



LA VISTA Newsletter

We've been busy working on our upcoming golf tournament, but we needed to take a moment to let you know how, together with all of you, we have been making a beautiful difference in our community.

Below are the awards we've given out last quarter. Once again, we can never thank you enough; when we lift each other up, we rise together.



2019 1st Quarter General Assistance

*Here is a quick recap of 1st quarter general aid given:
We are so blessed to be able to help these people of our community.*

Adriela Lopez is a 7-year-old little girl, who is going on a dance trip with her class from Baila! Baila! Baila! in Albuquerque. During the trip, they will perform at several locations and visit educational and historical sites. She and her family are working hard to raise the money for this trip. We wrote a check to help cover Adriela's travel expenses.

Amber Amador is the mother of three, and one of her children has an ongoing health condition. She was laid off from missing too many days, due to medical appointments and her daughter's condition.. We wrote a check to help with mortgage this month.

Leonard Bernal is a 10-year-old young man who plays for the NM YAFL football league. He needed assistance to play this season; we wrote a check to NMYALF, so he can continue to play.

Donna Jo Martinez has been taking care of her family, including her father who is ill, and her 4 grandchildren. She has been forced to miss work to take her father to medical appointments, as well as her own physical conditions (RA & fibromyalgia). The lost income from missed days have put her behind on bills. We gave her a gift card for household basics.

Nancy Tirado is a single mother of 3, who is looking for a new job, to help her take care of her family. She has fallen behind on a couple bills and asked for help with getting food and clothing for her children. We gave her a gift card to help care for her family.

Samantha Mendoza is a student at Volcano Vista High, who recently won the New Mexico State DECA competition. She will now travel to Orlando to compete on an international level, but needs help with travel expenses. We wrote a check to Volcano Vista DECA to help sponsor her trip. Good luck, Samantha!

Stephen Angel is an older gentleman who is currently in long-term rehab, due to amputation of all 10 fingers as well as both legs below the knee, due to severe frost bite. A friend mentioned that he needed a television, we gave them a gift card to help with the



May 2019 Emergency Assistance

There were five nominations for Emergency Assistance last month, and all of them were unanimously approved:

Daniel Valdo and his wife and son involved in a terrible accident last month; she was killed and their son Alexander, a special needs child, broke his leg and injured his back. Daniel was given several weeks off work to care for his son, but he will not be receiving full pay. We gave him a gift card to help provide food and necessities for his home.

Christian Sanchez is a student at the Cottonwood Classical Prep School, and part of their "We The People" political debate team. The team won the state championship and is headed to Washington DC for finals. However, there is no funding for the trip, and the students are all working to raise travel funds. We wrote a check to the We The People program to help Christian with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Erin Hawkins and her two children lost everything when their home burned down in an electrical fire. They are currently homeless but staying with relatives until they can find a new place to live. We gave them a Walmart gift card to help her provide food and clothing for her family.

Rox Garcia is a local realtor who has been personally affected by leukemia; as a result she is a passionate advocate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, whose mission is to help those in need as well as research to find a cure. We wrote a check to help them with their worthy mission.

Toby Gutierrez was recently diagnosed with MDS, a cancer which affects blood cells in the bone marrow, requiring a bone marrow transplant. He has already gone through one round of chemotherapy, but will need another 1-2 to prepare for the transplant. He must travel to Denver for the treatment, and will have to stay for a minimum of 100 days for follow up appointments. We wrote a check to help cover his travel and living expenses. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Toby.



Athletic Youth Development Group

We made our 17th distribution for the kids in the AYDG program at Warrior Boxing. Here are just a few of their testimonials:

I am grateful for this boxing program. Thanks to this boxing, I stopped hanging around with stupid kids. I'm more responsible with my stuff, and I listen more to my parents. I always do my room and I've been focused on boxing a lot. I really like it here; this place is awesome. It's helped me a lot. Ever since I joined, I started making better choices. Thank you guys.

- Esteban

I'm interested in doing boxing because I want to learn how to fight, just in case I ever really HAVE to use it. I grew up having to fight for what I want, so I think this program will help me keep my anger in control, instead of holding it in, and it will keep me fit. My life has been tough, always moving place to place, never having a place to actually stay. I lost both my parents, so I've been doing whatever I can to keep myself and my siblings in check.

- Angel

Thank you for letting me be in your program. It has been beneficial for me being in your program. One of the benefits is it is very therapeutic for me and not just in anger, but in more emotions. Another way it has benefitted me is the discipline i need to be in great shape. Also, preparing for fights, the foods have to be very discipline, to cut junk food and fattening food. If it wasn't for this program, I don't know where I would be. Thank you.

- Sergio

I like boxing, and I loved my fight. I cannot wait until it is my next fight for the gym. I am going to win the fight for our team, and I love this gym, and I love fighting. It is soooooo fun, and I can't wait to go.

- Juaquin

Thank you so much for being our sponsors. I have learned so much in this program. It has shown me respect, self-defense and just keeping me out of trouble. For the little time that I've been here, I've learned so much, so once again thank you for sponsoring our gym.

- Francisco

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