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Chicxulub Food Bank Program

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

I am back now in sunny Chicxulub and feeling the warmth of the sun. After a very soggy and cool summer in Wpg, it sure feels good. There is a lot of work for me to do here.

Rita's restaurant has been refurbished and that means Corona bought it. However, I have been unable to find Rita. My house phone is lost and the restaurant is not open. Have found out that Rita is in Mexico City and will return this week..



It means there has been no despensa since May of this year and that is difficult to accept. I have met up with some of the families and told them for sure next month but location right now is unknown.

The school psychology program is in demand. I am hoping to get it up and working by the end of October. Both school principals say it is really needed. The cost of the pilot project was \$1850. Any school psychologists interested in funding this program?

This week was Independence day in Mexico and the schools had a parade on Tuesday morning Sept 15th. It was a chance to see the kids in their new



uniforms.

This shows Benito Juarez younger grades lining up at 8AM. Temp 27.

Some of the kids were given their uniforms this past Thursday and quite pleased to accept them. Each one received pants/skirt and blouse/shirt.



Children also received the school supplies donated by supporters of the Food Bank.

The girls at Andres Quintana Roo received their uniforms this past week but the boys will have to wait two weeks because the tailor has been ill.



The cost of food has gone up significantly and thus the cost per despensa is having to go up. Much as I dislike doing this it is a necessity. It will now cost \$75 Canadian dollars to feed one family for the year.

Volunteer Requests

- Calling all volunteers looking for a community project! I need people who are interested in teaching **two** subjects to elementary school kids in Chicxulub. The two subjects are **English and Computers** and the grades are 5-6. The plan is to have enough volunteers to cover both schools as well as not having to make huge time commitments. I would like to develop a rotation that perhaps has you volunteering two days every 2nd or 3rd week...depends on the numbers.
- There is a satellite program at each school that has a prescribed English program and a book to follow. This will make it easier to continue on where the previous group of volunteers left off. Of course there is always room for spontaneous fun activities as well.
- The computer class is not in any way organized other than to have the computers (5) to date at the school. It will be the same pool of kids for this class as well. if you are interested call Sharon at 934-0558 or email { [HYPERLINK "mailto:shelgason@hotmail.com"](mailto:shelgason@hotmail.com) } indicating availability and class choice and any other information that I might need.
- Anyone interested in doing computer maintenance at Andres Quintana Roo school (AQR)? Carlos, the principal needs some assistance. He is very good at problem solving but has little extra time to maintain the computers.
- AQR needs a few items this year

- plastic bowls and small spoons for the lunch program about 25
- 2 white boards
- a handyman to change two large blackboards to cork boards
- There is a possibility of the Lunch Program at AQR being shut down in Dec due to lack of funds. It costs about 2000 pesos per month to feed 35-40 children daily. Anyone know of an organization looking to fund a lunch program in Chicxulub Yucatan?

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.

Sharon Helgason