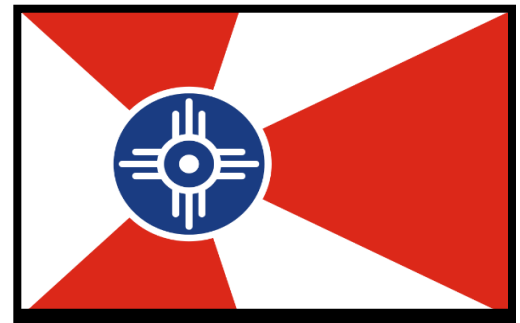


WICHITA BRANCH ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN



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On Wednesday, October 11th, youth from Holy Cross Lutheran, Wichita, came to help us load yet another truck. This one was headed to the FOUNDATION OF THE BLIND in ROMANIA and included almost 1700 boxes of goods, wheelchairs, canes, crutches, and many blankets. These kids were young, but they were very energetic and helpful. We wish we had their energy.

Besides the normal items we ship, they had requested some items for which we were in short supply or did not have at all. We put the word out for this need and the response was amazing as usual. Thank you if you helped with these items. We were able to send an exceptional number of Small Toys, Toilet Paper, Games, Bath Towels, Hairbrushes, Bar Soap, Hair Clips, Toothbrushes, New Socks, and Powdered Laundry Detergent.



Great News. The shipment finally reached the Foundation of the Blind in Suceava, Romania on Monday, December 18th. They were very excited to have received the shipment before Christmas. Here are a few pictures we received from Romania when they received the shipment. They will be other pictures coming soon. I will have to wait and include them in the next newsletter.



We had a very pleasant visit from members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hunter, Kansas on Wednesday, October 18th. Not only did they bring donations, they stayed to help sort clothes and box quilts. But the surprise was the feast they brought for their lunch which they shared with us. Thanks to Beverly and her friends. We had lots of fun getting to know you. Come again. (lunch not necessary)



Thanks to Bill and Angie Wiese for bringing their group of young people from St. Paul Lutheran in Haven. They were a delightful and energetic group who helped box quilts on Saturday, October 28th. Here they are presenting a donation to John Evans, Branch Manager.

Youth from Trinity High School in Wichita also visited our warehouse in October. Thanks to Pam Amey for coordinating this fabulous group of young people. Volunteering at Orphan Grain Train fulfilled a community service project for their school. We had three to four on each table checking kits, sorting clothes, and boxing quilts and kits. It was loud and chaotic at times, but I enjoyed working with these young people. I think they learned a lot and enjoyed themselves, too. Come back anytime.

Thanks to those who supplied us with Quilts & Kits during OCT/NOV/DEC

Ascension LWML, Wichita

Christ the King LWML, Salina, KS

Concordia Lutheran LWML, Hoisington, KS

Faith Lutheran, Branson, MO

Grace Lutheran, Iola, Ks

Immanuel Lutheran, Wichita

King of Kings LWML, Gardner, Kansas

Messiah Lutheran, Emporia

St. John Lutheran Youth Group, Alma, Ks

St. John's Lutheran, Nashville, KS

St. Paul Lutheran, Preston KS

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid/LWML, Hunter, KS

Trinity Lutheran Church, Leavenworth, KS



OVER 1200 Quilts/Blankets were distributed in to the following recipients:

Via Christi Villages at Georgetown

Via Christi Villages at Broadmoor

Via Christi Villages at Ridge

Chisholm Place

Open Door (Klothes Kloset)

Operation Holiday, Derby

Operation Holiday/KSN, Wichita

Risen Savior for Distribution

DCCCA

Faith Builders

Lord's Diner

Fairmount Ministries



If you know of others who would benefit from a warm blanket or quilt, please contact us. We still have plenty we can distribute. It is not just a Christmas thing. The same goes for medical equipment such as walkers, canes, and crutches. Please call us. We can help. These items are not doing anyone any good sitting in our warehouse.



Sandy Walton is pictured here with Staff from DCCCA. This was the largest delivery this year with over 300 quilts. Thanks to Sandy for making this contact for us.

We were thankful to these two young men who helped unload our two trucks at the Wichita Library where Operation Holiday was getting ready to service 15,000 families. We were glad to be a small part of that with 200 quilts.

