



Left to right: John Ybarra, Shane Stevenson, Karen Hayter.

The generosity of the club comes through again. Thanks to an effort lead by Shane Stevenson, the club donated 16 bags to Child Protective Services (CPS) to be used for packing belongings of children being removed from home. Shane discovered while taking a class at WMU, that when CPS needed to remove children from their homes due to unfortunate circumstances, their belongings were packed up in garbage bags which added to the humiliation of being removed from their homes. Trying to offer some dignity to the situation, Shane suggested that one of our club charity donations be purchasing luggage for CPS. After bringing the idea to the members it was decided to take up a donation which the club donated \$220 for the purchase of the bags.

John Ybarra of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Karen Hayter, prosecutor for the Kalamazoo County Court's family division, came to the July meeting to speak about the program and what it meant for the program to receive the bags. Both stated how nice it was of the club to come up with this donation and how much the gesture would mean to the children of Kalamazoo County. I think we all felt good that our efforts would mean so much to the program. It makes the spirit of charity work meaningful to the club.

Thanks to Shane for his efforts to spear head the project, and see it through to the donation.