



# Orphan Grain Train

## Good Tidings

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OGT Maryland

February 2021

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Orphan Grain Train is powered by its volunteers, and **Karen Petro** has been one of the reasons for our success!

Karen, a resident of Millersville, sorts and packs medical donations for our shipments. In her words "we pack anything that fits in a box" and some of the common items include surgical equipment, dressings, gauze, syringes, catheters, and feeding tubes, among other things. Nothing expired or within two years of expiring can be accepted. When asked about the most unusual thing she can remember shipping, she said that two artificial legs came to mind!



Karen has been volunteering with OGT for over four years. As the warehouse was being built, she looked into its purpose and made the decision to volunteer there when the building was finished. In her words "OGT is a combination of wonderful, dedicated people with a common goal of serving God by helping less fortunate people at home and in other countries."

### SHIPPING TO LIBERIA



On January 25th Orphan Grain Train sent a shipment to Liberia. Another is scheduled for February 26th.

The January 25th shipment was focused primarily on educational needs with a shipment of desks donated by Anne Arundel Community College, school supplies, books and Luci Lights (solar lights).



## MARYLAND BRANCH STEPS UP IN DIFFICULT TIMES

*A testimonial from a donor about her experience in donating to Orphan Grain Train*

Upon the death of her 92 year old father in November 2020, Candace and her sister needed to empty his assisted living apartment under the constraints of COVID-19. They knew that someone needed his nearly new transport chair, the rollator, canes, and other medical aids, and his coats, bed linens, etc. However nearly everyone was closed to donations. The thought of putting these items into a dumpster only made their loss feel deeper. A kind woman at Lutheran Mission Society suggested she contact Orphan Grain Train. OGT accepted these items with gratitude and provided a tour of the warehouse. In the words of this donor, *"It meant so much to have Orphan Grain Train as a resource, a place to give, to hold and to distribute what we could no longer use."*

We always appreciate our donors at Orphan Grain Train. They make our mission possible.

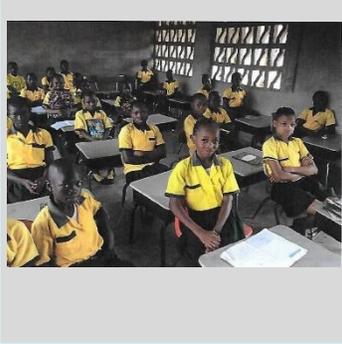
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Recently Concordia Publishing House provided a generous donation of beautiful books which will bring the hope of the gospel to many. They will enrich the lives of children in Liberia, South Sudan, and Cameroon.

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## FUNDRAISER DINNER SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25TH

On Thursday, February 25th, a popular local restaurant will be hosting a fundraiser for Orphan Grain Train. [Garry's Grill](#) is an independently owned restaurant in Severna Park, known for great food and a very charitable attitude. A 3-course meal will be \$25, with \$10 from each meal ordered going to OGT. [The online menu will be posted at 3:45 pm on February 25th for ordering.](#)

In April, another great independent restaurant, Brian Boru, will host a similar event (April 7th). Watch for details!

If you cannot attend, but would like to support Orphan Grain Train, with a financial contribution, please click the Donate to OGT button and donate to the Maryland branch.



Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 9 p.m.

### Orphan Grain Train +

**Fundraiser - 3 Course Meal for \$25.00**  
 \$10.00 from each meal ordered benefits Orphan Grain Train. This online menu will be posted at 3:45 pm on February 25th for ordering.  
 All orders are for complete dinner, or made-to-order. <http://www.garrysgrill.com/ogt>  
 @GarrysGrill.com or call 410-344-0099  
 Garry's Grill is located at 5334 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd Severna Park MD 21146

**Starters** (Choose One)  
 \*Your choice of Vegetarian or Beef Chl Or Garden Salad or Garden Salad

**Entrées** (Choose One)

**Fish and Chips:** Rockfish dipped in homemade beer batter, deep fried and served with fries and our Old Bay™ Tartar Sauce

**Grilled Ribeye:** 12 ounce ribeye steak cooked to temperature topped with herb garlic butter, served with garlic mashed potatoes and chef's vegetables

**Portobello Penne Pasta:** Portobello mushrooms, roasted red peppers, spinach, red onion, penne pasta in a marula cream sauce finished with feta cheese

**Meat and Potatoes or Italian:** Homemade meatloaf, served with garlic mashed potatoes and chef's vegetables

**Sesame Chicken:** Marinated Chicken Breast, coated with panko bread crumbs, sesame seeds, and parmesan. Tossed served with our grain based, seasoned rice, and vegetables.

**Greek Salmon:** 8 ounce salmon fillet served on a bed of seasoned rice topped with sautéed spinach, artichokes, tomatoes, and feta cheese

**Desserts** (Choose one): Bread Pudding Or Peanut Butter Pie

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## SERVING APPALACHIA



Orphan Grain Train sent humanitarian aid to West Virginia in December. 500 Boxes of warm winter clothing and approx. 250 coats were sent to serve people in need in a tri-county area.



## JOYOUS CHRISTMAS DAY MARCH IN BOR!

Last year, Orphan Grain Train was gifted with band uniforms by our local Severna Park High School. We shipped these uniforms to South Sudan.

On Christmas Day the youth from the Mission Gardens of Christ Church Shalom Chapel marched proudly into Bor Township in the uniforms!

It's wonderful to see these retired uniforms used and appreciated once again!



## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SERVICE LEARNING PORTAL PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES WITH ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN FOR AREA STUDENTS**

One of the missions of our county schools is the promotion of service. High school students in Anne Arundel County are offered a portal to find service projects and opportunities in the area that are appropriate for 14-18 year olds. Orphan Grain Train projects and ideas are listed in the portal and we've had students step up to become familiar with OGT and ways they can help.

One of these students is Cassidy Hruz, a student at Southern High School. She established a **stuffed animal drive** and had a fantastic response. Her collection of toys will be sent to children in countries like Liberia and South Sudan. She picked up donations all over Anne Arundel County and Calvert County, from Prince Frederick to Odenton. After nine days of driving, she had 92 trash bags full of stuffed animals! She took steps to sanitize the bags and hold the toys for a period of time in the open air before delivering them to the warehouse as a precaution during COVID.

In Cassidy's words "This project was truly amazing to see come together and I am thankful for the opportunity." Many children will be thankful as well!



Cassidy Hruz is pictured with some of the many stuffed animals she collected for OGT



A soft, stuffed toy brings joy to children everywhere.



Cassidy is a Senior at Southern High School in Anne Arundel County

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## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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