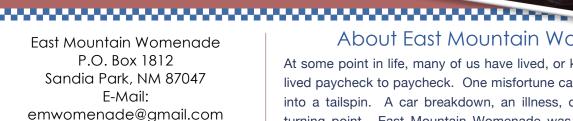
East Mountain Womenade

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

Spring/Summer 2015



President: Kate Roesler

Vice President: Rosemary Stakvel Treasurer: Carol Sanders-Reed

**Secretary:** Suzanne Lutz **Board Members at Large:** 

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#### Welcome:

We welcome two new board members, Paula Michel and Rosemary Stakvel. Both are retired educators who worked for APS for 25+years.

# About East Mountain Womenade

East Mountain Womenade's 2014 Potluck

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 or propane so families aren't without heat.

Founded in 2002, the first East Mountain Potluck was held and thirteen years later, due to the consistent support from local residents, the organization has distributed \$110,000 in assistance to needy families. Counselors and social workers repeatedly express their appreciation for the uncomplicated and timely process of acquiring aid from East Mountain Womenade. 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 2015 14th Annual Potluck to celebrate.

#### Thanks! Thanks! And More Thanks to.......

- Members of the Mountain Garden Club for their generous support over the years.
- The Freygang Foundation- Donating annually since 2004
- Contributors who donate through United Way and matching programs.
- Paa-ko Fine Artist Select Art Show & Sales-Donating a portion of their sales since 2013.
- Cyndi Atcitty, long-time EM Womenade Supporter, for designing and maintaining our website pro bono along with Trish Meyer and family who have graciously hosted our site.



## **Helping Our Neighbors**

### Note of Thanks:

You women of Womenade are my heroines! Thank you for your commitment to our community, your kindness and hard work. Libby Dolan, Counselor

#### **East Mountain Garden Club**

Last December, members of the East Mountain Garden Club gathered for their annual holiday potluck luncheon. For the 10th consecutive year, club members have chosen to make individual holiday contributions to Womenade during their holiday luncheon. In 2014, their contributions totaled an impressive \$4170.

## Other Ways To Help:

- East Mountain Womenade can be designated as your charity via United Way at many workplaces. 100% of donations comes to us.
- Website: http://www.eastmountainwomenade.org/d onate.html
- Amazon Smile: When you shop at Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to East Mountain Womenade. Bookmark the link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3891313 and support us every time you shop.
- If you own a business that could provide discounted services to families in crises, please let us know.

## A Note from our President

I have served as President of East Mountain Womenade for less than a year and I have learned two things about our community. One, that East Mountain families who find themselves in need face a wide range of challenges: from loss of employment, to disaster such as house fire, even homelessness. Second, I have learned that we are a generous community that steps up to help families with school-age children who are dealing with some sort of crisis. Without the tireless school counselors and social workers, we would not be able to reach these families. I would like to thank the East Mountain Womenade's Board of Directors for their guidance and the time they put into this wonderful organization. Finally, YOU are making a difference in our community by supporting East Mountain Womenade and we are so grateful! Sincerely, Kate Roesler

## **Upcoming Events**

Paa-Ko Fine Artists Spring 2015 Art Show & Sale

Date: Saturday, May 2 & 3 11 AM - 5 PM

P.O. Box 1812, Sandia Park, NM 87047

Enjoy a variety of media including jewelry, fused glass, mixed media, oil paintings and sculpture from participating artists: Roy Breckenridge, Gloria Casale, Anita Daniels, Joe DiRaddo, Jane Gaines, Rick Irwin, Dorothy McDonough McGeorge, Chris Meyer, Trish Meyer, and Jodi Newton. The artists will be donating a percentage of their sales to East Mountain Womenade. Held at the Paa-Ko Event Center, 232 Paa-Ko Drive. There will also be local authors signing books and doing readings in the adjacent Sales Office.



2015 14th Annual East Mountain Womenade Potluck Fundraiser

Our 2015 Potluck is slated for the fall. Our Potluck will be very special as we have provided \$110,000 in assistance to neighbors in need. For thirteen years, EM 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. We could not provide this help if it wasn't for your continuous support and faith of our organization. Be on the lookout for your invitation and we hope to see you there!