



Monthly Update

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## Dear Friends,

My office shelves at school illustrate my love of leadership and biblical study. At home, my weakness for spy thrillers overflows my nightstand and bookcases. I can remember specific teachers during my life who challenged me and connected me with books I would enjoy. They helped me love words and inspired me to become an English teacher.

The importance of reading at a young age is well-documented and positively impacts people for the rest of their lives. Here in Gallup, the staff at Octavia Fellin Public Library knows full well just how much reading can help young people rise up and improve their life circumstances. In order to keep kids connected to reading during their teenage years as the pull of technology grows strong, the library created a Teen Advisory Board to plan events and serve as a sounding board for ideas to inspire middle school and high school students to read.

That's where Duviana Sanchez comes in. As a Rehoboth senior, she served on the board. Her middle school Language Arts teacher at Rehoboth, Phil Neilson, is now the head librarian at Octavia Fellin; so he knew she would be a great fit. It's not every day you find students willing to give up their Friday nights to share their reading passion with each other and brainstorm ways to serve other young people. But that's exactly the kind of thing we hope marks the hearts of our Rehoboth students—a desire to look beyond themselves and make a positive impact on their communities, all for the glory of God.

Today, Duviana is a freshman at New Mexico State, studying veterinary medicine. She may not be an English major, but her enthusiasm for reading is certainly propelling her to success in her classes. Her desire to serve others as a vet is just another example of the spirit she showed as a member of the Teen Advisory Board here at Rehoboth.

If you stop to think about it, maybe you can remember a teacher in your life who motivated you. Thank God for them. And to all of you, thank you all for helping us create a school here at Rehoboth that inspires students in their studies and challenges them to put their learning into action for the Kingdom of God.

**Dan Meester, Executive Director**



## How can you pray for our school and community?

- We're one quarter into the school year, and we thank God for watching over our school, our students, and our school families. May He continue to do so for the rest of the year.
- We're thankful for the strong turnout at Parent-Teacher conferences that allowed us to forge deeper relationships with the parents and guardians of our students.
- The government shutdown is having a noticeable impact on some of the organizations Rehoboth relies on for funding. Please join us in praying for an end to the shutdown so that our school can continue to help our most vulnerable students and their families.

## School and Student Highlights

- High school students, Micah Haven and Landon Watts, travelled to West Michigan with our advancement team to help share the Rehoboth story with our supporters in the area. They had the chance to tour Hope College and Calvin University as well.
- Rehoboth senior, Mary Helen Brown, is an accomplished jewelry designer and silversmith. She recently had the chance to present to a large group of adult artisans about where her motivation and inspiration comes from.
- A few of our staff; Verlena Livingston, Clarissa Johnson, and Tara De Young recently travelled to the National Indigenous Educators Association (NIEA) conference in Spokane, WA. There, they presented to an audience of 70 people about Rehoboth's work in providing distinctly Christian education while also elevating the importance of our students' culture and identity.

## CURRENT NEEDS

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### • TUITION ASSISTANCE

We are well on our way into the second quarter of the school year. We are grateful for the gifts in support of our tuition assistance program totaling **\$690,910** through October 23 which represents **35%** of our annual need of **\$2 million**. With your continued support, we can continue to provide an affordable Christian Education for the students and families in our community.

### • SALT PROGRAM (Students All Learning Together)

This 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. Through October 23, we have received gifts to the SALT program totaling **\$30,265**. We ask for your support for this program so we can ensure every child can be provided with the educational resources they need throughout the 2025–26 school year.

### • KUIPERS GYM RENOVATION PROJECT

Our architect is working on the final submittal for the building permit process for the addition to the Kuipers Gym. We hope to break ground in the coming months. A huge **thank you** to the generous supporters who are making this project a reality!

### • REHOBOTH SOLAR-PHASE #2

We are excited to begin the next phase of solar energy production at Rehoboth! We are refining the job scope and budget with our solar provider and hope to share this information with you very soon! We anticipate a **\$500,000 investment** that will lower energy costs for our High School and Sports & Fitness Center. If you'd like to learn more about the project or explore ways you can partner with us, please reach out to Ken Zylstra, Director of Advancement.

### • STAFF AMAZON WISHLIST



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

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