

EAST MOUNTAIN WOMENADE NEWSLETTER

Providing emergency financial assistance to families
with school-age children in the East Mountains

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A Note From Our President

I am always humbled by, and grateful for our supporters' generosity over the years. Since East Mountain Womenade's inception in 2002, we have provided \$179,749 in family assistance. Last year we used your donations to pay for car repairs and car payments, rents and mortgages, utilities, gas and food cards, and childcare. The families we helped experienced a range of crises including domestic abuse, severe illnesses of the main breadwinner, death of a family member, car wrecks and job loss. The counselors and school personnel with whom we work often tell us how grateful the families are for the assistance.

We have seen an outpouring of generosity from our supporters in the last few months as we, families, and schools are dealing with the effects of COVID-19.

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Meetings Take On A New Format

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This Spring, we realized that with families self isolating due to COVID-19, there might be more needs than usual and we wanted to be available if anyone needed assistance. So, we started meeting over Zoom. Our plan became one of outreach. Over the years we have been able to build a good relationship with the east mountain school community. So, although, no one was at the schools working, we were able to communicate with school staff as needed and will continue to reach out over the summer and into the fall as students return in some format to the their schools.

A Note From Our President cont.

Schools have been closed, thus limiting our access to all families in need. We expect, when the schools open up next fall, we will see an upsurge in needs. We have helped several families in the last few weeks with phone bills and car repairs. We will continue to support our community and families as much as possible.

Thank you very much for all you do to help our families in need.

Leslie Porter



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East Mountain Womenade Potluck 2019



This year's potluck was a huge success! Christine Mitchell was our wonderful host. There were many new faces along with many of our annual attendees. Thanks so much to all who attended and donated to East Mountain Womenade. We are still unsure about what next year's Potluck will look like, so stay tuned. Thanks again to the Mitchells for another wonderful potluck!

Thanks to the East Mountain Garden Club!

We would like to thank the the East Mountain Garden Club once again for hosting a spectacular holiday luncheon in December. This was their annual fundraiser in which they gather donations for several worthy causes. Through this generous fundraising effort they were able to donate \$1840 to East Mountain Womenade. It's organizations such as these that allow us to help many families with emergency financial need.

We truly appreciate this continued thoughtful support.

Thank you Paa-ko Cares

Paa-ko cares was a drive-thru fundraiser organized by the Fick family. It was held on May 2, 2020. There was a generous \$3500 matching challenge and Paa-ko residents and friends from all across the city drove through to drop off checks in long-handled baskets. Funds were raised for the East Mountain Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, East Mountain Christian Community Helps and East Mountain Womenade. This endeavor raised \$5530 for East Mountain Womenade.

Thanks to everyone who donated and helped make this incredible contribution possible!

Greetings! My name is Libby Dolan. I was a school counselor for over 20 years, starting at San Antonito and Roosevelt and ending at A. Montoya and San Antonito. During that time, Womenade was a major support of students and families in the east mountain schools. I remember a time when a student was unable to shower due to his family having no heat. Womenade provided funds for wood which solved the problem for showering and heat for the family. There was another time when a mother couldn't move out of a transitional house because she didn't have a security deposit. With the help of Womenade, she was able to move into a safe home. There are so many stories like these. Without a doubt East Mountain Womenade is an extremely effective organization. It has the flexibility and resources to provide timely support for families in crisis. Please know that your donations and the efforts of Womenade make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in the east mountain community.