



“We didn’t even expect how busy it got last year for Cinco de Mayo.

We were still only take-out at that time due to COVID, and I thought it was going to be slow. I even called my brother at Mi Tierra to say that I could come help them because I thought it would be busier there.

But that’s when the phone started ringing.

There were only three of us here and tickets were coming in ten at a time. We started calling our waitresses, kitchen staff, dishwashers, and anyone else that could come help us.

I ended up bagging chips for the orders and had so many to do that I couldn’t even come up front to see how we were doing. When I finally got a second to look, there was a line of pick-ups out the door.

We had to close early that day because we were running out of food. And after we shut it down, we were all sitting around because we were so tired even though it was just to-go, but we were also happy. When we were shut down because of the pandemic, it was really hard and we thought we wouldn’t make it. But after Cinco we had a

feeling of relief, like okay, maybe we can do this.

The staff who worked that day still remembers how busy it was, so as we got closer to it this year, they would say ‘Hey Brenda, you know Cinco is coming up soon’. And those that would normally have Wednesday off, I told them don’t even ask, we are all going to work that day.

I’m already stressing out about it...but after a long time of it being slow, it is kind of exciting to be stressed out again.”