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## **2nd Quarter General Aid**

***We made a positive impact on the lives of more than a dozen families in our community this quarter, thanks to the continued, generous support of all of YOU, our LODLF family.***

***Here is a quick note about each of them.***

***Adam Strauss*** is a young man working to put his life together after successfully completing rehab. However, he is just getting started and needed a helping hand getting back on the financial track. We helped him catch up on his utility bill. Best wishes and keep on track, Adam.

***Axeel Ortiz*** has four children and just moved into a new apartment. They made the deposit and first month rent but are short on the next payment as well as food and clothing for summer school. We gave them a Walmart gift card to help with food and clothing, to free up some cash for the rent payment.

***Becky Salazar*** is a single mother of two daughters, whose mortgage recently went up. She is mostly caught up with the bills but her family needs food and toiletries. We gave them a Walmart Gift Card to help put food on the table and goods in the cupboard.

***Bernadette Arellano*** is a teacher of 10 years, who recently returned to college to pursue her master's degree. Her return to school means she can no longer supplement her income with extracurricular activities after school. We wrote a check to UNM to help with some of the tuition and books. Keep up the great work, and best wishes for your career advancement.

**Chassity Garrity** is a student at UNM whose single mother lost her job and house. The mother recently found a new job, but it is not enough to take care of bills AND tuition. Chassity has been going after scholarships, and she has her own job, but still needs help with school bills. We wrote a check to UNM to help her stay in school and on track to get her nursing degree.

**Coral Community Charter** has a Girls' Summer Program and they asked for donations, to help cover the tuition of those less-fortunate who would otherwise be unable to attend. We wrote a check to the program, to help a few young ladies be part of the program.

**Eagle Scout - Travis Patterson** is a member of the local Boy Scout Troup 714 Rio Rancho. One of his Eagle Scout requirements is to lead others in a service project in the community. Travis' project is the Haven House Playground Restoration. We wrote a check to help with materials on the playground restoration. Keep up the great work, Travis!

**Elsa Fernandez** is the mother of one teenager, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer. She has been undergoing extensive treatment, but she has managed to continue working and maintaining her health insurance. However, she still needs some help with medical bills. We wrote a check to help her get caught up on some of her medical costs.

**Marcus Wright** is a soon-to-be freshman at Rio Rancho High School, who has played football for the last 5 years. He made the RRHS freshman football team, and they have an upcoming trip to San Diego, for which he needs help raising funds. We wrote a check to Ram's Club Inc, to help him do his part. Good luck, Marcus and good luck, Rams!

**Meri Vittetoe's** husband has been on medical leave since November, and her job has been the family's only support since then. Meri was offered a job elsewhere, but after their tax return was paid, they did not have enough money to move and ended up stuck and looking for work again. They fell behind on rent and utilities but are working hard to re-establish their finances. We gave them a Walmart gift card to help with food and household staples.

**Pamela Wilson's** 12-year-old son Christopher was riding his bike in the neighborhood last month, when he was tragically struck and killed by a car. They asked for help with his funeral and burial expenses. We wrote a check to help with these heartbreaking costs. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Pamela.

**Peter Cebada** takes care of his family, 3 dependents, on a single income. However, they are in need of help with groceries due to a limited income. We gave them a Walmart gift card to help put that food on the family table.

**Sandybel Brocamontes** is a single mother of two whose job cut her hours, making it so that she is unable to pay her total rent and car payments, as well as get groceries to feed her family. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help with basic household needs and food.

**Tiffany Sanchez** is a single mother of two boys, who works full time to take care of the family. Both of her boys plays football, but she cannot afford the player fee of \$300 each. We wrote a check to Valley Viking Football to help her boys keep playing the sport they love.

**Valencia County Cowboy Church** is a nonprofit organization that hosts the Jr Rodeo Saddle Series. Many of the children who participate in this rodeo are not able to compete at other events because of the cost and entry. This organization keeps costs low enough just to break even, but they need help purchasing the prizes, 8 brand-new saddles and buckles. We wrote a check to the organization to help them with the cost of the saddles.

**Yesebia Robles** is the mother of 5 children, whose husband was picked up by ICE. Now she struggling to make her rent payment. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help with household staples and free up more money for rent.

**Thank you for helping us build up our  
community, one helping hand at a time!**

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