



This image of Mary Helen Brown is from the Rehoboth 2024 school calendar.

## Dear Friends,

When the Israelites were delivered safely through the Red Sea and their Egyptian captors destroyed, we read that Miriam “took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing.”  
Tambourines.

In all of the fear and chaos of fleeing Egypt in the middle of the night with only what they could carry, the Israelite women all paused to ask, “Now where did I put my Tambourine?” This isn’t an insignificant detail. One of God’s irrefutable commands is to celebrate—even when life is hard and things don’t seem to be going well. Rehoboth has much to celebrate, and I hope you’ll join us in getting out your tambourines and praising the Lord with us.

One such tambourine moment is the special joy we get out of art at Rehoboth. Mary Helen Brown brings a legacy of skill and passion to her artwork, and she continually astounds our

community with her drawing, painting, and jewelry-making. We praise God for Mary Helen, the gifts He gave her, and our opportunity to enjoy the fruits of her labors.

With gratitude, Dan Meester  
*Executive Director*

## Praise & Prayer Requests

-Join us in giving thanks and praise to God for a great start to the school year. Teachers and students have settled in well, and our new staff are doing an outstanding job!

-The middle of October brings about Parent-Teacher Conferences at all of our grade levels. These vital conversations build the strong partnership between home and school that we desire at Rehoboth. Please pray that families and teachers bring a spirit of wisdom and collaboration into these important meetings and that the conversations bear much fruit in the lives of our students.

-On October 12, our School Board and administrative team will meet for a time of strategic thinking and prioritization about the areas in which we should invest our time and energy for the coming year. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as these leaders help guide our school into the future.

## Current Needs

### Specific Needs

*High Desert Horizons* - Sixth grade is a time of transition and change as students shift from elementary to middle school. At Rehoboth Christian School, we offer a 6th grade program named High Desert Horizons (HDH) where the

classroom expands into the local community and surrounding area. Using the Place Based Education model, the students are immersed into local heritage and culture, landscapes and ecosystems, opportunities and experiences. Whether it be on a mesa in the high desert, at a national monument or park, or within the city of Gallup, students will connect their learning with their natural and social community. Our students will expand their horizons and get to know our Creator more deeply through being in His world, and being a light to those around them (Matthew 5:14).

The need to fully fund the High Desert Horizons program for this school year is \$3,000. Indicate HDH Program on the giving page if you give online.

-Our *maintenance team* is in need of a reliable pickup truck. The 1996 Ford Truck that was donated many years ago has become less than reliable for trips to town to pick up supplies. If you have a reliable truck that you would be willing to donate, they would appreciate it! Connect with Ken Zylstra for more information by emailing [kzylstra@rcsnm.org](mailto:kzylstra@rcsnm.org) or call 505-488-3900.

### **Tuition Assistance Need**

We are grateful for your support as we seek to help families with tuition assistance this year. Our annual tuition assistance need for the 2024-2025 school year is \$1,910,000. We are thankful for a good start to the school year with \$391,689 received for tuition assistance through September 19.

### **SALT Program**

This school year we are working hard to maintain the great programming and supports that we have been able to implement over the past year. We are currently able to offer speech, occupational, and physical therapies, as well as

life skills experiences through community work study placements. We praise God for the way he has provided for the SALT program, and how he has been working in the lives of our SALT students and families. Due to some changes in the funding received through the local district and state of New Mexico, the total remaining need to fund the SALT program for the 24-25 school year is \$265,022.

### **Volunteer at Rehoboth**

Our maintenance team is currently asking for help with some concrete flatwork projects around campus, so if you have experience in placing and finishing concrete, please reach out to us! If you are interested in more information about volunteering, please contact our Groups & Guests Coordinator, Laura Blystra at [lblystra@rcsnm.org](mailto:lblystra@rcsnm.org) or call (505) 726-9603.

### **How Can You Help Our Teachers?**

View our staff Amazon wishlist to see what you can purchase to help our teachers and staff! Our teachers and staff appreciate your help! Please scan the QR Code with your phone camera.



*Thank you for your prayers and support!  
Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.*

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