

Community Heroes



BSD Representative Mike Pagenstecher in Columbus, Ohio, sent this photo of children in the jungle of Brazil who were given Office Depot Frisbees by a friend of Mike's father. Future customers, perhaps?



Office Depot donated unused clothing items to economically disadvantaged communities in Argentina in collaboration with InMed Partnerships for Children, a non-profit organization that carries out health, social, education and community development programs around the world.



More than 50 4SURE/Tech Depot employees took part in the AmeriCares HomeFront Weekend on May 1. Volunteers performed construction, plumbing, carpentry and painting repairs for a needy family in Bridgeport, Conn. The Company also raised \$3,000 for this worthy cause.



Boca Raton, Fla., Call Center volunteers pitched in to answer phones during a recent pledge drive for their local PBS station. Fun wigs added to the enthusiasm during the airing of a Cher concert. Participants included Mike Meisemer (in wig) and Ricky Brooks.



Members of the Community Service Committee at CSC 1081 in Westampton, N.J., recently donated their time and cooking skills to a local Ronald McDonald House. Committee members also volunteer their lunch time once a week to read to children in local schools through the Bookmates program. Pictured are (from left) Jennifer Magargal, Dot Rich, Marlene Kalick, Marlene Ardito, Charlie Swain, Joan Contrady, Tawanna Branton, Gail Gallagher and Bunny Gannon.



Pepperdine University student Morgana Wingard enlisted the assistance of Office Depot when she organized an effort to send school supplies to children in Iraq. U.S. soldiers delivered the items to two impoverished primary schools, where more than 400 children received backpacks filled with school supplies that were donated by Office Depot. "If you want to improve a society, start from the ground up. Start with the children," she says.



Store 2122 in Frisco, Texas, teamed up with Cub Scout Pack 286 to gather donations for the Dallas Life Foundation Center, which assists homeless children. The store contributed two cases of supplies. Pictured are (from left) Assistant Manager Nate Sandford, John Robert Brady, Store Manager J.P. Melton, Danny Sheehn, Conner Schaffer, Christian Schaffer and Assistant Manager Jim Oberbrockling.