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Chicxulub Food Bank Program

Wow can you believe that another new year is here!!

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

This new year has begun with many positive happenings for this program. I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you who help make this program work. Every time I receive an email from Food For Children with the list of donors my heart is so overwhelmed and filled with hope and happiness. And every time another snowbird arrives at my door with a carload of donations of clothes and shoes and computers and you name it you can imagine how pleased I am!!

The January despensa happened on a cold and blustery day. Many folks were late because of doctor appointments, sick children or grandparents. Some folks just never got out of their hom<u>e</u> that day.



There are about 25 new applicants for the Food Bank program. I will be doing home visits over the next few months and getting the number back up close to 100. The challenge with accepting names for the list too early 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.

The annual fundraiser this year will be an afternoon of cervecitas and botanas at Rita's. Will send you photos and news of it next month.

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!!

Andreas Quintana Roo



Carlos and Andreas Quintana Roo elementary school have been waiting 4 years for this microscope to arrive and his smile says it all!!! Thanks to the elves that brought this to him.

There was a generous donation to buy new tennis shoes for the children at both of the schools were we help out and these phtos can tell the story. Some of the new shoes we delivered to the kids at Andreas Quintana Roo.





Again the smiles say it all!!

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