



Los Ojos de la Familia

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First Responders Initiative



Sandoval County Deputy Joe Harris Jr. was hit by a suspected drunk driver while on duty, on January 19, 2018. As a result, he sustained a broken foot and has been unable to work for the last couple months, during which time he has only received 60% of his base pay during his time off. He is the sole financial provider for his wife and four children, and this pay cut drastically impacts his ability to care for his family. They are also in the process of moving, and the extra costs of moving and medical bills have put the family in financial jeopardy. The LODLF First Responders Initiative wrote a check to the family for \$1,500.00. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Joe; your community stands behind you!

2018 Emergency Assistance

*Thank you to all who continue to support this local charity;
thanks to all of you we are able to make a real difference in
our New Mexico and Arizona communities.*

*Below are the families we helped with emergency assistance
the last two months.*

*(Emergency Assistance recipients are nominated by a member of the board, and have
received a majority vote, for those who need help a little more urgently.)*

JANUARY 2018

Samantha Silva, her husband, and her little boy just lost everything in a fire in January. Thankfully, Samantha woke up in time to save herself and her little boy, but they lost their puppy. They did not have insurance, and so are starting all over with all of their belongings, including furniture, clothing, and a new home. We paid their utility bills and gave them a gift card to Walmart to help them begin again.

Marlene Alarcon is the single mother of two little boys, Angel and Jacob. She was in a life-altering accident a few years ago, and lost everything. Since then, she has had multiple operations, but has never been the same. Although she returned to work, she wasn't able to perform all of the same functions. She makes minimum wage and her family lives in studio apartment as that is all she can afford, but she has still fallen behind on some of her bills. We helped her pay a portion of her rent.

Candis Carew is a single mother of two children under 10, and although she works full time, she sometimes finds herself short on cash after the bills are paid. She asked for help catching up with food. We gave her a Walmart gift card to help restock her pantry.

FEBRUARY 2018

Wendy Sloame recently lost her husband when he died at home in the living room just a couple months ago. He hadn't worked in several years due to several health issues, but she was just notified that his disability was denied. Although she works full time, she makes a minimum wage, and is struggling to pay the bills for herself and her 7-year-old granddaughter. Several organizations and people around the community came together to help with various home upgrades, to make the house sanitary and safe. Los Ojos paid her electric bill and gave

her a gift card to help with necessities around the house. You can read more about Wendy in the Albuquerque Journal -

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1145743/in-familys-dark-times-neighbors-share-light.html>

Marisela Sarabla is a single mother of three, who recently lost her home, which had been supplemented by Section 8, and just a couple weeks ago, she also lost her job. She has no family in town, her phone was disconnected, and she and the children have been looking for a place to stay, and a new job. We helped her with a Walmart gift card, to help keep her family fed and clothed while she works to start over.

All seats filled!
Thank you to all of you, and for those who signed up, see you Saturday!



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