

# Community





Neighbors. Even in the small town of Arkadelphia, Ouachita is surrounded by a strong community that supports it and brings life into the bubble. From the revitalization effort in downtown to local churches providing ample opportunities for students to get involved, from new restaurants coming into town to the final week of business at Dino's Main Street Cafe, from students cleaning yards and mentoring elementary students to Rosas' Kitchen's new plan to give back - all of these things come together to make the

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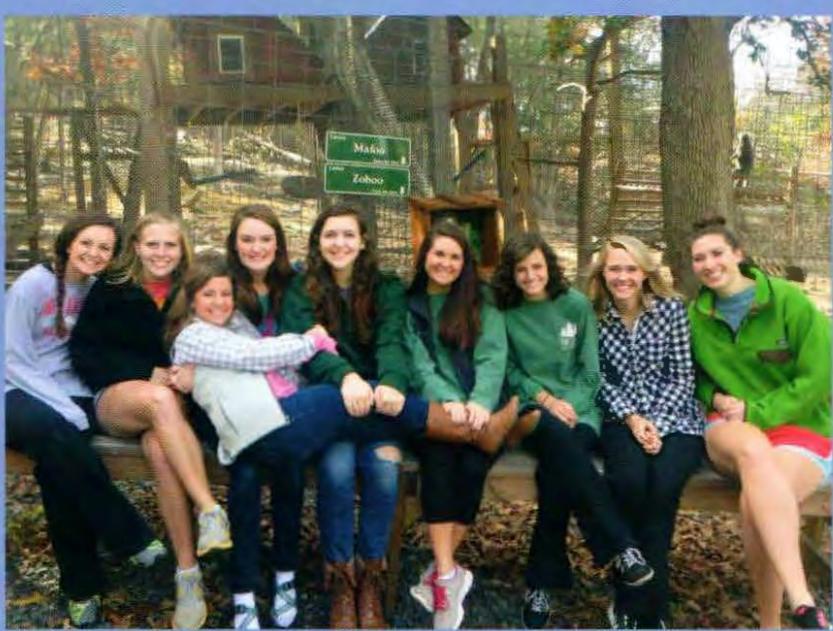
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To promote Your peace which passes all understanding,  
To put on love which is the perfect bond of unity,  
and to let the peace of Christ rule our hearts  
to which we are called to one body.





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## FINE FOOD



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**Joining Together for  
a Common Cause**

They tore open the enormous containers of rice. One scoop went into a bag. Following that scoop, another big helping of soy and two smaller scoops of vitamins and veggies. The bag was sealed and boxed. With a production cost of only \$1.32, the contents of the bag were enough to feed six nutritious meals to six starving children around the world.

After learning about the organization through contact with restaurant Pitza 42 in Conway, 13-year-old Rosas Mexican Kitchen (formerly El Mariachi) partnered with Enactus and Feed My Starving Children to host a MobilePack. This community-wide event brought together students and anyone with hands capable of scooping rice to pack bags of meals to send to starving children around the world.

"We truly hope to create a hunger awareness revolution, uniting not to fight world hunger, but to put a stop to it," Elva Rosas, junior business administration/finance major from Arkadelphia, said.

The Enactus member and Mexican Kitchen manager joined forces with Feed My Starving Children to host a MobilePack in the Tiger Den. She and Griffin Peoples, a junior business administration/finance major from North Little Rock, coordinated the event. In order for the MobilePack to take place, Rosas Mexican Kitchen and Enactus had to raise \$22,000.

"We donate 22 cents out of every dollar spent at the restaurant," Rosas explained about how the restaurant contributed to the fundraising, in addition to other fundraising events in conjunction with Enactus. "Once we raised the money, Feed My Starving Children took over from there with providing the supplies and training our volunteers."

The event took place on March 15-16, with three packing sessions. The over 400 volunteers included people from Ouachita, churches, Henderson State University, local schools and anyone willing to help. Volunteers ranged from students and administrators to children and the elderly. Henderson's President, Dr. Carl Jones, was present to help pack.

Volunteers went through training before putting on hairnets and gloves to pack the food. They divided into teams and began scooping and sealing. With throwback pop music blaring, encouraged volunteers soon developed a competitive edge.

"The groups had to yell when they finished packing a box," Rachel Hooker, a senior accounting major, explained. "Our group was the first one to finish a box during that session. We were the very first group to yell. That really determined us to try to get 30 boxes packed."

Members from social clubs like Beta Beta and women from the Henderson sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha also joined in packing boxes.

"I was in a group with about 11 Betas," Caleb Terry, a freshman mass communications major from Benton, described. "We started timing how long it would take us to pack boxes. I think we were able to fill an entire box in under two minutes. Once we started going like that, we were going as fast as we could to get the boxes packed."

According to Seth Boyd, sophomore business administration/

finance major from Sherwood and member of Beta Beta, the volunteers from Beta Beta were able to pack 30 boxes, which would feed six children for an entire year.

For other volunteers, their motivation had a bigger impact than that of only pure competitive spirit.

"I just began realizing the impact of what we were doing when I was touching the rice," Coleen Rose, a sophomore kinesiology major from Keithville, La., said. "It occurred to me that we were the last people getting to touch the food before it reached the children. It was very emotional."

Rosas also described the responses from younger volunteers to the goal of feeding hungry children.

"The whole event was just really good for the little kids," Rosas said. "It was evident that they really wanted to make a difference. They fully devoted themselves to helping other kids their age."

No matter the motivation behind the volunteer work, the ultimate goal was to pack 100,000 meals for children in Nicaragua.

"During the first session, we packed 5,000 meals," Rosas said. "So we were behind, but we made up for them in the next session and even passed our goal in the session after that."

The total number of meals packed during the three sessions was 101,088. This many meals are enough to feed 277 children for an entire year. This goal was surprisingly surpassed with just 400 volunteers.

"Normally, the minimum number of volunteers at a MobilePack is about 500," Rosas said. "But I think that the volunteers we had understood the real reason behind the event – helping a child in need. I think they were pushed by this. They were truly motivated and determined to get done what needed to be done."

Rosas, however, did feel a sense of fear when she first realized how much work had to be accomplished.

"When I saw them starting to unload the tons of rice and soy on the stage, this feeling of doubt came over me," Rosas said. "But when the supervisor said we reached our goal, the feeling was unbelievable. I couldn't believe it."

Following the success of the two-day MobilePack, the organizers looked ahead to begin planning the next event.

"We hope to continue our relationship with Feed My Hungry Children," Peoples explained. "We plan on continuing to do these events and making it bigger and better."

According to Rosas, the organizers plan on involving more schools and churches in the area. They also plan on hosting the next MobilePack in the fall.

"It was really powerful seeing all of us from different parts of the community come together for something bigger than ourselves," Hooker reflected.

After two days and three packing sessions, the 400 volunteers from throughout the community were able to send 101,088 meals to hungry children in Nicaragua by donating their time and labor.

"God was in control of this from the very beginning," Rosas explained as the main reason why the event was so successful. "I knew God wouldn't let us down. I knew that if it was His will, He'd make it happen."

by Robert DeSoto