

May 2020 Update "Restore Online"



Virtual Party: Restore's donors and supporters are wonderful! Your giving made it possible to celebrate March and April birthdays. Ximena coordinated with parents a surprise party for five birthday students. Pizza, soda and brownies were delivered to the homes. The rest of us went virtual and offered congratulations, cheers and sang happy birthday to all five at the same time.

SAT results: Congratulations to our three juniors and one senior who took the SAT examination. Thank you Phillip66 corporate volunteer, Michael Scott Moore, for providing the SAT tutoring. Juan and Isaiah scored within the 57th percentile rank. I'm still waiting to hear from the other two students. Ximena is setting up the next SAT tutoring sessions but this time it will be virtual and with Erik, our Union County College work-study student. We pray that our juniors will take advantage of the tutoring. The next SAT test is in August.

Increased online attendance: Ninety percent of our parents signed up their children for the Restore online activities. We are using the Remind program and Zoom to communicate and conference with the Restore families. In addition to the birthday party, you are sponsoring a weekly get up and move exercise sessions, weekly check in with Mr. Bagby and the virtual field trips. Friday's field trip was to the National Parks. The students enjoyed it! Ximena is working with Erik and our high school peer leaders to plan a movie night and our recognition of our third marking period honor students.

Personal touch: Going digital has not hindered your ability to touch base with students in meaningful ways. Once a week I basically chat with everyone to check in on how they are doing with their school work and give an insight for the week. April's assignment was to fill out and hand in a three question survey on happiness. I attached to you May's letter for our students that have the results of the survey.

I was able to follow up on one of the students, Jonah (name changed). His Mother called me after the my Zoom meeting to say that Jonah was thinking about his Sunday School teacher who passed sometime ago. He was crying and very upset. I called him, listened and had a good conversation about how good it is to remember people even if it makes you sad. Remembering keeps that person alive in our minds and hearts and that is good.

Later on Jonah attended the virtual field trip to the National Parks, he told Ximena about our conversation and that he was okay and had fun!

Meeting expenses: Thank you for coming by Ximena and my side to help continue our outreach to Restore members and their families. Many of you have already switched over to online giving. Some are sending their donations to my temporary dwelling (my Mom's house) during the State's shelter in place. Your faithfulness enabled me to meet our April obligations. It's kinda exciting to see your check come in the mail or to know that you are now giving online donations. You made it possible to facilitate the transition to digital and virtual services. Most importantly, without you, I cannot met April's and future payrolls. Keeping Ximena full time has become even more critical to the success of "Restore Online." I am working full time and caring for my family at my Mom's house which takes up most of my time when I am not working. Ximena's role in Restore has become increasingly valuable and important. So thank you for making Restore a priority in your charitable giving.

You can still have your donations to Restore matched. A \$5000 match for monthly and quarterly donations during 2020 continues.

By Giving online, you can give me the most helpful and safest way to receive your donations to Restore.

HOW TO CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO RESTORE?

- You can visit our website.
- You can get current updates by friending or liking us on the Restore Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/restorekid/>

The best ways to contribute at this time is:

1. **By giving on our website at www.restorekids.org** and go to the donation button.
2. Or by going directly to **JustGiving's website at <https://link.justgiving.com/v1/charity/donate/ein/52-1922292>**
Copy link and past in your browser.
3. **You can always continue to mail your check to
P.O. Box 29, Elizabeth, NJ 07207-0029**
4. **To give stocks: Please call me for the needed information. (908) 400-3293**

Thank you and please continue to pray for Restore, our members, staff, volunteers and me.

Be well, be safe and go in faith,



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