



East Mountain Womenade Spring/Summer 2014

Providing emergency financial assistance and/or services to families with school-age children in the East Mountain area.

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Debbie Luera, who volunteered for the Board in 2006, has reluctantly stepped down, and we are grateful to her for seven years of service!

We welcome two board members, Heather Vickers & Kate Roesler as Vice President. Kate has a background in education and nonprofit.

We thank Co-Founder, Yvette Stoor, who volunteered to assist with this communication and the Paako Fine Artists show.

MILESTONE ON THE HORIZON

\$100,000 in assistance will be provided by year-end!

At some point in life, many of us have lived, or know someone who has lived paycheck to paycheck. One misfortune can send financial stability into a tailspin. A car breakdown, an illness, or loss of job can be a turning point. East Mountain Womenade was designed to help local families with school-aged children endure these hard times. With a tried and true screening process, working through school counselors and social workers, families are provided with financial assistance via gas cards, cards for groceries and/or clothing, or bills paid directly to utility and mortgage companies or simply purchasing firewood so families aren't without heat.

Founded in 2002, the first EM Womenade Potluck was held and eleven years later, due to the consistent support from local residents, the organization is approaching \$100,000 in assistance distributed to needy families. Counselors and social workers repeatedly express their appreciation for the uncomplicated and timely process of acquiring aid from EM Womenade to help families who suddenly find themselves in dire straits. One hundred percent of contributions go to families in need and are tax deductible.

Thank you for being a part of this worthwhile effort. We hope you will attend the 2014 13th Annual Potluck to celebrate this milestone!

Paako Fine Artists Select East Mountain Womenade as beneficiary of their upcoming show!

East Mountain Womenade was pleased and surprised to be selected as the benefitting non-profit and for the opportunity to promote awareness of the EM Womenade organization. The show is scheduled for the first weekend in May 2014. Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Paako Event Center located at 232 Paako Drive, Sandia Park, New Mexico.

**Featured artists will be: Gloria Casale & Anita Daniels – Glass ~ Jane Gaines – Jewelry
Rick Irwin – Sculpture ~ Dorothy McGeorge – Oil ~ Trish Meyer & Chris Meyer – Mixed Media
Semiramis Novak - Watercolor**

Artists have pledged a portion of their sales to East Mountain Womenade, so drop by and browse the works of these fine artists, and if you add a piece to your collection, you will be helping out our organization at the same time! Board members will be present at the show, so stop by and say hello!

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Helping our Neighbors:

Throughout the past several months, requests for emergency assistance have included: Groceries, firewood, utilities, rent and mortgages and most recently, a propane tank fill for a family who was living without heat.

One family, who had benefitted from East Mountain Womenade several years ago, contacted us with an update, they are doing well at their jobs and school, they sent along a donation in hopes of paying it forward. FANTASTIC!

Another form of help: The Student Council from San Antonito Elementary school voted to donate the proceeds of their Valentine's Day Sale \$275.00 to East Mountain Womenade! We are grateful to see these outstanding students' desire to help others in their community!

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- ◆ Mountain Garden Club - Annual Holiday Luncheon benefitting East Mountain Womenade and ten years of continual support and encouragement!
- ◆ The Freygang Foundation - Donating annually since 2004.
- ◆ The Hancock Family Foundation Grant / Awarded in 2012 and 2013.
- ◆ Contributors to the Annual Potluck held at the home of Meg Crist in October 2013.
- ◆ Contributors who donate through United Way / via work avenue and matching programs
- ◆ Cyndi Atcitty, long-time EMWomenade Supporter, for designing our website pro bono along with the Trish Meyer family who have graciously hosted our site.

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Thank you for opening your beautiful home in October 2013 to host the 12th Annual East Mountain Womenade Potluck and for your many years of support and maintaining our scrapbook of memories!

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE INVITATION TO THE 2014 13TH ANNUAL EAST MOUNTAIN WOMENADE POTLUCK SLATED FOR FALL 2014!!

Our 2014 Potluck will be very special as we anticipate reaching \$100,000 provided in assistance to neighbors in need. For twelve years, East Mountain Womenade has successfully worked with counselors, social workers and teaching staff to serve area families, fiercely guarding their anonymity while working quietly and without "red tape" or overhead. Help is provided when help is needed and we would not be successful if it wasn't for your continuous faith in and support of this organization.

Remember, East Mountain Womenade can be designated as your charity of choice via United Way at many workplaces! Or, via our website..one click to give: <http://www.eastmountainwomenade.org/donate.html>