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Chicxulub Food Bank Program

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

Well good news to begin with: The program is being run out of the same place but with new owner and name. The restaurant is now called Bamboo Beach and is a family style restaurant. The owner is Charley and his assistant is Joel. Joel speaks english but Charley does not. When I visited him I had Gustavo with me to avoid any misunderstandings. He is prepared to have the program continue on site with no changes to the program.



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The restaurant will provide service from 8 to 12 with a full menu. He will continue to give space for the library. He plans to have internet available so you can take your computer with you for breakfast if you wish. His Cablemas will provide CNN in English. He is a very personable owner who wants to provide good service to his customers.



I prepared for 84 families and had 50 families pick up their despensas. I am sure part of the reason is the 4 month delay and lack of knowing it was happening. There will be no new families until I get a handle on who is still in the area from the current list. The box of information is gone, along with the boxes of books.



The cost of basic food continues to rise. After the shopping this month I am convinced the increase in funding a family must be at \$75.00

Next month I will interview families on the waiting list for acceptance.

The cruise ship visits have begun. September 30th on the Carnival Fantasy arrived a group from Missouri. They brought school supplies and cash donations to help the school programs.



The school psychology program will begin the month of November. I have decided to bring on a 3rd school psychologist to work with the afternoon kids at Andres Quintana Roo . Funding is still an issue but will go ahead with the program anyhow.

A very generous donation has come from St. Cletus in New Orleans to continue the lunch program at AQR if needed.

School supply donations continue to pour in for the next school year.

Thanks to one and all who have participated.

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 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

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