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Carlsbad Rotary Club Focusing on Service

CARLSBAD, N.M., December 14, 2009 – At the top of the Carlsbad Rotary Club's holiday to-do list is service to the community. Last Saturday, volunteers from the Club donated 14 hours of time ringing the bell outside Wal-Mart on behalf of the Salvation Army.

"We had great participation," said Dale Bowman, Rotary's community service chair. "All the money raised that day goes directly to the Salvation Army's projects and we're glad to be a service to our community."

The Salvation Army will continue collecting donations for the next three weeks. The money raised stays local now instead of going to Roswell to be distributed. For more information on their fund raising effort, contact Bill Proulx (885-8198) or Brad Coates (885-4389).

Last month, the Carlsbad Rotary Club's members conducted a food drive, resulting in a sizeable donation of food to Jonah's House. Jonah's House is a joint project of St. Edward's Catholic Church and First United Methodist Church to provide food on a temporary basis to those in need. Last year, Jonah's House distributed about 2,000 pounds of food every week.

The Carlsbad Rotary Club has also been collecting money and toys. This week, the Club will be presenting it to Christmas Anonymous.

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The Carlsbad Rotary Club is affiliated with District 5520 of Rotary International. The organization meets each Wednesday at noon at the Stevens Inn. For information on joining the Carlsbad Rotary Club, contact Christy Dickerson at (575) 234-7542.