
3rd Quarter General Assistance



Los Ojos de la Familia has been making a positive impact on our community for over six years, and we have distributed over \$250,000 to New Mexico families and individuals!

We just want to thank everyone who contributes in any way, for your support and participation. It is because of your generosity, that we are able to reach out a helping hand to members of our community in need. Here are some of the ways we have made a difference in the lives of New Mexicans this quarter.

Aaron Osborne is the father of Kyle, a young man with a rare form of cancer that attacked his back. Last year, he had surgery to remove the cancer, and for a while everything looked good. Recently, he has been struggling again with his health, and the family needs to consult other hospitals for second opinions and ideas. They could really use help in covering travel and medical costs; we gladly contribute toward his medical expenses.

Alicia Castellano first found out about Los Ojos de la Familia, when they decided to come to our recent kids fall carnival / car show. She and her daughters were abandoned in Albuquerque a couple weeks ago, and they had been struggling to find a way back home. Her sister had been letting them stay with her, but the girls needed to be back in school. We helped them with bus fare for all three back to Texas.

Bernadette Arellano is a teacher at LBJ middle school, who is committed to giving her students educational and cultural opportunities, especially for those students who might otherwise never have the experience. She asked for help in covering some of the costs of taking her classes to watch a Shakespeare play at UNM, *Much Ado About Nothing*. UNM already reduced the ticket price to something parents

were able to cover, but they still needed funds to cover transportation. We wrote a check to the school to help cover the costs for the buses.

James Blea has been struggling with health complications due to diabetes, which required the amputation of his toes and other major surgeries. They live in Tucumcari, but have to travel every week to Las Vegas for doctor's visits. They have asked for help to cover the mounting medical costs not covered by insurance. We wrote a check to Alta Vista Hospital to help him get caught up.

Maureen Chavez is the single mother of five children, who recently lost her full time job status, due to the upcoming closure of the company. The loss of income has caused her to fall behind on rent and her utilities were turned off. She recently found another job to help her make the income she needs to care for her family. She asked for help to cover some of the bills she's fallen behind on, while she works to get back on her feet. We helped her get caught up on a couple of her regular bills.

North Valley Academy - Adrianna Gallegos

is the president for the PTO of North Valley Academy, a small, Title I charter school. Every year, the NVA PTO holds a Harvest Fest, which is one of their biggest fundraisers. They asked for help in purchasing food and drinks for the event; we wrote a check to the PTO to help them keep the event on the schedule.

Ruby Lucero needs emergency dental work, and her current insurance does not cover the dental work she needs, which includes dentures.

Ruby is on a fixed income, and she cannot afford to cover the needed dental work. We gave her a gift card to Walmart to help cover the costs of daily needs and free up some of her income to cover her medical costs.

Shara Kikta is the single mother whose daughter was born with a genetic disorder which requires frequent doctor's appointments and ongoing treatments. After losing her job of ten years, almost two years ago, she has been struggling to find regular employment, with the most recent turning out to be a hostile working environment. She is now looking for new work, and is also investigating going back to school, to improve herself and gain new job skills. She has been able to stay with her parents for now, but as they are on a fixed income, she does not wish to burden them with her own bills. She asked for help in covering a couple of her expenses which have become overdue. We wrote

checks to catch her up on her storage costs as well as her car insurance.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY!!

We are accepting sponsorships, donations, and nominations for this year's Holiday Basket Giveaway. Visit www.losojosdelafamilia.org or call 505-362-6073 to get involved!



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