Thanks to all the volunteers & groups that have helped out this spring with Growing Awareness! We transplanted petunias and strawberries and prepared pots and soil for future tomato transplanting.

We’ve had groups from Sandia Presbyterian, Foothills Fellowship, 1st Presbyterian, Grace Church, Hope Evangelical Free, Church of the Good Shephard, Cottonwood Classic NHS, University of New Mexico, a horticulture therapy program for adults with developmental disabilities, and many individuals and neighbors helping.

I couldn’t have done it without you all; many thanks!

—Morgan, Urban Farm Manager
A story from our health center

Jose joined ECM’s Pathways case management program with uncontrolled diabetes that affected his eyesight. He was no longer able to drive due to his loss of sight. We started working with him, and we helped him obtain a pair of free glasses. After he picked them up, he came to our offices and described his excitement as follows: “It is incredible how a pair of glasses can help you—not only with your sight, but they also help you to see the wonders you have around you. I see everything more beautiful, bigger, and in such detail. I had lost my sight because I couldn’t afford to buy a pair of glasses. Now I am looking at the ants, which I thought were extinct! Even the rocks look precious. I am forever grateful to this program that has given me the opportunity to see all these things again.”

Jose is just one of the hundreds of neighbors who come to ECM and have their practical needs met in addition to finding a community of support and love. God is at work in ECM and our community.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In response to our community’s desires, ECM has hosted two “know your rights” training events. The first was for our staff with immigration lawyer (and 2004-2007 ECM employee) Amber Weeks, who helped us better understand how ECM can continue to be a safe and welcoming place. The second was with a local activist group, El Centro Igualdad y Derechos. Through funny role-playing and serious conversation, they helped a small group of community members become better informed about their rights and better prepared for the future.

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