

JUNE 2024

The Good Shepherd



The image of Steven Henio is from Rehoboth's 2024 school calendar which features current students.

Dear Friends.

I am filled with gratitude as I reflect on my time as the Executive Director of Rehoboth Christian School over the past 7 years. While leading a school was never something I had imagined for myself, I am so thankful for the opportunity it has provided me. Serving as Executive Director has allowed me to form connections with the various departments, families, supporters, volunteers, and alumni of Rehoboth. It has also given me the chance to immerse myself in the communities of McKinley County and the Navajo Nation.

Being in this role has been a joy as I have been able to advocate for a ministry that holds a special place in my heart and has impacted my family in profound ways. I have been able to support and encourage those involved in Rehoboth and dream about the future possibilities for how we can continue to serve God in northwest New Mexico. I am truly grateful for this experience and for the unwavering support and encouragement I have received from the Rehoboth family, of which you all are a vital part.

Above all, I am thankful for the Good Shepherd who continues to guide and care for the Rehoboth community. Every time I see my shepherd friends, like Steven in the photo above, I am reminded of the loving and protective nature of our Shepherd. Rehoboth is truly in His hands, and for that, we offer our continual praise and gratitude to God.

With a heart full of gratitude and amazement, Bob Ippel

Praise & Prayer Requests

-Praise God for the completion of the 2023-24 school. Praise God for lives that continue to be transformed intellectually, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Praise God for students who have been able to deepen their passions or find new passions. Pray that all Rehoboth students will find their calling as children of God, followers of Jesus, and Spirit filled Kingdom workers.

- -Praise God for the work of Rudy Folkerts who has been in education for 40 years. Pray for him as he transitions into his retirement!
- -Pray for the families who have lost loved ones at Rehoboth this school year; for the families of students Alex De Armond and Toby Sicewa and bus driver Alfredo Gutierrez.
- -Pray for the complete healing of senior Caleb Clauschee who was involved in an accident.
- -Pray for the Admissions process for the new families wishing to have their children at Rehoboth. -Pray that Rehoboth will continue to be able to provide financial support for those who wish to have a Christian education.
- -Pray that the summer projects will be completed before the start of the 2024-25 school year: Solar Panel Project/Creation of SALT Classroom/Elementary Art/Music Rooms
- -Pray for the many groups that will be on campus this summer. Pray that they will be blessed and a blessing as they partner with Rehoboth and other organizations in learning and serving.

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. Gifts given after July 1 will help us get a head start on next school year's tuition assistance need of \$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 \$275,765.

Jubilee Fund Need:

Our Jubilee Fund helps Rehoboth provide additional tuition support for families experiencing challenging circumstances.

Volunteer at Rehoboth

Rehoboth loves to have long term volunteers. If you are interested in spending a semester or year at Rehoboth, we would love to talk to you! Maintenance, classroom assistants, bus drivers, choir accompanist and more! If you have a skill and a passion to serve, we probably have a place for you at Rehoboth! Give our volunteer coordinator a call at 505-726-9603 for more information.

We are hiring for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year!

- Alumni relations officer
- Choral accompanist

For more information and to apply online, visit www.rcsnm.org

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.

