

# BXR Club Brightens Thanksgiving

By Bob Poulson



Just as they have for many years, Rotarians from the Baileys Cross-roads club and 71 students from the JEB Stuart High School Interact club made Thanksgiving brighter for 100 needy families. They delivered 100 boxes of ingredients for a proper Thanksgiving dinner. Gathering early on November 19 at the Baileys Crossroads Safeway store, Rotarians and students formed an assembly line under the direction of Ben Hester to fill used banana boxes that store manager Tony Bonomo had been saving for this purpose for weeks. As a student carried a box down the line, it was filled with one frozen chicken, big cans of green beans and yams, dinner rolls, juice, and a pie, then carried outside the store.

Once all 100 boxes were all stacked at the curb, they were loaded into a caravan of cars. Each team consisting of a Rotarian driver and two or three students set off with names and addresses of recipients and a map of their locations. The names had been provided by administrators at Baileys Crossroads Elementary School, the largest public elementary school in Virginia, and one with many families with incomes below the poverty line.

"We had an absolutely outstanding Thanksgiving distribution," exclaimed club president Max Gross. "There was great participation and a great spirit of pitching in on the part of both Rotarians and Interact students."



Lloyd Stossel (back to camera) and Suyong Min (far right)