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## ASTRA Newsletter Submission

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We had a busy 2009/2010 year in ASTRA! We have a total of 6 clubs: Montrose, Delta, Delta Opportunity School, Cedaredge, Artesia, and Portales. We also have several new clubs in the works. At conference I was told that we may have new clubs in Ogden, Olathe, and Albuquerque. Since conference, two other potential clubs have also entered the pipeline - Mesa State University and Clovis. Just think - we may almost DOUBLE our total ASTRA clubs by next conference!!

I requested a year end summary from our active ASTRA clubs and these are the responses I received. What an amazing group of kids!

Montrose High School Top Three:

- Making 35 wreaths, selling those 35 wreaths to be able to purchase Christmas gifts for 35 needy children.
- Folding 300 pocket flags for our military personnel stationed overseas.
- Packing 28 "cases" with a blanket and personal care items for Curtis' Cases and gave to our local Health & Human Services office for children who are taken from their home and placed temporarily.

Cedaredge High School Top Three:

- Teaching local preschoolers & elementary school students the value and importance of service to others - this was done through a fund-raiser to help a fellow preschooler who is diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.
- Hosting a "Senior" Prom at a local nursing home
- Collecting items for and creating "Kits for Haiti"

Delta Opportunity School Top Three:

- Started "Food for Thought" program - this is similar to many other backpack programs springing up around the state. A backpack of nonperishable food items is given to students at local schools for whom their only meals might be the free/reduced breakfast and hot lunch they receive at school. The ASTRA club collects and stores the food and administers the program. Currently, 120 children are being served at over 4 schools.
- Started "Adopt a Grandparent" program - students are paired up with residents at a local nursing care facility to build a "grandparent" relationship together.
- Every week the ASTRA members stock all donated food items at the local food pantry. Talk about heavy lifting!

Delta High School ASTRA Top Three:

- 1st Annual "Crawford Avenue Cleanup" for Earth Day. With help from the DOS and CHS ASTRA clubs, the members of the DHS ASTRA club cleaned up 3800 pounds of trash and debris on a quarter mile strip of road.
- Pet Food and Supply Drive. With the help of the generous citizens of the City of Delta, the ASTRA club collected food, supplies, toys, and treats to benefit the Delta Humane Society.
- Family Drug Court "Reward Kits" - ASTRA members created 50 reward kits filled with comfort items for the participants in the Delta Family Drug Court program. These rewards go to participants in the weekly program who meet their goals (going to counseling, staying sober, attending meetings, and etc). The participants are in the program because they are working hard to get sober and regain custody of their children.  
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