



## **Emergency Assistance - August 2016**

*Our board unanimously voted to give emergency aid to four more deserving individuals and families this month. Thanks to generous support of all of you, we were able to give hope to these members of community in need. These stories confirm once again that Los Ojos de la Familia is an organization that makes a real positive difference in the lives of everyday New Mexicans.*

**Joseph Mahboub** was diagnosed with a Stage 4 Mixed Carcinoid Adenocarcinoma in January. He consulted with several other doctors around the country, only to find that his condition is incurable. He has been given six months to live, and has been unable to work at all. He has a wife and four children, and the medical bills have been piling up. When we told him we want to help, he asked us to write the check to cover his son's braces. Our heartfelt prayers go to this dear family.

**Frances Martinez** was diagnosed with rectal cancer in March. Since then she has undergone weeks of chemotherapy and radiation, and in July had surgery to try and help. She believes she is on the road to recovery and will even be able to return to work at some point. She needs help with her medical bills, as well as prescriptions and medical supplies. We wrote checks to Edgepark Medical Supplies and Presbyterian Health, and we gave her a gift card to Walmart to help with day to day needs. Get well soon!

**James Ploof** is a single father of three children. He is self-employed as a handyman, but his car recently broke down. He must have the car in order to work and support his children. We helped pay for his insurance and registration, as well as a gift card to help cover groceries, clothes, and school supplies for the children. Keep up the hard work, James.

**Sonya Duran** is a kindergarten teacher at Sunset View Elementary, who is trying to create an self-empowering education experience in her classroom. While each APS teacher receives \$100 from the district for the year for

supplies, that is simply not enough. Most public school teachers spend money out of pocket on their classes, but she has not been able to do that as much as she would like. She asked for help purchasing materials to give the children a welcoming and learning-enriched environment. We were glad to write a check to the Sunset View to help her reach that goal. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to your students, the future of our community. Thank you!

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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.

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