

## ... WITH A PASSION FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY



John Cooper School Interact Club raised a total of **\$2,780.46** through car hops, bake sales and birthday parties and other events!

**‘Hop’ Proceeds Benefit Hunger Plus** Interact Club members from the John Cooper School, The Woodlands, Texas, worked at the Sonic Car Hop on March 8 to help raise money for Hunger Plus, Inc. Club members served food as car hops and accepted donations. Interact club members raised \$632 at the Sonic Drive-In located on Research Forest Drive. Sonic Manager, Trey Baker donated a percentage of the evening’s total sales to the fundraiser. The Sonic “Hot Dog” visited the school and hammed it up with Seniors Sarah Novelli (left) and Maggie Dunlap (right) who were co-chairs for the fundraiser.

**Maternal Shelters Program in Mexico** Don Shinn and Ted Holder, Hunger Plus Director and Sr.VP, traveled to Chihuahua City, Mexico to work out the details on the three feeding grants for the Maternal Shelters Program, shelters for “at risk” mothers. Several months ago two loads of hospital equipment and a load of computers were delivered for the benefit of this project. The grants have been approved and we will have \$128,500 for food and an additional \$11,000 for a water project for the Elance Club. The cost breakdown is as follows: \$84,567.93 for dehydrated food and delivery to Presidio, Mexico, which is 3024 cases, 42 pallets, over 2 million servings, and \$43,932.00 (+-) to purchase beans, corn and rice.

**May 28, 2007** Tomorrow morning, our club treasurer will wire US\$5,800 to a designated account in Kansas to aid in the reconstruction effort of Greensburg. This amount represents the total cash contributions of 10 of the 12 Rotary clubs in Panama. The two other clubs sent contributions totaling US\$1,700.00 through clubs in your state that they are working with, bringing the total to US\$7,500.00 and completing the participation of every Rotary club in the Republic of Panama. For more than thirteen years now, Kansas Rotarians have forged a special relationship with Panama. What started with a VOSH mission in 1994 has grown into a multitude of programs that include student and teacher exchanges, matching grants, donations of medicine, equipment and supplies, on-going VOSH missions and much more. We remember with gratitude and fondness the special Kansas-Panama project fair organized in 2005 by PDG Bill Grimes, in conjunction with the DG’s of that year, during the Tri-District PETS. Although Bill has been the leading driver behind most of these efforts, there are many of you that deserve individual recognition and thanks for your dedication to the well-being of thousands of poor Panamanian families. I am afraid that if I started naming you individually I might forget someone, so rather than risk a slight, I will just say thank you to all who have worked with and for Panama ... you know who you are. Our contribution is not much, but it comes from the heart. We know that Greensburg needs to be rebuilt and that it will take time and effort and money to get the task done. But if we know something about Kansans, it is that you are generous with your neighbor and tireless in your work, so we have no doubt that the town will be up and running shortly. Franz M. Garcia de Paredes, Assistant Governor 2006-07, Rotary clubs of Panama D-4240.

# HUNGER PLUS INC.

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