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GROVELAND - Service Clubs
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Service Project:

On Thursday, April 16, 2009, the Groveland Rotary Club presented a late model diesel powered ambulance to the San Felipe branch of the Mexican Red Cross. The vehicle was driven to the Mexican border by Don and Judy Sheridan of Groveland. This project was made possible through the generous donations from the following: Rotary Clubs: San Francisco, Groveland, Escalon Sunrise, Dos Palos, Lodi Tokay, Los



Banos, Madera, Mariposa, Modesto North, Modesto Sunrise, Riverbank, Twain Harte, Turlock, Castroville and Calafia de Mexicali; Lions Clubs: Oakdale, Sonora, Sonora Mountain and Alameda Breakfast. There were also ten private donations.

During the same trip, four medical clinics were held at Progresso Elementary School in a suburb 13 miles S.W. of Mexicali, on April 17 & 18. These clinics included 273 eye exams with 126 pairs of eyeglasses being dispensed. 51 foot exams were given and various corrective adjustments were made to shoes. 52 female medical screening exams were given in a mobile unit that was built by four Rotary clubs from the U.S. and four Rotary clubs from Mexico. The mobile dental unit from the University de Mexicali was present to provide dental exams, 9 extractions and 27 fillings. 140 fluoride treatments were also given. The clinics were headed up by Doctors Tom Mihok and Gary Nicolas OD, Dr. Ted Mihok DPM and Nadia Martinez MD. These doctors were assisted by Larry and Carol Huggins, Esther Milsap, Judy Sheridan, Sonya Schali, Betty Glassey, Sue Duncan, Karen Mihok, BJ Sibley, Irene Hollister, Ken Cosner, Sharon Hunt and the Calafia de Mexicali Rotary members and their Interact Club.

In addition to 30 electric hospital beds and medical equipment donated to the local hospital, 6 commercial grade school yard playground pieces, a large commercial refrigerator and 20 mattresses were donated and installed at the Cahova orphanage school for boys ages 7-17. We thank Bob Bitter PDG Madera Sunrise Rotary for the equipment. Those that worked at Cahova included Don Sheridan, John Brunk, Richard Sibley, John Milsap, Jim Goodrich, Erwin Schali, Richard Fries and Harry Fries. Groveland Rotary's brother club, Calafia de Mexicali, was our host and the members had all 27 holes dug for the installation of the playground equipment and furnished all the concrete. We must also thank the following for their participation in this project: Groveland Helping Hands, Escalon Community Ambulance, Oakdale District Hospital-Ray Leverett, Dr. Jose Bustos, Bordona's Furniture, Ron Peters, and all others that participated in this massive project. The very high amount of dollar value does not come close to the human effort made to make this a most rewarding project. All those helped by this humanitarian project, especially the children, thank you very much.