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Chicxulub Food Bank Program

Check out the website for the Chix Food Bank www.chixfoodbank.com

Please advise those folks who you might know that the reason some of them are not receiving the newsletter is because I have incorrect addresses. On average every month I receive at least 5-7 rejections. I have no way of tracking these folks down. If you hear anyone asking please have them send me an email or visit the web site to send the email. Gracias

FYI the HSBC banks will no longer accept American bills for exchange or deposit. This began, to my knowledge in Feb when the exchange rate was so high. The bank does accept transfers in but no deposits in American cash. Will let you know if/when this changes.

This has been an unusual time here in the Prog/Chix area. With the scare of the human flu virus everything has been shut down. After a two week suspension of all schools, this past Monday was the first day that all schools were open. Cruise ships are not coming to Progreso until after June 14th and people are being encouraged to avoid any event where there are more than 50 people gathering. Because of this, the first Mental Health week being put on by the Chix Food Bank was cancelled. Will try again next year. There has been no case of this flu in our area but 41 confirmed in surrounding areas of Merida but nothing serious.

This month's despensa occurred at the restaurant. Rita is still waiting to hear from Corona. So it is one month at a time for now. Our plan is to continue at the restaurant until we hear different. Rita was very happy this

week as her son Eduardo and family came for a visit. He is doing better even though his blood pressure goes up and down in spite of medication.



These are the moms and new babies born this year and Justina with Rita is due June 4th.

The school psychology program is coming to an end. At the end of the last week in June, the 75 referred students will have been seen and have a treatment plan developed for them. I am hoping to find \$2500 to maintain the program for next school term. Most of this money goes to salaries of the 2 psychologists doing the work.



Jerenny y Liliana

The fiesta planned for Children's day was also cancelled because of the flu. I don't think this bothered the kids at all as they enjoyed a two week unexpected vacation!

Again, I am soliciting volunteers for the computer and English classes in the two elementary schools in Chicxulub. All you need to do is let me know which class you are interested in and I will add you to the list.

Tax Donation Process

I want to let you know that the process of making donations to the Canadian Food For Children organization that will send you a tax receipt has been working very well. Comments to me indicate they are efficient and prompt. I receive notification from their office when funds are transferred to the Food Bank account.

Here is how you do it.

All you need to do is write the cheque to:

Canadian Food for Children

40 King George's Road

TO Ontario

M8X 1L3

Attention Mary Reid.

Include my name and Chix Food Bank project and they will issue the receipt and deposit the money into the Food Bank account here in Mexico.

Please advise me if you are making your donation in this manner so I can keep the records straight for the Adopt A Family program.

Until next month.... The families of Chicxulub thank you for your caring and warm support.

Sharon Helgason