

Dear Friend,

It's hard to believe we are already 1/3 of the way through 2024! It's been a busy year so far for Circle of Concern and our partners.

### TJ Day Trip to ZN MX Red

Early on a Saturday morning in February the team headed down to the San Ysidro Border to serve the people living in Zona Norte, Tijuana. We brought lots of medical supplies that Hugh Margesson had procured for us. Lauren King, a nurse and long-time COC supporter, recruited two of her friends who are also nurses to join us. They had never done anything like this before and said they would love to help again!

We cooked a hot breakfast, feeding about 250 people. And while they ate, we played with the kids and prayed with people in the medical clinic.

We will be going back to TJ on Saturday, June 22. If you want to come, let me know or sign up at [circleoc.com/tijuana](https://circleoc.com/tijuana)



### TJ Ministry House Purchased!

Through the generosity of many, MX Red was able to purchase a property that will work perfectly for the ministry. The house includes six studio apartments on the lower level, with a three bedroom unit upstairs that will house their staff. It's in a good area of Tijuana and has room for teams and emergency shelter for special situations. It's such an answer to prayer! Circle was blessed to help with the purchase of the property.

### TJ Work Project this August

While the ministry house is "liveable" it has some needs to finish out several of the apartments and a kitchen remodel upstairs. Let me know if this is something you'd like to spend a few days helping with.

### Jose Carlos Update

Many of you donated towards Jose's colon surgery that reversed his colostomy. He is now a normal, healthy, almost 3 year old. The second phase of help for his family to find housing is now complete as well! In early May Jose Carlos, his mom Cynthia and his sister Donna will move into a two bedroom apartment that will offer them a new lease on life. Cynthia has been able to find a temporary job, and is hoping to find permanent employment soon. Your generosity has changed this families life and given them hope for their future. Thank you!



## Hope for the High Desert

Our newest COC ministry, run by Jim Robertson is busy feeding and helping the homeless in the High Desert above Los Angeles. Jim and his wife Pam have been volunteering this way for years, Circle is just recognizing what they do as a true ministry, and want to empower them to do it even better with partners like you. To give you an idea of what they do, on April 14th they helped host an event in downtown Victorville and cooked and served over 100 people chili and cornbread. They also gave out jackets, sweatshirts, shoes and socks, blankets, hats and more.

Jim is constantly collecting in-kind donations from various locations – from blankets to tents, food items, hygiene supplies, and more. He can then distribute them to those in need. He also helps at local recovery houses and outfits families that have been relocated because of abuse issues.

You can help Jim help others by donating at [circleoc.com/hope-for-the-high-desert](https://circleoc.com/hope-for-the-high-desert)

Carol DeGraff, Executive Director



## UPCOMING SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



### 1-Day Outreach to Zona Norte, Tijuana: June 22, 2024

Feed, serve and love. Space is limited.  
Suggested donation: \$25

Sign up at [circleoc.com/tijuana](https://circleoc.com/tijuana)



### Back to beautiful Bucerias, Nayarit: May 15-19, 2025

Bucerias, Nayarit is just north of Puerto Vallarta. Serving with our partners at Agape Church.  
\$650 plus airfare.

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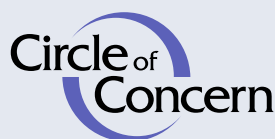
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