

## ExxonMobil and Baytown celebrate joint success at 90th anniversary reception

At ExxonMobil Baytown's 90th anniversary reception on May 18, community leaders, employees, annuitants and elected officials alike came together to reflect on the special partnership that exists between ExxonMobil and Baytown. The one thing everyone agreed upon? It is the people, both inside and outside the fence line, that really make this partnership a success.

"Although there have been many changes over the years, some things have remained constant and that is the quality of the people," said Baytown Refinery Manager Steve Cope in an address to guests. "The energy and excitement that they bring every day to this refinery is what keeps it going. That is where our success comes from. Not the fancy equipment or all of the

machines, but from the people."

At the event, guests had the opportunity to learn more about ExxonMobil and Baytown's extensive history through historical displays, an exhibit from the Baytown Historical Museum and a documentary that was shown during the formal program. ExxonMobil's impact on and partnership with the community was evident by the event's overwhelming turnout.

Notable attendees included: State Representative Wayne Smith, County Commissioner for Precinct Two Sylvia Garcia, Mayor of Baytown Steve DonCarlos, Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Toby York, along with members of the Baytown City Council.



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**Baytown Refinery Manager Steve Cope and Baytown Chemical Plant Site Manager Joe Blommaert accept 90th anniversary official proclamations from the City of Baytown and Harris County. Pictured left to right: State Representative Wayne Smith, Mayor of Baytown Steve DonCarlos, Baytown Refinery Manager Steve Cope, County Commissioner for Precinct Two Sylvia Garcia and Baytown Chemical Plant Site Manager Joe Blommaert.**

## Volunteers help prepare Baytown Junior students for testing

ExxonMobil volunteers helped prepare Baytown Junior High School students for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test, Texas' standardized test for primary and secondary schools.

Eager volunteers led sessions of activities designed to reinforce the students' knowledge of science topics important to the TAKS test. More than 250 students learned about everything from the phases of the moon to genetics.

"The students were very engaged in the science activities," explains Keith Heyer, energy coordinator for the Baytown Chemical Plant and partner in education coordinator for Baytown Junior High School. "They learned that science can be fun as we helped them prepare for their test."



ExxonMobil employees help Baytown Junior High School students prepare for their TAKS test.

## ExxonMobil Baytown unveils massive storage tank artwork

On June 2, ExxonMobil Baytown unveiled its storage tank artwork to elected officials and community leaders at a community reception and unveiling ceremony. The artwork, titled "The Volunteers," is a part of "Project Stars" – an urban revitalization project organized by the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region that seeks to beautify the San Jacinto Texas Historic District.

ExxonMobil worked closely with the City of Baytown and is immensely proud of this project, which further strengthens the company and the City's ongoing beautification efforts.

"There are really two words that sum up what the City of Baytown feels towards ExxonMobil. Partner and volunteer," said Baytown City Manager Garry Brumback. "There is no component of

what we do with our community where ExxonMobil isn't a willing and extraordinary partner. They volunteer on a regular basis to make this a better community, and the tank artwork is really a shining example of what efforts they are willing to go through."

The tank artwork is located along Decker Drive and features two individuals with culturally diverse backgrounds whose volunteerism in the Battle of San Jacinto was revered throughout Texas. Jose Antonio Menchaca, a Tejano rancher, and Jesse Billingsly, the storied frontier captain of the Mina Volunteers, represent the countless citizen volunteers who fought against General Antonio López de Santa Anna's Mexican forces in the quest for Texas' independence. This artwork, along with others in the area will help transform the region and provide viewers a unique opportunity to link Texas' celebrated heritage with the present. As a 90-year community partner in the Baytown area, ExxonMobil values the area's exceptional history and is proud to contribute to "Project Stars."

**Pictured left to right are: Councilman Terry Sain, Mayor of Baytown Steve Don Carlos, Baytown Refinery Manager Steve Cope, Precinct Two Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, State Representative Wayne Smith, President and CEO of the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region Chad Burke and Councilman Brandon Capetillo.**



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## ExxonMobil donates to GCCISD AVID program

Baytown Chemical Plant Site Manager Joe Blommaert recently presented Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (GCCISD)'s Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) class at Ross S. Sterling High School with a \$20,000 donation from the ExxonMobil Foundation. The contribution funded 19 scholarships to qualifying AVID seniors at all three GCCISD high schools. On behalf of the Black Employee Success Team (BEST), Charles Banks, reliability engineer at the Baytown Olefins Plant, and Nadia Ellison, process administrative supervisor at the Chemical Plant, were on hand to talk to students about career choices. The students were encouraged to work hard, go to college, and be determined to succeed. AVID began in GCCISD seven years ago, and students are bound by a written contract to meet rigid academic requirements that reinforce their individual determination to attend college. Most of the students in the program will be the first in their family to graduate from college. "It is unbelievable that a company would donate so much money in order to see us succeed on a journey of becoming a college graduate," said AVID student Myesha Rice. "Thank you ExxonMobil."



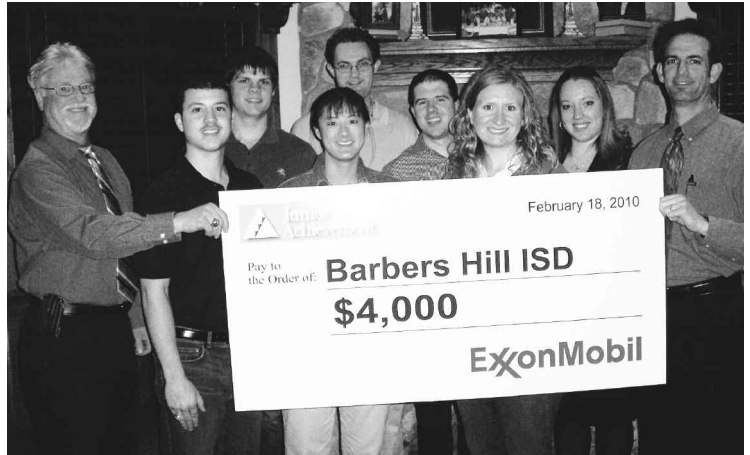
**At left: ExxonMobil employees mentor Ross S. Sterling High School students.**

**Below: Charles Banks, AVID director LeRonda Lockhart, Joe Blommaert, Nadia Ellison and AVID students pose while receiving a \$20,000 donation to the GCCISD AVID program.**



## MBPP JA volunteer efforts give time and treasure to local high school

With active involvement in the Junior Achievement (JA) program, volunteers from the Mont Belvieu Plastics Plant (MBPP) celebrated another successful year in the classroom with a dinner held at Johnny Carino's in Baytown. Since 2002, MBPP employees have been actively involved in the JA program at Barbers Hill High School, having had the opportunity to "teach" a class on business or economics and get students involved in active learning activities. "Volunteering with JA gives us the opportunity to try and light a spark in a student who might be disinterested in traditional classroom course work," said Ryan Impelman, lead coordinator for the past five years. "Nothing beats that 'aha!' moment when you see a student understand a new concept." This calendar year's outreach was especially outstanding, as the cumulative grants from JA volunteer activities set a new record and totaled \$4,000. During the dinner celebration, the check was presented to Principal Tom Holland.



MBPP JA volunteers and MBPP Manager Jennifer Chan presented \$4,000 to Barbers Hill High School on behalf of the ExxonMobil Volunteer Involvement Program.

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## 2010 Relay For Life is huge success

ExxonMobil teams once again played a significant role at the 13th annual Bay Area Relay For Life (RFL), which took place April 23 - 24, 2010, at Stallworth Stadium in Baytown. RFL is a 24-hour gathering where Baytown area citizens and friends take part in the fight against cancer. ExxonMobil Baytown was a Triple Diamond Sponsor for this year's event.

This year, nine ExxonMobil teams participated and surpassed their goal of \$100,000 by raising \$100,481.99 with money still coming in – contributing a substantial amount toward enhancing research, diminishing suffering from the disease and ultimately finding a cure.

"The fact that ExxonMobil does all of

this for cancer patients is wonderful," said Rindy Gremillion co-captain of RFL team "Bloodsuckers" and blood program coordinator at the Baytown Complex. "Each team has a story and a cause, and it just shows you how many people cancer affects – just here in Baytown even – and that's what makes our teams so successful. They know the need for funding the American Cancer Society based on personal experiences and Relay For Life provides them a way to make an immediate difference."

Congratulations to all the teams and participants who helped make this year's RFL such an overwhelming success.



A special thank you to RFL Chair Cécile F. Saladino and Co-Chair Chad D. Holman for all of your hard work this past year.





# Are you ready for hurricane season?

**H**urricane season officially started on June 1, and we all need to prepare ourselves, our families, our homes and our community for the possibility of a hurricane. We are each responsible for the preparedness and the care of our families should disaster interrupt the services we rely upon every day.

As such, we recommend all Baytown residents be prepared by putting together a disaster supply kit.

Considering how long the area was without power after Hurricane Ike, these supplies should last families from three to seven days:

- Cash (including small bills) because power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable;
- First-Aid kit, extra prescription medications, written copies of prescriptions, special medical items, eyeglasses and hearing aids;
- Toilet paper, cleanup supplies, personal hygiene products and special items for babies, the elderly and pets, including leashes and carry cases;
- Copies of important documents and records, photo IDs, driver's licenses, proof of residence, account numbers, information you may need to process insurance claims. Maintain in a waterproof container that is easy to carry;

- Battery-operated radio, flashlight, extra keys, tools, NOAA weather radio (make sure you are well supplied with batteries!);
- Road maps, a list of places between your town and your destination where you can stop if the highways are clogged, phone numbers of family and friends;

- Food supplies should include a three-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day, coolers for food and ice storage, paper plates, plastic utensils and a manual can opener;
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags and extra clothing;

To get ready for hurricane season, plenty of additional tips and information can be found at the following Web sites:

- [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)  
Contains a wealth of information, including securing your home, supplies needed, pet safety, tornadoes and storm surge.
- [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)  
Great deal of information on personal, family and business disaster preparedness plans.
- American Red Cross  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
[www.houstonredcross.org](http://www.houstonredcross.org)  
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