

## **Rotaract at Club Rush**

At the Utah Valley University spring semester club rush event on January 14-15, 2010 members of Rotaract had the opportunity to represent our organization alongside 50 other clubs on campus. Rotaract specifically worked together with UVU's Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) to recruit new members and inform UVU's student body of the work UIMF and Rotaract has done in accomplishing the United Nations' (UN) 17 goals.

This year, many Rotaract members heavily participated in the club rush event. Rotaract highly endorses the student engaged learning model at UVU. At the club rush event, we were able to participate in the student engaged learning model, as we explained to others to mission of our clubs, and the large impact even a small group of students can have in contributing to a larger set of goals, such as the UN's. Many people were impressed with the work we participate in, such as contributing to polio eradication, encouraging the practical application of peace, and promoting volunteerism in our community.



*Samuel Elzinga, UIMF President and Yana Andersen during the event at UVU*

I was able to table with Sam Elzinga, president of UIMF, as well as several members of Rotaract, including president Kyle Warren, Secretary Albeny Singh, and others. We discussed future endeavors of UVU Rotaract, including the upcoming Rotary Pan-Am conference in Puerto Penasco, Mexico. The opportunity to network with other members of Rotaract, and gather together as the Pan-American region will be a powerful opportunity. We hope to learn from successful endeavors of other Rotary communities, in order to apply successful strategies to UVU.

It was great to kick off a new semester with the semiannual club rush event. UVU Rotaract is excited to participate in a new semester. I was impressed with how many students showed an interest in volunteering with Rotaract. I have confidence as we continue to gain new members, we will have even more success in contributing to the accomplishment of Rotary International's goals, as well as in accomplishing our specific goals for improving our own community as UVU Rotaracters.

*Yana Andersen, UVU Rotaract member*