

East Mountain Womenade Newsletter



Board Members

President: Shelbi Stoerner

Vice President: Rachel Moulton

Treasurer: Suzanne Lutz

Secretary: Ellen Cromer

Board Members at Large:

Leslie Porter

Stacy Sesnie

Kim Linder

Donna Gillingham

Kelli Quatrone

Webmaster:

Cyndi Atcitty

A Note From The East Mountain Womenade President

East Mountain Womenade is proud to continue to positively impact more and more families due to the generous donations from our community. Our work has become even more integral to a wider base in the past year, and it is an honor to work with staff in schools in Edgewood, Tijeras, and Sandia Park in order to help meet the needs of the diverse and growing community that makes up our East Mountain family. Together we've been able to continue to make a tremendous difference in the lives of those in need of emergency financial support.

Cont. Page 2

Save The Date!

The East Mountain Womenade Fundraising Potluck will be held Friday, August 23, 2024.

East Mountain Womenade

P.O. Box 1812

Sandia Park, NM 87047

www.eastmountainwomenade.org

E-Mail: emwomenade@gmail.com

502 c3 Non-profit



East Mountain Garden Club Support

Mountain Garden Club has been an integral part of the East Mountains since 1963. Currently, the group meets the second Tuesday of each month at Vista Grande from 9:45-11:00 (except during the summer months). Speakers from all over come to talk about issues regarding gardening, water, tree health, landscaping, etc. The garden club has also created and maintained the remembrance garden which is located at Vista Grande, just east of the baseball fields and near the dog park. If you haven't been there, drive over and look at the beautiful flowers. People can also purchase bricks from the garden club to honor the memory of their family members and beloved pets. The club has also adopted three different highway sections to clean up every six months.

Every year, at the holiday luncheon, members donate money to East Mountain Womenade. They also create "Mommy Bags". The members bring in donations of toiletries, scarves, socks and other fun items as well new children's books. At the end of the luncheon, everyone helps to fill up these bags and a few ladies take the filled bags (last year there were 75) to Bethel Storehouse in Moriarty, where they are distributed to moms at the holiday party and children can choose a book.

Thank you, Mountain Garden Club, for your generosity!

President's Note Continued...

Since January, East Mountain Womenade has helped seven families keep their propane tanks full, four families keep their electricity up and running, provided firewood for a family, and helped in essential vehicle repair for another three families. We've also helped with mortgage payments and offered assistance to various families in need of food/clothing/gasoline. With rising costs in all areas, East Mountain Womenade plays an essential role in making sure that the children in this community have a true chance to thrive. Please continue to support this effort and know that each of these donations meets a need that would otherwise go unmet, creating a story of hope and positivity in our community.

Shelbi Stoerner

East Mountain Womenade President

Thank You And Creative Thinking



We would like to thank Renee Gwyther for hosting our East Mountain Womenade Fundraising Potluck in 2023. It was so wonderful to visit and hear about the great work being done to support families in need.



This year has been a little different from previous years in terms of the needs of families. We are helping many more families than in the past. With the rising costs for everything, from propane to food, we have been using our Womenade funds much more rapidly. For this reason, we have decided to host our potluck in August, which is a little earlier than in the past. We want to be able to help families, as soon as we hear from the schools. We have always been able to keep a reserve of funds on hand for this purpose, but this year we have depleted that reserve. We are brainstorming other ways that we might be able to generate funds, so keep on the lookout for information regarding this.

We are so appreciative for all you, as a community to help families in the East Mountains. Thank you!



Welcome Rachel Moulton

The Board would like to welcome Rachel Moulton to our team. Val Denton served with us for several years, but due to family and work commitments decided it was time to step aside. We are so excited to have Rachel stepping in as our Vice President.

My family and I moved to the East Mountains from Providence, Rhode Island, in 2018, but it wasn't until 2023 that I attended my first Womenade Potluck and realized I needed to be more involved. Shelbi Stoerner was my first introduction to the group, and it was because of her that I attended the Potluck in Paako where I heard staff and educators from area schools speak about the impact of even the smallest donation. The authenticity of that night and the stories told made me text Shelbi the very next day to ask how I could be involved.

I am a full-time mother of two teenage girls as well as a novelist and an educator/editor. I spend my days teaching others how to improve their creative work while focusing on my own novels. My third work of fiction will be out in June of 2025 with Penguin Randomhouse--a dark story about motherhood in the high desert.