

Beginning in August 2008, our club's president began planning a food drive to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities. There were originally going to be three aspects to our food drive: 1) elementary school students each trick or treat for at least one can of food, 2) we stand in front of a local grocery store and request donations as customers enter, and 3) we circulate grocery bags to neighborhoods requesting food donations and we pick them up later. In the end, only one aspect of the food drive worked out because of corporate rules and disapprovals. Despite that minor setback, by circulating over 2,000 paper grocery bags to different neighborhoods in the Reno area, we raised enough food to fill three large SUVs/trucks! Once the food was brought to the Ronald McDonald House Charity, they did not even have enough room for all the food. They could only accept a third of the food because of a lack of space. The remainder of the food was brought to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. It was very rewarding to do this food drive because the pantry at the Ronald McDonald House had basically nothing in it (except for tuna fish and a few other items). It is amazing to think of how happy all the families must have been when they realized that they had a nice meal or snack to eat. Overall, our food drive was a huge success, and we are extremely happy with the results.

Another project our club did this month is that we created a box to put in a major hallway of our school to collect the pink Yoplait yogurt lids for breast cancer research. For every top that we send in, Yoplait will donate ten cents to breast cancer research. So far, our box has been very successful and has been collecting a large amount of lids. We also created laminated flyers and posted them on the school's bulletin boards. We have announcements running as well. The project will run until mid-December, when we will send all the lids in to Yoplait.