



Orphan Grain Train +

Good Tidings

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OGT Maryland

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Greetings!

Celebrating the 4th on the 11th!

Unusually hot weather meant the Severna Park 4th of July parade was rescheduled. However, OGT was still able to enter their float in the parade. Thanks to Bruce Coonratt, our float chair, a team of the Coonratts, Zahns and Giguere were able to construct a display announcing "Happy 250th from OGT and the World". Chrissy and Angie from our Bello Mochre partners walked and helped give out our brochures. Thanks to all our participants and spectators (and it was still hot!!!).



A Weekend of Love

On July 11, we were thrilled to have members of Lighthouse Church volunteer with us during their LOVE weekend. Twenty five people, with spirit and energy, trimmed the shrubs; cleared out and organized the outside south side of the warehouse; sorted, bagged and labeled our overflowing winter coat bin; and sorted 101 boxes of clothing. What an abundant blessing! Thank you Lighthouse! (and Warren Heuer for your leadership of this event, and our Saturday crew for all the support and supervision).



Shipment to Appalachia

On July 29th, we loaded a shipment to Operation Sharing Tennessee (OST), Oneida, TN. OST is part of the Christian Appalachia Project (CAP) distribution network. This shipment contained winter clothes for men, women, and children; winter shoes; 177 winter coats; linens; hygiene supplies; soft and hard toys; sewing machines and supplies; school supplies (including 5 classroom overhead projectors); and more. This load totaled 1,326 pieces and weighed 21,979 lbs. Each one of us at the OGT Maryland Branch continues to be aligned to a common mission: to serve the less fortunate of the world while extolling the Goodness of God and in doing so, we continue to be blessed and thrive!



Busy Quilters!



Sharing Warmth and Love

OGT volunteers facilitated the donation of 11 quilts made by the Lutheran Church's Quilting Group from Accident, Maryland, utilizing fabric from OGT donations. Thanks to Carolyn and Galen for delivering them to our warehouse from Western Maryland. These quilts were included in the shipment sent to Appalachia this week!

Grant from SELC District of LWML

We recently received a \$1500 grant from the SELC District of the Lutheran Women's Mission League. Special thanks to Karen Ann Kowalczyk, a member of the SELC District and a member of the Board of OGT Maryland, for helping us to secure this grant. Monies will be used to purchase solar lights that will be included in an upcoming international shipment.

Bombas donation



Bombas makes socks, underwear, and tees, the most requested clothing items by those facing housing insecurity. For every item sold, one is donated through their network of 4,000+ Giving Partners. For many years, Orphan Grain Train Maryland Branch has been fortunate to be one of

those Giving Partners. Last year they sent us thousands of tees and underwear. Recently they sent us 28 large cartons containing 7,000 pairs of socks! All will be distributed here in the United States. We thank Bombas for continuing to support our mission of helping the needy. We, in turn, can support them by purchasing their clothing items at <https://bombas.com>.

Thanks to Car Club and Local Restaurants



The Street Survivors Car Club of Maryland invited us to do some fundraising at their Friday Cruise Nights in Glen Burnie. OGT volunteers joined them on two evenings and raised money by holding a basket raffle, 50/50, and bake sale. We thank Mike and Erin and all the members of the Car Club for welcoming us and supporting our OGT mission. Monies raised will be used to help defray shipping costs.

Many thanks to all the local restaurants that donated gift cards for this fundraiser. We encourage our OGT volunteers and supporters to visit these restaurants and while there, be sure to thank them for supporting OGT!

- Adam's Tap House and Grill, Severna Park
- Carrabba's Italian Grill, Pasadena
- Chick-fil-A Restaurant, Severna Park
- Cypress Restaurant and Bar, Severna Park
- Galliano's Italian Restaurant, Gambrills
- The Hideaway Bar and Grill, Odenton
- Ledo Pizza, Millersville
- Lures Bar and Grill, Crownsville
- Mike's Bar and Crab House, Glen Burnie
- Oscar's Alehouse, Pasadena
- Outback Steakhouse, Glen Burnie
- Quarterfield Grill, Glen Burnie
- Two Rivers Steak and Fish House, Pasadena

Special thanks to Lindsay and Dustin for bringing their Kiwi Flying Ice Cream truck to our first Cruise night and donating 30% of total sales to OGT. Their ice cream is oh so yummy and their generosity is greatly appreciated!

PLEASE SUPPORT BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OGT!

OGT Adopt an Orphanage in Ukraine

OGT's Adopt-an-Orphanage ministry is now working to support 10 orphanages & other institutions in Ukraine. These include the Pugachivka Mental Institution, which houses 90 ladies with special needs, age 35 until end of life; and the Teterivka Orphanage, which houses boys with disabilities.

The support we give to our mission partners in Ukraine enables them to provide Gospel outreach & deliver humanitarian aid.

If you would like more information or might be interested in supporting Adopt-an-Orphanage, please contact Paul Leckband.

Email: pleckband@ogt.org.

Call: 402-992-0578.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY



Join Us in Prayer

Please remember our OGT community in your prayers!

- Our Volunteers
- Our Donors and Supporters
- Recipients of our humanitarian aid



Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and in the Middle East and for an end to these wars.

USED PRINTER CARTRIDGE PROGRAM



Orphan Grain Train accepts your used printer cartridges as part of a recycling program that provides funding for OGT. Please continue to bring your depleted cartridges to the warehouse when you come to volunteer, donate, or visit.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Orphan Grain Train is always looking for new volunteers. Many opportunities, both large and small, are available. For more information, please call 410-417-9674 or stop by the warehouse any Monday or Tuesday morning (9:00 - noon), Tuesday evening (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.), or the second Saturday of each month (9:00 - noon).



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