



Monthly Update

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Dear Friends,

Some kids can't help but make you smile. Mykal Tom—one of our 4th grade students—is like that. She isn't shy about telling you who she is and what she likes. Her charisma and energy draw other students in as friends, and she wears her faith on her sleeve.

Mykal represents the kind of generational connection to Rehoboth Christian School that we treasure. It's powerful to see the impact a particular family can have on the history of an institution, and that started with Mykal's grandmother's role as the admissions coordinator at the school. In that capacity, she envisioned a better future for Rehoboth—one which celebrated the beauty and uniqueness of Native culture rather than suppressed it. Although we're nowhere near perfect today, there are numerous examples of how we've been able to elevate curriculum, language, art, and music that showcases Indigenous culture. Our percentage of Native staff members has continued to grow as well—eclipsing the 50% threshold for the past two years.

Not to be outdone, Mykal's mother serves as the president of our current school board, helping us establish goals and a vision for the future as we're building a new 10-year strategic plan this year. She makes time to serve in this way, despite a busy schedule working for the City of Gallup. And through it all, you'll still find her in the gym on Tuesday nights, coaching her daughter's youth basketball team.

And that brings us back to Mykal. She shares a common love for the game of basketball with many young people in our area. It's not just that she's good at it though. Mykal knows that being on a team forges tight relationships with other girls, and she leverages those relationships to help others become the best versions of themselves—knowing when to learn from their mistakes and when to forget about them and press on.

I can't help but wonder what kind of impact Mykal's own legacy will have on Rehoboth and whether she will continue to stay involved with our school into her adulthood. I don't have a way to determine the answer, but I do know that she's already making a positive impact on people today. Thank you for being part of Mykal's story as you support the critical work of Rehoboth Christian School.

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How can you pray for our school and community?

- We are starting enrollment season here at Rehoboth, and we ask for your prayers that God will bring the right students to us—students who will flourish with us and help others to flourish as well.
- We are grateful for the generous gifts supporting our anticipated solar project for the high school and Sports & Fitness Center. With those being the two largest and most expensive spaces to light, heat, and cool on campus, an installation of solar panels will drastically reduce costs for years to come. Please join us in praying for the final amount needed for the full project.

School, Student, & Alumni Highlights

The Gallup-McKinley School District held its annual spelling bee for all local schools on January 14, and two Rehoboth students, Christy Neilson (5th) and Jelome Gandia (8th), took 1st and 2nd place respectively.



Performing arts are having a banner year at Rehoboth, with dozens of our students qualifying for All State Band or Choir, District Honor Band, and Youth All State Choir. Congratulations to our fantastic musicians!



“God is doing something really special in the lives of students at the high school right now,” says

Kevin Ruthven, Rehoboth chaplain. Multiple student-led Bible studies are meeting at lunchtime, and we’re seeing young people with a real thirst for the gospel and a desire to live for Christ every day.

CURRENT NEEDS



SCAN TO GIVE NOW

• TUITION ASSISTANCE

68% Funded | \$774,088 Remaining

We continue to be amazed by the generous blessings we are receiving daily to meet our needs for tuition assistance and student support! Through January 21, we have received \$1,625,912 towards our annual need of \$2.4 million. We are grateful to have 68% of our needs funded and ask for your continued support of the remaining need of \$774,088 as we continue through the school year.

• SALT PROGRAM (Students All Learning Together)

Total Need: \$380,993

For the 2025-2026 school year, the financial need for our SALT Program is \$380,993. Families across our community turn to Rehoboth because of the incredible care and expertise of our SALT staff—helping students thrive when they need extra support. With your continued generosity, we can ensure every child receives the attention they deserve throughout the 2025-26 school year.

• REHOBOTH SOLAR-PHASE #2

Deadline: February 20, 2026 | Remaining Need: \$179,055

Through January 21, we have received \$293,945 in commitments to fund the next phase of Rehoboth Solar. Our goal to fully fund both of the SFC and HS Projects is \$473,000, leaving a remaining need of \$179,055. Our funding deadline has been moved back to February 20, 2026, so we can still receive gifts and commitments to help us meet our goal and begin construction before July 4 to receive the federal 30% Direct Credit. Please consider a gift or commitment soon!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ken Zylstra, Director of Advancement.

• STAFF AMAZON WISHLIST



Your support is greatly valued and helps equip our staff for success. Please consider purchasing items off the Staff Amazon Wishlist. Scan QR Code to access the wishlist on your phone.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!
If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us:

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