



June 2009

## Chicxulub Food Bank Program

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

This month's despensa did not happen for the first time in 5 years. Rita is still waiting to hear from Corona and asked that I not prepare for the 15<sup>th</sup>. They were to see her last Thursday which was to be my shopping day. She is still waiting to hear. She does not know what might happen so is just waiting. The clients were forewarned in May that this might happen and all it means is a suspension for a few months until I find another place OR Corona comes through and keeps Rita as the manager

The school psychology program is coming to an end. At the end of the last week in June, the majority of the 75 referred students will have been seen and have a treatment plan developed for them. The evaluation from the teachers and parents indicate a wish to continue this program. This year the cost of the 24 week pilot project was \$1900. I am hoping to find at least \$2500 to maintain the program for next school year and increase the hours of work.

This photo is a self portrait done by a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girl who has a speech problem. One of the first activities with the students was to have them draw a picture of themselves. The black area coming from her mouth is indicative of her problem with speech. This is an area addressed by the school psychologist.



**Finally in place!!!** A program to assist the very poor children at the two schools to receive uniforms. Thanks to a very generous donation earmarked for the costs of outfitting the children with school uniforms this has begun. Carmita visited both schools to obtain the names of the identified children and as of today there are 56 children in grades 1-6 who will have a school uniform to begin their next school year. A seamstress and tailor who live in Chicxulub will be sewing the outfits for the schoolchildren. A win-win situation in that the kids will have their uniforms and the money earned will help two more families in Chicxulub. **Check out** the full story with photos on the web site.



Also there will be 54 children starting the next school year with backpacks and school supplies donated by supporters of the Chicxulub Food Bank. Over the year, donations of pens, pencils, notebooks and various other supplies have been received. These supplies will be packaged up and given to the identified children before the beginning of the school term this September.

## Volunteer Requests

1. 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 4-5-6. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [shelgason@hotmail.com](mailto:shelgason@hotmail.com) indicating availability and class choice and any other information that I might need.

2. Drivers in the Colorado area to bring down suitcase full of knitted items.

A lovely group photo of the ladies in Colorado, organized by Debra Hawkins. These ladies have been knitting up a storm to send these items for the Christmas hampers. Thanks to all of you from the families of Chicxulub.



Circle of Friends Women's Bible Study in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado

### **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.

I am heading back to Canada for my annual family vacation so....until September.... The families of Chicxulub thank you for your caring and warm support.

Sharon Helgason