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LA VISTA Newsletter

August 2017 Emergency Assistance

This month, members of our board nominated four families for emergency assistance, and we were able to lend a helping hand to each of them. Please take a moment to read about how together, we are making a difference in our New Mexico community.



Elizabeth Sheridan is the mother of 5-year-old Kaitlyn, who was diagnosed with a tumor at the base of her brain. Tragically, the cancer is aggressive and does not usually have a good outcome. The child has been going through radiation therapy, which was very painful and sadly not very effective. Elizabeth took a leave of absence from her job to care for her child, but she is still responsible for her insurance payments. She is now trying to sell her house to get some equity to keep up with all the bills. We wrote a check to her mortgage company to help keep afloat during this agonizing time.

Tiffany Sanchez is the single mother of two teenage boys, who attend Valley High School. She works full time, but she is barely able to make ends meet and has had a difficult time finding a better job. Both of her boys are active athletes, playing football, basketball and baseball. As expected, the fees from each sport put a heavy strain on her finances, and even with fundraising, it is difficult to cover all the costs of participating in sports. We wrote a check to the VHS Boosters, to help with yearly dues for both boys to continue in sports. Keep up the hard work and the good

example, Tiffany.

Angela Sandoval was the caretaker for her sister, Dolores, until she passed away this May. She had moved in to help with her care, several months prior, and during that time, her niece, who was very ill, moved in. Angela's own family has been struggling: her husband had a hip replacement surgery, also in May, and has been unable to work. In addition, she is helping her son, who attends UNM, with rent. Angela cannot afford to cover her niece's rent, and so she must break the lease she co-signed for her sister. We wrote a check to help her cover the lease termination fee. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, as you work through this grieving process.

Donald Ecklund is the father of two boys, ages 6 and 8, who recently moved here from Minnesota. Just a few weeks ago, his fiance decided to leave him and go back to Minnesota, taking their only vehicle and leaving him with their children. He asked for help in providing his sons with clothing for school. We gave him a gift card to help with those necessities.



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