



Ministry of Caring receiving coats

Avon Grove HS Humanitarian Club & Nat. Honor Soc. Students packing

Coats provided in the Winter Cold

Hope for the hopeless

In response to an urgent need for warm clothing from The **Ministry of Caring in Wilmington, DE** (ministryofcaring.org), Mid-Atlantic Branch responded by delivering nine boxes of men's coats, nine boxes of women's coats and one box of winter accessories (hats, gloves, scarves) to the Ruth Balick Distribution Center in downtown Wilmington. This need was highlighted in the Sunday, January 25 edition of the Wilmington News Journal.

The excessive cold we've been experiencing lately really highlights local needs. The philosophy of the Mid-Atlantic Branch has been to get our processed materials out of the warehouse and into the hands of those in need, wherever the need exists. Further, over the past several years, we have looked to help local agencies with donations of our processed goods, as well as sending our larger shipments generally overseas. We have partnered with many local organizations and continue to look for opportunities to distribute domestic donations.

An interesting development in our relationships with these other ministries, is the sharing of resources both ways. Sometimes they have an over abundance, and send us their excess. Other times we have what they need and send it on to them. **See article Local Ministries Give Generously, on page 3.** ■

First Shipment 2026, Enroute

Those receiving our donations choose the specific content they need from our supply.

March 18th was a cold but brisk day for Mid-Atlantic Branch to pack our sixth container for Republic of Georgia. The truck arrived way ahead of time, allowing us to start (and finish!) earlier than planned. With only ten bikes and ten suitcases to

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A Changing of the Guard

Board Member Bob Larson Steps Down



Bob and wife, Kathy came to us after meeting Cliff Kraft, at their church, Church of the Advent. They liked the mission of Orphan Grain Train and started volunteering. Bob was asked to be Assistant Branch Manager when former Assistant Branch Manager, Rob Hall moved up to Branch Manager. Bob held this position for several years, including helping with the Development Committee on raising revenue. Bob also volunteers at the Octorara Food Bank. When the manager there retired, Bob was asked to fill that position, which he accepted. We thank him for his service, and miss him and his humor on Wednesdays, but happily still see him on Saturdays.

-Sandy O'Hedy ■

Mid-Atlantic Branch

Thank You from Rep. of Georgia

"I will bless those who bless you ..." Genesis 12:3a



We have more news from the Republic of Georgia. The receiving organization, The International Charity Fund Peace in Senaki City, distributed the items through 4 organizations, which shared them with 11 villages! In several cases they made special trips to see that some handicapped persons

received the medical equipment needed along with food and gifts. Within the country there are about 1,000 settlements for IDP's (internally displaced person) Several of the distribution events were specifically for them. People came throughout the day choosing their necessities, until there was nothing left. Whether it was rice meals, blankets, clothing or toys, everyone expressed their deepest gratitude. There were several surprise deliveries of toys and other gifts to kindergarten classes just before Christmas. ■



Community Connections

Growing our Support base.

We are reaching into our community to become better known. Rob Hall and Mary Lou McKee represented MAB, at the Kennett Square Library's Non-Profit Volunteer Day on Saturday, March 21, sharing our story and encouraging participation with the 30-40 persons who stopped at our table. We can only credit our superb location near the front door to God! So we look to Him for good fruit.

This summer we will have a table at the Penn Township Fairs on Thursday, June 25, 10-12; Saturday, August 1, 2-6; Saturday, October 10, 2-6. Contact Rob Hall or Mary Lou McKee if you'd like to help.



Delivering Hope

A continuing presence.

OGT continues responding to needs long after disaster strikes. We are still deeply involved in Yancey County, NC following Hurricane Helene in 2024. In addition to many shipments of food, in 2025 we sent a 28 bed sleeping trailer to house volunteers, and in January 2026 another trailer housing 16. Homes are being remodeled and new homes built. And that's the tip of the iceberg. Check out OGT.org for lots more news on what's happening across the country and around the world. ■

First Shipment 2026, Enroute, continued

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load, the challenge became securely fitting in 1,246 boxes. We pray the women's, men's, and children's items, plus special nutrition meals and bedding, will arrive with no delays to bless many! -Carla Niesen. ■

Wish List: Things You Can Purchase

You can contribute by purchasing some requested items from any Boscov's Department store or on-line and have them shipped to OGT c/o Christ Memorial Church, 89 Line Rd, Malvern, PA 19355. **Access the list on Boscov's Official Site:** type "Registry" in the search bar. Type OGT in "Search a Name". The gift list will appear. Click "View Registry" to see the list and shop. Thank you for donating needed items.

-Sandy O'Hedy

Local Ministries Give Generously

April, usually slow, produced an abundance!

- Spring Mills Satellite: 1.5 tons clothing
- Calvery Lutheran, Mechanicsburg: box donation
- Hope on Deck: 1.25 tons clothing
- St. James Lutheran, NY: 20,000 meals
- Episcopal Church of the Advent: 1.5 tons clothing
- Avon Grove Presbyterian: 1 ton clothing
- Grove Methodist Church: 1.75 tons clothing
- Encore: a truckload of clothing
- Manna Ministries, picked up by Dick Fox. ■

High Energy

Avon Grove steps up to the plate again!

Students from the Avon Grove High School Humanitarian Club, with Celia Polin their Social Studies teacher, collected clothes, school supplies, and toiletries to donate to OGT. The Humanitarian Club is an organization that volunteers to better our local community, running the holiday food drive between Thanksgiving and winter break, the clothing drive in the spring, and organizing volunteer outings to local nonprofits such as La Mancha animal rescue, Project Cure, the Bridge food and clothing pantry, and now OGT! Students from the AGHS National Honor Society also contributed and helped on site on Saturday. See additional photos on front page.



You Make a Difference

Our exceptional final numbers from the **Fall 2025 Matching Fund Drive:** Fall Program Donations were \$26,459.19 with the Fall Program Match of \$25,750. Congratulations on generously exceeding the goal!

In 2025 we **gained 84 new volunteers** over 2024, a 7.3% increase. Those volunteers **packed 4083 boxes**, an increase of 570 over 2024, a 16.2% increase. Keep up the good work .

In April, 35 volunteers totaled 534.75 hours. ■



Relief for Human Need Worldwide



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Our Mission Statement

In loving response to Christ the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people, both far and near.

Mid-Atlantic Branch Purpose

To build a Christ-centered team who can use their God-given talents to be a blessing to others through their service in the Mid-Atlantic Branch of Orphan Grain Train, fulfilling the Mission Statement of the OGT movement.

"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you." John 14:18

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what's AHEAD...

Divine Direction is Charting MAB's Course – the Lord led us to our Jennersville warehouse and now we need His continued leading as we face the need to leave our current space by September, 2026. **Please join us in prayer** for His wisdom, provision and guidance .

We need a minimum of 6,000 sq ft if renting, 10,000 sq ft if buying, with preference of location being southeastern Chester County, or possibly another safe neighborhood near the PA-DE state line. It is not necessary to be on a main road. Preferred specifics: rest rooms, a heated facility, access to a break room, office space, drive in accessibility, a loading dock suitable for 53' semi-trailers, and parking for at least 12 vehicles.

If you have any leads or know of any warehouses that might be available, contact Rob Hall rob.hall.OGT@gmail.com or (484) 459-9217. ■

To God alone be the Glory!