



Dear Friends,

Very soon, we will welcome back the Rehoboth staff and spend a day together unpacking our theme for the 2024-25 School Year: Unreasonable Hospitality. That theme comes from the title of a book by Will Guidara detailing his quest to turn his New York City restaurant into the best in the world. There are many opportunities for us to be hospitable to our colleagues, students, families, and the larger Rehoboth community, and we look forward to exploring and sharing some of those with you as the year progresses. Early August also marks one of the biggest events Gallup has to offer—the annual Inter-Tribal Ceremonial, during which representatives from tribes all over the Americas gather to celebrate indigenous culture. The ten-day event features pow wows, rodeos, singing and dancing, art exhibits, parades—along with

the prestigious Miss and Little Miss Inter-Tribal Ceremonial contests. The winners go on to travel the country, educating people about indigenous culture.

You'll see in this month's Rehoboth calendar page the picture of Reece Garcia, a Rehoboth elementary student who claimed last year's Little Miss Ceremonial third place trophy by demonstrating her knowledge of Navajo language and agriculture and her talent for cooking blue corn mush. Reece is a wonderful picture of what makes Rehoboth unique, but she isn't the only one invested in the Ceremonial. Dozens of RCS students and alums can be found dancing, sharing their artwork and jewelry, competing in the rodeo events, and more.

As we kick off our school year with this magnificent reminder of the depth and beauty of the people we serve, I ask for your continued prayers and support. You bless Rehoboth's mission with your gifts and your engagement, and that motivates us to bring out the best versions of ourselves every day.

With gratitude,

Dan Meester

Executive Director

Praise & Prayer Requests

-Pray for a sense of community to blossom as we begin the year as staff and students together. It's especially important to us that our new members feel loved right off the bat.

-Pray that we will have eyes to see the opportunities before us to demonstrate care, welcome, and hospitality within and outside of our community.

-Give thanks to God with us that our summer projects will be completed in time for school to begin. This is a big matter for praise as there were many pieces that needed to fall in place for these projects to succeed.

-Pray that our financial needs will be met this year. The Lord is always faithful, and our growing SALT program and our ability to provide financial assistance to school families in need both testify to that faithfulness.

Current Needs

Tuition Assistance Need:

We are thankful to have met our annual tuition assistance need for another school year! Thank you to everyone who gave to provide tuition assistance for our students and families. We ask for your help this summer in starting the new school year well. Our annual tuition assistance need for the 2024-2025 school year is \$1,910,000.

SALT Program:

This school year we have been able to expand our program and accept students with more significant needs. We are currently able to offer

speech, occupational, and physical therapies, as well as life skills experiences through community work study placements. The total remaining need to fund the SALT program for the 24-25 school year is \$241,702.

Volunteer at Rehoboth

If you are interested in information about volunteering, please visit:

<https://www.rcsnm.org/advancement/volunteer/> or contact Laura Blystra, Volunteer Coordinator at lblystra@rcsnm.org or (505) 726-9603.

How Can You Help Our Teachers?

As our teachers and staff transition into the new school year, we would appreciate any items you can purchase from our staff Amazon wishlist.

Scan the QR Code to see the wishlist online.



We are hiring for the 2024-2025 school year!

- MS/HS Choir Accompanist

Visit our website www.rcsnm.org to view the job description and to apply!



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*Please contact us with any questions or concerns.
We are grateful for your prayers, encouragement
and support!*