



Chicxulub Food Bank Program

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO EVERYONE!!

In November 2008 the Food Bank was one of the recipients of afundraiser organized by the International Women's Club of Merida. It was a lovely night to watch the models show us the latest fall and winter fashions designed by Martin Lopez from Merida.

I want to give a big thank you to the Merida Men's Club for their donation of a dolly to be used monthly to move groceries from the vehicle to the restaurant.



\_Roger Bowie with "Dolly"

Despensa day went rather smoothly after Rita found some volunteers to remove an indisposed zorro from her swimming pool. The brave men went away knowing they had made Rita happy. The 80 recipients were treated to some jokes and lots of laughter from Rita....it was a lovely morning.

There are about 25 new applicants for the Food Bank program. I will be doing home visits once I get the hampers prepared for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January. The challenge with accepting names for the list is the expectation that they will each receive their visit within a week of signing up but alas that does not happen so there is some disappointment with the wait time.

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

The new series, building on last winter's Psychological Services Program has continued with the hiring of two school psychologists to work with the two elementary schools student population. This will begin the week of January 12 2009 and run for 22 weeks. There are 61 children who are on the list with various problems such as learning disabilities, retention issues, behavior issues to name a few. We are all excited about the impact this will make for the students, teachers and parents...these children are our future!!

These photos show the kids you will be helping just as you did with school supplies!! Gracias...



Andreas Quintana Roo



Benito Juarez

## **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