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## Donations Activity Has Been High

*As it is written, "He has scattered abroad. He has given to the poor. His righteousness remains forever." (2 Corinthians 9:9)*

### In this Issue

#### School Supplies Needed

At this time of year, CUPS needs a lot of school supplies donated. We hope to receive them and transport them to Mexico by mid-August in anticipation of the fall school term starting.

#### Ongoing Donation Needs

Follow this link to the CUPS Home page. Donation needs can be found under the Donations pulldown menu.

#### Upcoming Events

**CUPS Board Meeting** -August 16, 2023 at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church (SBPC)

#### Board Members Needed

CUPS is looking for supporters that would be willing to serve on the CUPS Board. Board meetings are held about 4 times per year, usually in the greater Houston area. If you are interested, please contact board chair Chris Friedersdorf at [cbfdorf@gmail.com](mailto:cbfdorf@gmail.com)

#### Donation Collection Locations

### Donations from Churches

A large supply of school supply donations has been received from Hope Presbyterian Church in Austin, and also from Georgetown Presbyterian Church. These are ready for delivery to the CUPS storage unit in Pharr, and will be transported there in July.



## Recent Projects

### Techados for Medical Clinics

One of CUPS' projects this year was to lend a hand to the USAER 95Q in Valle Hermoso. USAER is the Spanish acronym for "Services for Aid to Regular Education". Their building was damaged by an electrical fire earlier this year. USAER 95 provides workshops and assistance for families and educators who have children and students needing special educational services. They have provided helpful information on working with children who have autism. Members of the community came together to raise money for the needed repairs, and CUPS also assisted. USAER 95Q is now back up, running, and offering workshops and resources in the Valle Hermoso area. You can look up their Facebook page and even watch their work on video.



**Las Higuierillas Clinic**



**La Capilla Clinic**



## HOW DO MY DONATIONS GET TO THOSE IN NEED?

CUPS has a well oiled process for receiving donated materials, such as medical equipment, school supplies, computers, and warm clothing, and delivering them to those in need in northeastern Mexico.

### STEP 1

Supplies are dropped off at one of the [Donation Locations](#) listed on the CUPS web site.

### STEP 2

A network of CUPS supporters and board members transport the donations by van, truck, and/or cars to McAllen, where part time CUPS employee Rafa Sanchez inventories them in our storage unit in Pharr.

### STEP 3

Rafa coordinates with CUPS' Fidencio Perez and/or Principal Marco Gonzalez to deliver these supplies to Mexico. Fidencio has another storage room at his home in Sta. Librada, where supplies can be stored until delivered to those who need them



### STEP 4

Fidencio works with educators and community leaders in Mexico to identify those in need, and he delivers medical equipment, school supplies, and warm clothing to them. Many of these contacts were cultivated by Louise Flippin many years ago. Marco Gonzalez and his wife are educators who help identify educational needs, and who help place computers in schools where most needed.



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