings to your family, Alyssa!

MARY HELEN HERNANDEZ recently lost her son, and was forced to get loans to pay for the funeral expenses. Her limited income is now strained because of the additional cost of loan payments, and she has fallen behind on rent. We wrote a check to help her catch up with part of her rent. Our deepest condolences and our best wishes during this grieving process, Mary Helen.

ELIZABETH MURPHY is a single mother, whose daughter just had a baby. She is the only income to provide for all three, and they are trying to put down a deposit on an apartment. She has no other family to help her, and asked for help to keep her family from being homeless. We wrote a check to her apartment manager, to help her establish a home for her and her family. Best wishes for your family, Elizabeth.

MANUEL SANCHEZ is an incoming sophomore at Valley High School. His mother is a single parent of two, who works full time to care for her family. Manuel is a straight-A student, who also plays football, basketball and baseball, which costs her between \$200 and \$500 per sport per year. She just finished paying off his freshman fees, but the new football season is about to start. They have already been fundraising and saving, but she is needing help to cover those fees. We wrote a check to Valley High School Football Boosters, so he can continue with his sports career. Keep up the hard work, Manuel!

LUCHRISA PRICE is a woman who has been caring for her sister and two kids, but she recently was laid off her job. She has been struggling to make ends meet, but has fallen behind on rent, and they are in danger of being evicted. We wrote a check to help toward getting them caught up on rent. Good luck and chin up, Luchrisa.

GLORIA VIGIL is a in-home caregiver who has recently gone through some financial difficulties, causing her to fall behind on her utilities, as well as not having gas money to get to work. We gave her a gift card to Smiths to help cover gas and groceries, freeing some income to pay off her PNM bill. It is our pleasure to give a helping hand to a compassionate and hard worker; thank you Gloria!

NANCY MUNOZ lost her daughter last month, and is now the guardian of her three grandchildren. She is on a fixed income and is struggling to pay for the additional costs, while trying to cover burial expenses for her daughter. We wrote a check to Daniels Funeral Home to help her lay her daughter to rest. Our deepest condolences on your heartbreaking loss and our encouragement for helping to raise your grandchildren, Nancy.



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

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