Spring at ECM means lots of seeding, transplanting, mixing potting soil, selling and delivering plants, and answering gardening questions. Seasonally it is a wild and fun time here, since the rest of ECM’s day to day ministries continue as usual too. When we started growing plants six years ago, we never imagined the benefits and impact that Growing Awareness would have on the community! We partner with the local churches and groups listed below who sell our plants as a fundraising opportunity for their organization. We also sell our plants wholesale to local nurseries, as well as directly from our office and at spring festivals around Albuquerque. Countless people coming through our office this spring said, “You guys have the best plants! I’ve been growing your plants for the last few years and they do fabulous!” We are humbly grateful—thanks to all who have sold our plants or are growing them! All proceeds from the plants support other ECM programs.

Local partners

- St. Stevens United Methodist Church
- St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
- Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Children’s Organ Transplant Association
- Central United Methodist Church
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Foothills Fellowship Church
- Montgomery Church of Christ
- First Presbyterian Church
- Hope Evangelical Free Church
- St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
- Albuquerque Christian School
- Sandia Presbyterian Church
- Grace Church
- First Unitarian Church

Noel Castellanos, CEO of the Christian Community Development Association, is coming to ECM on July 26 for an evening of sharing CCDA principles and his recent book, Where The Cross Meets the Street: What happens to the neighborhood when God is at the center. More details to be announced.

“I am convinced that we can no longer maintain old paradigms of ministry that compartmentalize and truncate the work of the kingdom and still make an impact in our world, which is in need of love and restoration” (Noel Castellanos).
The Common Good needs a store leader! This volunteer opportunity may be perfect for a retired person, couple, or young person interested in getting ministry and business experience.

**Commitment:** 20 +hours/week, 1 year or more

**Compensation:** Housing at Casa Shalom (ECM’s intentional community)

Want to know more? Contact Director John Bulten at john.ecm@gmail.com

The Common Good is also seeking volunteer greeters, cashiers, and donation sorters who are able to make a weekly commitment of at least one 3-hour shift. If you would like to join our team, please e-mail eastcentralministries@gmail.com for an application.

**The Kerr Foundation, Inc.**

We are honored and grateful to announce that The Kerr Foundation, based in Oklahoma City, has awarded an operating support grant of $3,000 to our health clinic, One Hope Centro de Vida! These funds will offset the costs associated with 50 primary care examinations for patients in our community.

As part of the award, we have committed to issue a matching donation challenge to our board and donors. By contributing to this challenge, you will help us offset the cost of 100 primary care examinations. Will you help us meet our goal?

If you would like to contribute to the challenge, please mail a check with “Kerr Foundation Challenge” written on the memo line, or if you donate online, type “Kerr Foundation Challenge” in the “Special Instructions to Seller” box.

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ECM welcomes your financial partnership as we demonstrate God’s intended reality in our community.