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First Responders *Helping Our Hometown Heroes* **Sergeant Ricky Speakman**





Sergeant Ricky Speakman and his loving wife Tonia relocated from Alabama to the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico 18 years ago. Their love for each another was on clear display for anyone to see and epitomized core values in which the Pueblo of Laguna takes pride. Sergeant Speakman is a highly respected Police Officer, fully dedicated to the department and the Pueblo of Laguna itself. His dedication includes many calls for service which have made a positive impact on thousands of lives including those who serve alongside with him. He is recognized throughout the community as a friendly face in unpleasant times and regularly brings comfort to those who need it most.

Just a few months ago, Sergeant Speakman lost Tonia, his wife of 30 years, due to unforeseen circumstances. The loss of his wife has left him with large medical bills, a heavy financial burden adding to the weight of his grief. He is a grandfather who is currently raising his grandchildren alone, and insurance has only covered a portion of the costs involved with the passing of his wife. His brothers and sisters in blue were the first to stand at his side, but they also asked for help from our community, to help Sergeant Speakman get through this difficult time and move forward to better days.

We wrote a check to help pay down those medical bills and lift up this valuable member of our community,