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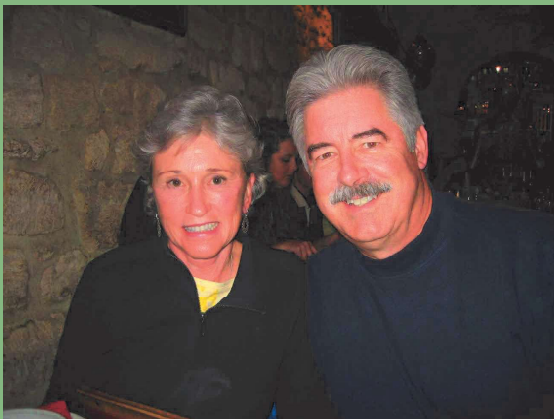
## School Supply Donations Needed

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

## 36th Anniversary Issue

### Board Member Retirement

CUPS would like to acknowledge the long service of board member Cindy Bausch, who decided to retire from the board this year to focus on family and health. Cindy and her husband Thom continue to support CUPS in every way they can. Her board service 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](mailto:cbfdorf@gmail.com)

### Donation Collection Locations

### Upcoming Events

CUPS Board Meeting -Feb. 19, 2025

### School Supplies Needed

We get frequent feedback from the schools CUPS supports that school supplies like paper, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, notebooks, backpacks, etc. are urgently needed on a year-round basis.

**CUPS Celebrates its 36th Year of Service**

CUPS began its work in 1989, uniting volunteers from the US with communities in Mexico. Our journey has taken us to our 36th year of service, and while the number of volunteers has declined somewhat due border security concerns, we have found a way to continue to construct school projects with Fidencio's leadership and community volunteers. Also, the donations pipeline remains operational, thanks to work by Rafa Sanchez in McAllen, Professor Marco Gonzalez in La Soledad, Fidencio Perez in Santa Librada, teachers like Alia Muza in Valle Hermoso, and numerous CUPS supporters in Houston, Austin, and other communities that transport donations to the border. Thanks be to God.



## Recent Projects

### Kitchen and Roof Repair for School in Playa Bagdad

CUPS completed construction projects in 2024 in Valle Hermoso, including an Early Childhood Development classroom and roof repair to teacher Alia Muza's classroom, and also assisted the Playa Bagdad community by performing Roof Repair and bulding a Kitchen for their elementary school, as shown in the pictures below.



## 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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