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Undies Sunday a success

Thanks to all who participated in our first Undies Sunday event in the Highland Lakes area. Thanks to those who helped with the planning, spreading the word and the actual collection. Thanks to those who organized the collection open house.

Undies Sunday netted eleven boxes of new socks and underwear for distribution at the Quemado Mission, 4 for boys, 3 for girls and 2/1/2 for men and 1 1/2 for women. Boxes are 16w, 12d, 12H. That is a lot of people served. Give yourself a pat on the back.

Final for Shoe fund raiser

The final purchase of shoes from the 2018 Fund riser was made during this past quarater. The $920. worth of shoes filled 9 boxes with children shoes, which were delivered to Quemado just as colder weather arrived.

Local Outreach/aid started

OGT-HLTX is now cooperating with the Helping Hands Center in Marble Falls to provide clothing to those in need right in our own community. Pauline Denney is coordinating the delivery of needed items to the food shelf. Requested items, ie... clothing for job interview, are delivered to the food shelf coordinator and then distributed in answered to those special needs. The project now in its six month has been picking up speed. Once Helping Hand’s is in its new facility it is anticipated the more assistance will be able to be provided.
Third load of 2019 delivered October 17

Thanks to Gary Cooper and helpers Byron Hobbs and Ernie Stoops who delivered the latest load of relief items to Quemado October 17. The load contained 30 boxes of quilts and blankets, 30 boxes of children’s and teen clothing, 98 boxes of men’s and women’s clothing and 31 boxes of shoes, plus a number of larger items and number of medical equipment items visible in the photo at right.

OGT guidelines give the load an estimated value of over $87.5 thousand dollars. A generous offering to those in need south of our borders by the people of the Highland Lakes area.

Second container put to use, small trailer aids pickup effort

OGT-HLTX was able to purchase a second shipping container this past summer. It is now located adjacent to our current sorting unit and has been put to use storing items collected prior to sorting and packing. Thanks to generous donation from the Kingsland Community Church following their rummage sale in October; to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Burnet of Kingsland following their sale, and collections at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Waco, this second container now hold a sizeable amount of goods.

The storage container frees up actual packing space and houses items, medical equipment and other large items, which are always the last additions to a load. This storage space also frees up the smaller trailer for it intended use, parking it at collection sites so that churches can have a collection day or week without having to house donations in their facility.

Because the storage container does not have heat or air conditioning it is not viable as a second packing space just now. This leaves the current packing facility still more than a bit cramped, but small steps keep moving OGT-HLTX moving ahead.

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

Packing volunteers working Tuesday morning 9 a.m. to noon. It is rewarding, even fun work, come join in...
Waco Collection

Pastor of St Mark Lutheran Church in Waco with OGT Trailer
The trailer was at the church for collections in August. The church plans to sponsor yet another collection time in the near future parking the trailer at their church but opening it to all in the City of Waco for donations.

It is OGT-HLTX’s hope that more and more churches will sponsor such event in 2020.

Kingsland collection

The small OGT trailer was used to collect items at Kingsland Community Church following their rummage sale in October. Other vehicles were utilized to make addition clothing collections before and after the sale.

Thanks to the congregation for sharing, and to all who donated the many items.

We would love to share our message with even more people in the Highland Lakes area. Consider who on your email contact list might enjoy hearing about us and ask them to join our mailing list.

Send request for newsletter to Jiminny@me.com
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Orphan Grain Train
Highland Lakes of Texas
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, gentle used clothing (clean without tears or holes) and medical aids such as walkers, wheel chairs, canes and crutches

Tuesday morning 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.

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