



COVID 19 Community Assistance

Several months ago, the Board of LODLF unanimously approved a COVID19 relief fund. Our main goal was to give a helping hand to those in our community, who have been hit hard by these pandemic circumstances. Our goal has been to maintain our mission throughout these trying times and keep all our LODLF Board and Family safe. We have been able to help out several families and organizations in need. Please take a look below to read about those we've helped so far. Let's continue to come together as a community; when we lift up each other, we rise together.

We will be sending out additional information on our recent Scholarship awards and plans for LODLF Holiday Basket event this December. Thank you all for your continued support.

Sandybel Bracamontes is a mother of two daughters, 9 and 11, and because of the pandemic, her hours have been cut, and she has not been making enough to pay rent. We gave her a gift card to help pay for food and household essentials.

Warrior Boxing is a local gym that offers programs at free or reduced rates, through their Cutting Edge program. However, the pandemic has forced the gym to close its doors for months, leaving no income to pay the facility's bills. We wrote a check to help them keep in business, and continue to be a haven for kids in need.

Annette Griego is a single mother struggling to pay her full rent, due to reduced hours, and she has fallen behind on her water bill as well. We helped her get caught up on her water bill and a portion of rent.

Richard Loza-Mares recently lost his husband due to the COVID19 virus; both of them were caretakers. Mr Mares received some help for funeral services, but he is trying to move to an apartment and ran out of funds to make the down payment. We wrote a check toward the required deposit.

Blanca Vela is a single mother of three, and the pandemic has drastically reduced her income, as most of her work is with hotels and apartments. She has been making

partial payments, but has fallen behind on all of her bills. We helped her to catch up on her utility bills.

Mike Romero was recently furloughed from his job at La Quinta Inn, due to COVID19, where he used to work full time, to support his wife and grandchild. He was able to get some unemployment, but it was not enough to stay on top of his bills. He is now back at work part time, but their vehicle broke down, and he has just fallen behind. We wrote a check to help toward his upcoming rent.

Rene Romero has been struggling to pay her mortgage on her mobile home, due to the loss of income from COVID, and is on her own, with no one else to turn to. We wrote a check to help her toward catching up with the mortgage.

Martha Pena is the mother of a West Mesa high school student, who has been struggling to keep her family fed and needed help getting masks. We gave them a gift card to help with food and necessities.

Angela Rogers-Hesch, President of H2H Enrollments organized a caravan care-package delivery to our neighbors at the Navajo Nation, some of those hardest hit by the virus in our community. We partnered with Angela and H2H, by donating for supplies from the COVID19 fund, to help with multiple care package trips.

2nd Quarter General Assistance

Maria Serrano is a stage 3A breast cancer patient, currently hospitalized and unable to provide for her family of three children. She does not have health insurance and has already racked up medical bills that are beyond her ability to pay. We wrote checks to help pay down some of that balance.

Juan Fernandez is in need of an operation which will require him to go to Texas. He needed help with food and lodging for the month it will take to recover. We wrote a check to help cover some of his travel expenses.

Marcella Gonzales lost her daughter Sabrina just two months ago, when she died in her sleep, due to sleep apnea. Marcella's fixed income does not give her the means to pay for the funeral costs for her daughter. We wrote a check to help cover some of the costs to lay her daughter to rest.

Athletic Youth Development Group

The Bandelier Elementary School Jump Rope Team has participated with LODLF for several years now, and last semester we helped sponsor them for the sprint, making it possible for dozens of children to participate on the team and receive their official "uniform" (team t-shirt.)

