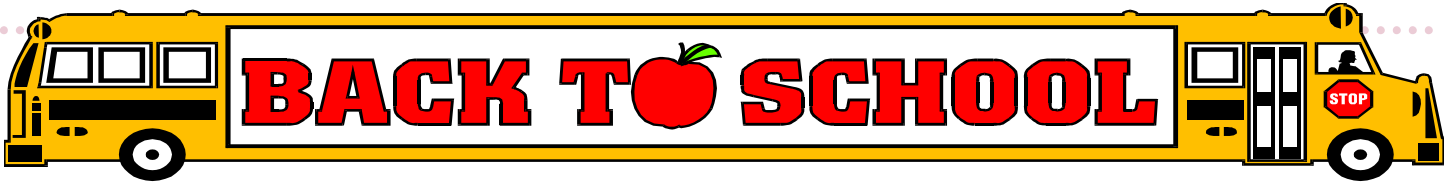


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## People's Rights by Leah Smith, CCO

Community Recognition 2009

The People's Rights group of Door of Opportunity met on August 13, 2009. It was a hot day to be meeting at the Heritage Walkway, but the individuals did it with such grace. Each year the self advocates nominate and determine what businesses in the community have been helpful and supportive of Door of Opportunity. This year, Community Recognition Awards were delivered to the following businesses: Meals on Wheels, McDonald's, The Artesia Center, Land of the Sun Movie Theatre, KSVP Radio, the City of Artesia for their beautiful Heritage Walkway, the Jahva House, and the Wellhead Restaurant. Much to our dismay, the V's Café on Mainstreet has closed its doors but was also awarded Community Recognition. Another award was delivered to Hasting's in Carlsbad by Billy J. who works there. There are still many awards to be delivered.



**Jahva House Award-Cheryl K., Karen B., Rob Morrissey, George G., Jordan VanWinkle, Larry S. and Karen L.**  
**Below Wellhead Award- Karen B., Emily, and Dana C.**

People's Rights meets again on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for their next meeting. The treasurer reported a deposit of \$15.29 to be made to People's Rights.



## Caley's Corner by Susan Caley, RN-BSN, VPCA

"Why has Susan taken away our hot dogs?"

Swallowing the wrong things into the lungs (Aspiration) is the big problem in New Mexico. We take it very seriously. So the staff and all of our readers need to know what foods are easy to choke on:

1. Grapes
2. Peanuts
3. Gum
4. Hard candy
5. Dry meat
6. Hot Dogs!! Chop them up and they are fine.

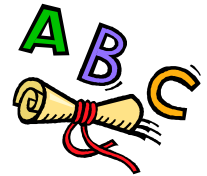
Let's all eat healthy and safe

Thanks, Susan



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## Salute to Wanda by Nicole Ripley, LPN

**Wanda, Wanda, Wanda!** What else can I say? I could go on and on, but to say the least, she is an astonishing woman. I just wanted to take the time to let everyone know how grateful I am that she is a part of this organization. She is the most enthusiastic, uplifting person I have seen walk through these doors. She is an asset to everyone of our individual's served. It is truly an amazing site to see Wanda interact with our guy's. Not only that, but the individual's we serve are so uplifted with her presence. She gives them the support and confidence they need to pursue their dreams and aspirations. She is an incredible leader that is here for all the right reasons. Wanda is someone who has the respect of staff, she is kind hearted but definitely not afraid to say what's on her mind; good or bad. Just

look in her eyes and talk with her about our guy's and you will see a small piece of all the many incredible things she is.

Wanda was honored by staff and friends on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. She was presented with a framed picture that the individuals created with their thumb-prints, a gift basket, and a gift certificate for a massage. Several fellow employees as well as individuals gave inspirational messages to Wanda to let her know how much she is appreciated and loved. She was moved and took it all in with much expected shedded tears.

~Wanda, We Salute You~

**Pictured at right: Wanda Johnson and Arts Specialist Nicolette Knowlton**



## Door of Opportunity Art Projects by Nicolette Knowlton, AS



What a huge success!

Two individuals who entered their art work this year, and they both won ribbons. Billy Jacobsen entered in four different categories. He entered a Southwest Bowl painting done with acrylic paints that placed second. He drew and colored a Marcos Cole, Babylon 5, using sharpies, that also placed second. Billy's upside down drawing of a knight on a horse,

and his Denver Broncos head, both placed second too. Billy is looking forward to entering some his beautiful rock sculptures next year. Albessa Sanchez was also one of our winners. Her masterpiece of a textured heart and cross took none other than **FIRST** place. She has since made tow other canvas paintings, which she is hoping to sell in the future.

**Pictured at right: Billy J. at the fair.**



## Grant Funding Received from Walmart by Leah Smith, CCO

Door of Opportunity, Inc. recently applied and received grant funding from the Wal-mart Foundation. Earlier this year, Door of Opportunity applied for the grant in order to work on a beautification project on the grounds of the facility. Because there are so many visitors at the Bulldog Bowl and the Artesia High School Pit, Door of Opportunity will be keeping up with the development of their surroundings. Door of Opportunity would like to

thank the Wal-mart for their support. In receipt of the grant are , **Karen Bell, Jonathan Quintero, Doug Bouchard, Lynn Wehunt,** and Arts Specialist; **Nicolette Knowlton,** who will be in charge of the project. Also pictured in the back is the new **Store Manager Mike Hopper.**





# Happy Birthday

## Individuals Receiving Services

Larry Robinson 8/7

Ramy Chavarria 8/7

Cris Diaz 8/9

Francesca Quiroga 8/10

Larry Silva 8/10

Dustin Gilbert 8/16

David Black 8/26

Randy Cordova 8/28

Marlie & Malorie

McComb 8/31

## Staff

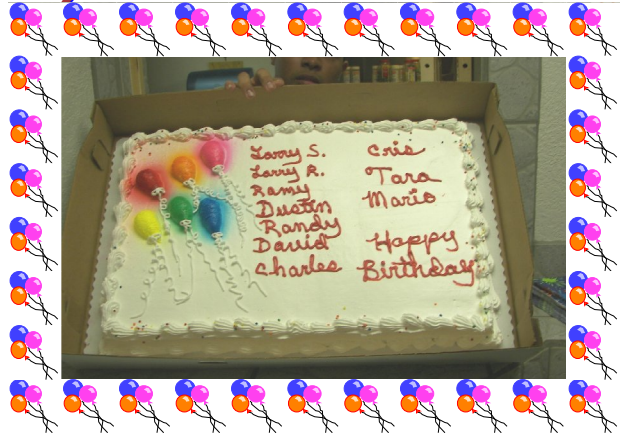
Tara Aton 8/4

Maria Chavarria 8/2

Manuela DeLaRosa 8/23

Evelyn Fuentes 8/24

Rebekah Ramos 8/9



## 5th Annual Eddy County Fair Chili Cookoff by Wanda Johnson, MLC



What can I say, other than it was a resounding success! Our individuals who assisted our Head Chef, Rosendo Bernal-Mary Ellen Blankenship, Billy Jacobsen, Doug Bouchard and George Gomez, did a great job peeling peppers, blending chili, cooking hot sausage and meat, than adding our special ingredients. The result was a tasty batch of chili that kept the public coming back for taste and seconds. Nicolette Knowlton and Wanda Johnson made pink

and black camouflage chef's aprons for the men and half-aprons for the women, to stay consistent with the theme of "Tough Enough to Wear Pink." Several of the chili cook-off teams asked if the aprons were for sale and numerous community members inquired about where they could purchase tickets when we raffle the aprons. The judges awarded Door of Opportunity "Best Showmanship" trophy as a result of their efforts. The Door of Opportunity will cer-

tainly look forward to next year's competition and claiming the prestigious #1 Best Chili Honor!!

**Below: Rosendo Bernal, George G., Billy Jacobsen**



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## Upcoming Events

People's Rights @DOO September 10,  
2009

Family Forum@ DOO September 17,  
2009

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## Artesia Schools Open by Kim Hill, DVS



School is back in full swing, and so are our individuals! We are proud to announce that we have six individuals working as crossing guards this year. We service three schools in the Artesia School District, Hermosa Elementary, Yeso Elementary and Central Elementary. Doug has been at Yeso helping children cross safely for the past seven years and John has been with Yeso going on three years. Karen is celebrating her fifth year at Hermosa and this is Larry's second year, part time, at Hermosa. Karen B. and Mary Ellen split the shift at Central. We give great thanks to our folks who are out in the cold and

heat, rain or shine each and every morning and afternoon to make sure that all our children cross the streets safely. We also give thanks to their job coaches for their dedication as well. Great Job to all!

**Pictured at right are: Virginia Barnett, Doug B., Chanelle Peppers, MaryEllen B., Larry S., Carol Fishel, Karen L., John McD., and Olga Ingram**

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