



Orphan Grain Train

Good Tidings

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OGT Maryland

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

(slightly belated)

We wish all of our volunteers,
donors and supporters a very
blessed New Year!



AWESOME GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS

Orphan Grain Train is powered by its volunteers, and this group of high school students is one of the reasons for our success!

The Orphan Grain Train has formed a unique partnership with Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Twice a week a group of six students from the Alternate Curriculum class at Severna Park High School comes to the warehouse to sort and pack clothes and to clean the sorting room. While they are providing an invaluable service for us, they are practicing vocational skills as listed on their Individual Education Programs, such as attending to tasks, completing work assignments, and demonstrating appropriate behavior in the workplace. In addition to working at the OGT warehouse, these students also work in a food bank at a local church. These experiences within the community are preparing them for future employment. We salute these hard-working students and their teachers and thank them for their contributions to OGT!



DISASTER RELIEF

During the month of January, OGT has been collecting donated items to send to folks in Kentucky who experienced devastating loss due to the recent tornadoes. The support and generosity from our community has been overwhelming! A truck will leave the warehouse on Monday, January 31st, headed to a church in Madisonville, Kentucky. The shipment will include hygiene kits, school kits, children's diapers and winter clothing, laundry detergent, laundry baskets, prayer shawls, and bibles. In addition, hundreds of rosaries handcrafted and donated by Leah Kanik, a junior at Archbishop Spalding, will be included. What a special gift to those people who receive them!



Volunteers met at the warehouse on several occasions to assemble hygiene kits. Each kit included a bath towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, comb, band-aids, tissues and nail clippers. Over 400 kits will be included in this shipment.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Our 2021 Coat Drive was a HUGE success, due in large part to the hard work of Irene Gugeure! 833 coats were distributed mainly to churches and organizations in Baltimore City who serve the homeless. An additional 195 coats were sent to the Christian Appalachian Project. This year's total of 1028 coats surpassed previous years thanks to the large number of generous donors!



Linda's Legacy in Baltimore City received several truck and trailer loads from our warehouse, including 347 winter coats, 164 boxes of winter clothing and 23 boxes of bedding.

FINAL SHIPMENT OF 2021

Our last shipment of the year was to Liberia. 160 student chairs, 135 student desks, 44 boxes of school supplies and books, 23 bicycles and 336 solar lights were directed to the 14 schools which are currently serving 5600 students.

A special addition to this shipment OGT recently obtained furnishings from Messiah Lutheran Church in Alexandria VA when it closed. An altar, a podium, tables, chairs, kitchen cabinets, pews, and several beautiful stained glass windows were included in this shipment and will adorn a church associated with one of the schools.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Appraiser's Road Show

Now is your chance to find out how much your antiques and collectibles are worth. Todd Peenstra, a certified appraiser, will be at the OGT warehouse on Saturday, March 19th, between 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at noon. Cost is \$10.00 per item. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. For more information contact Glenda Paxton at glendapaxton@gmail.com.



MD Department of Aging Re-use Program

The Maryland Department of Aging is providing durable medical equipment (DME) to Marylanders with any illness, injury, or disability, regardless of age, at no cost. All equipment is collected via donation and is sanitized, repaired, and redistributed to Marylanders in need. While OGT has a Walk-Out program and continues to distribute medical equipment, our inventory is limited due to lack of space. If you are in need of durable medical equipment and we don't have it, we suggest you contact the Department of Aging DME Re-Use program at 240-230-8000. You may also donate gently used items. Each county has a drop-off site for your convenience. Click on the button below for more information.



[MD Dept of Aging](#)

LITTLE THINGS *DO* ADD UP



Orphan Grain Train can accept your used printer cartridges as a part of a recycling program that provides a certain amount of funding for OGT. Last year we earned \$585.75 in cash and Office Depot merchandise, so little things do add up. We extend a special thank you to Frank and Maurine Anchondo for taking the time and energy to turn our discarded cartridges into cash and merchandise! You can bring your used cartridges to the

OGT warehouse (621 East-West Blvd., Millersville) when you come to volunteer, donate, or visit.