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Orphan Grain Train Highland Lakes of Texas

Happenings

April 2018

First trailer for 2018 nearly full

With large contributions of clothing in response to flooding in southern Texas, OGT-HLTX volunteers are just a few boxes short of filling the delivery trailer. It is estimated that one more work day and the load will be filled and then quickly it will be on its way to the mission in Quemado. Turn around for this load is important because our small trailer remains filled with donations to be packed. Packing will continue on Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon, if you are available to donate a few hours. We are accepting donations at these times also.

Collection boxes remain at the First Lutheran Church in Burnet, First Baptist Church in Llano, The Senior Center in Kingsland.

Thanks once again to our friends down in Houston, who continue to collect clothing for us. Despite the closing of the Bethesda Store there, the Roths have continued to accept donations on our behalf. Thanks also to volunteers Gary Cooper and Ron Bollman, who made the trip down with the trailer to collect the items. We are pleased that collections continue in this area as Orphan Grain Train headquarters is working to find a facility and get a collection/shipping site active in the Houston area.

Orphan Grain Train operates with Volunteers not because they are worth less, but rather because they are priceless.

Youth volunteers recognized

Youth fundraiser volunteers were recognized with a “pizza party” April 15. The young people served beverages and desserts, collected used plates, etc at the “Valentine Shoes” fundraiser in February. At the end of a long day of food preparations and set up, these younger legs proved invaluable to those in charge. Special Thanks to Caleb Raddatz (not pictured), (l to r) Joshua Raddatz, Daniel Wood, Sarah Wood, and Hannah Wood. Also pictured is Mason King, who join in the recognition.

In case you missed it, the fundraiser netted about \$4000 for the purchase of shoes (and socks) for school children. About half of that money has now been spent to purchase shoes. Additional shopping will be done when work space for packing items is more available. It is planned that all will have been spend prior to the beginning of the school year this fall.



Thanks

Looking ahead

Orphan Grain Train Highland Lakes is currently operating in a shipping container. While it seemed adequate when we merely collected items and passed them along to OGT in Grand Island in Nebraska for packing and shipping to a destination, it is now unbelievably crowded when even a small crew of persons are filling boxes. Sorting boxes fill one side of the container, tables for supplies and work surface on the other. This means there is just a couple of feet of space in the middle for boxes in progress and the persons working on them. As packers move completed boxes out and donations into the trailer..... Well if someone counted the “excuse me can I get by” uttered in a morning it probably would be an astonishing number even for those there regularly.

Anyway, the bottom line is the board and volunteers are wishing for a way find more space for the operation. The recent availability of a building, a fixer-upper, about the right size for us, with a relatively small price tag, showed us just how much a pipe dream such a purchase and maintenance of a facility would be with the way things are now.

What OGT-HLTX needs is a Capitol Campaign apart from the current operations that would deal with the space need. So we are wishing for a go-together volunteer looking for a major project..... We take volunteers, ideas, and prayers.... **think on it... Call Byron 512-755-4703.**



Getting hard to move around

With a packing crew of 6 to 8 the narrow space gets very congested. And more packers are needed, not less.

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Relief for Human Need Worldwide

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Donation Center is located at

15946 Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam

The Highland Lakes of Texas Orphan Grain Train container is open to accept donations of serviceable, gently used clothing (clean without tears or holes) and medical aids such as walkers, wheel chairs, canes and crutches

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9 a.m. to noon.

New school supplies, children's shoes, socks, and underwear would also be appreciated. To arrange pickup or alternative drop-off time call Betty Dove at 281-744-4376 or leave a message for a return call at Genesis Lutheran Church 512-793-6800 or at OGT-HLTX@Outlook.com. Monetary donations can be sent to OGT-HLTX at P.O. Box 937 Buchanan Dam, Texas 78509. Donations are tax deductible.

**OGT container
located at**

15946 Hwy 29

**11.5 miles west of Burnet
or 1 mile east of 1431
on south side of State Hwy 29**

