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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)

35th Anniversary Issue

In Memoriam

We would like to acknowledge the exceptional contribution of Bill and Alice Loveless to CUPS. This couple, who were members of First Presbyterian Church, Kingwood, organized and led annual CUPS workgroups from that church for over 20 years. Both Bill and Alice served for a number of years on the CUPS board of directors, and donated both time and money to CUPS. Bill died some years ago, and Alice died just recently. They will be sorely missed.



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

Donation Collection Locations

Upcoming Events

CUPS Board Meeting - May 22, 2024

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.

CUPS Celebrates its 35th Anniversary

In 1989, CUPS began its work, uniting volunteers from the US with communities in Mexico. Our goal then was simply to serve those in need. We formed a Board of Directors; our first President was Rev. Ernest Miller, a pastor from McAllen, Texas. The board chose four communities where we planned to begin our housing program. Philip Enochs, an engineer from McComb, Mississippi, designed a small house with a cement floor and a tin roof. CUPS rented a warehouse in Empalme to store equipment and supplies. And so we began. Our housing program started in the rural community of Vila Cardenas, which is part of Matamoros; the other three were in the Valle Hermoso area - Jose Delgado, Ensenada, and Molina Enriquez. Over the years, CUPS built 70 houses in rural communities, and more recently medical clinics, classrooms, comedors, etc.

Our journey has taken us through over 35 years of service, of people learning about each other, and of sharing smiles, laughter and hard work. Indeed, our great experience is that we are all family, and that while the world is large, we can make a difference. Together we have shared many years of faithfulness. Thanks be to God.



Recent Projects

Student Van for Telebachillerato 022

One of CUPS' projects this year was to use some of the money from the Johnnie Webb foundation grant from Briarwood PC to buy a student transportation van for Telebachillerato 022 (TBC 022). In the past 4 years, this grant has also paid for a computer lab, improvements to the school electrical supply, window upgrades, office furniture, and installation of air conditioning in classrooms.



The Donation Pipeline



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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