



December 2009

## Chicxulub Food Bank Program

This month I prepared for 73 families and 69 arrived. Now this allows for 31 new families beginning in January. I am beginning to feel back on track. Rita came for a visit to say hello to everyone. This was the first time she has returned since selling the restaurant....it was a bit sad for her.

There was an article in the local paper about the Food Bank. Visit this link to read it.

[http://www.yucatan.com.mx/noticia.asp?cx=51\\$4109060000\\$4210211&f=20091216](http://www.yucatan.com.mx/noticia.asp?cx=51$4109060000$4210211&f=20091216)

There is also a new online paper, first ever and there is an English version. Check this one out as well.

<http://www.progresohoy.com/2009/12/cumple-cuatro-anos-un-banco-de.html>

You can also sign up for it to arrive in your inbox every day. Keeps you informed better than the stories circulating along the beach!



Once again, the guys at the restaurant wanted Santa for a return engagement. I am not sure who enjoyed him more...but the smiles tell the story! The candy canes (300) were passed out to all who came.



The English classes are proceeding nicely. Everyone seems to be enjoying the classes. We are putting together a "book" to help the rest of the volunteers who will begin after the new year and the other school.



Group meeting following classes Dec 2009. Don't you wish you were here?

Wow the cruise ship visits sure climbed between the November and December dispensa! I toured 28 folks and another 9 will be here after the dispensa. I love meeting these new folks who are interested in making a difference.



Louisiana



Tennessee



Louisiana



Florida



Texas Warren and this was his second visit to the school and program. Another milestone for me!

The school psychology program is working well at both schools and getting ready to close down for the holidays.



The little girl on the left without the bow has become the good will ambassador to welcome the visitors whenever there is a visit. Her name is Neydi.

A group of angels got together early December to package the toiletries for the Christmas hampers. The packing of the hampers will be the next big job after the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. A big thanks to everyone for your donated toiletries and making this possible yet again for another year.



Another group of elves got together to scrub the donated shoes.



The Geek Squad for computer maintenance at Andres Quintana Roo school (AQR) has been picked up by Dave and Tony. Carlos, the principal is grinning from ear to ear now that the systems are being looked at and worked on.



Dulce Firth, current President of the International Womens' Club donated 25 plastic bowls and small spoons for the lunch program at Andres Quintana Roo.

### **Volunteer Requests**

- The list of volunteers interested in teaching **English and Computers** to elementary school kids in Chicxulub is growing. Currently there are 17 names on the list.
- If there are more of you out there, call Sharon at 934-0558 or email [shelgason@hotmail.com](mailto:shelgason@hotmail.com) indicating availability and class choice and any other information that I might need.
- Still needed at AQR, 2 white boards and a handyman to change two large blackboards to cork boards.
- Anyone interested in volunteering at the local nursing home. The work consists on an exercise group that would be nice to have at least 4 of

the 5 week days and people who like to shave men and assist with passive exercises.

### **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.

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

**Check out the website for the Chix Food Bank [www.chixfoodbank.com](http://www.chixfoodbank.com)**

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