



Orphan Grain Train

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OGT Maryland

Summer 2021



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Orphan Grain Train is powered by its volunteers, and **Irene Giguere** is one of the reasons for our success!

Irene has served on the Board of Directors, including serving as Board Secretary. She has co-chaired several fundraisers, been in charge of the winter coat collection project, and is currently chairperson of OGTeam (the fundraising and events group). She has volunteered with OGT since 2008. When Elfie Eberle spoke at Baltimore Lutheran School (while Irene was teaching there), Irene was inspired to look into volunteering at OGT as an additional way to serve the Lord.



When she's not volunteering with OGT, she enjoys watching her two grandchildren play soccer, traveling aboard, reading, and walking with friends. She is a member of her church's Mission Board, substitute teaches occasionally in Lutheran Day School, and is in charge of her church's ESL program.

In Irene's words, "OGT is a wonderful place where people work together to help those in need. This attitude of service permeates the fellowship of volunteers, making us want to come back week after week."

OGT FAMILY VOLUNTEER PICNIC

Elvaton Park

311 Dogwood Road, Millersville
Sunday, October 3rd - 3:00-5:30 p.m.

On Sunday, October 3rd, Orphan Grain Train will hold a Family Volunteer Picnic from 3:00-5:30 p.m. This event will be held in The Tim Poteet Pavilion, an open air pavilion, located near the parking lot at Elvaton Park in Millersville. This is a family event, and a great way to meet other OGT volunteers. There will be food, games, and prizes! Meat and drinks will be provided and you are asked to bring a dessert *or* side dish to share. Evite invitations have been sent for online responses, and additionally there will be a sign-up sheet at the warehouse.



Meet, mingle, and enjoy!



HUMANITARIAN AID RECEIVED IN SOUTH SUDAN



Distribution of clothing and shoes to grateful people in Bor, South Sudan



Medical Supplies are picked up and taken to Bor State Hospital by ambulance



Happy children select their stuffed animals from the many included in the recent shipment

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY ON THE FARM STILL GOING STRONG!

Our Food Truck Friday events are winding down, with the last scheduled Friday being September 24th.

This initiative of H2 Marketing is hosted by Orphan Grain Train on the beautiful property owned by Wayne Gerst at the corner of East-West Blvd. and Veterans Highway in Millersville. An exciting line up of trucks always includes both savory selections and sweet treats. From 8 to 10 trucks are expected each Friday with choices changing weekly. This event is subject to weather conditions. There is usually an activity for children, a fresh



produce stand, and always the OGT truck (for donations) and information.

There will be an "End of Season" Pop-Up Yard Sale on September 17 you won't want to miss! There will be hundreds of items, including new brand name clothing and shoes, back to school items, and Silent Auction baskets for bidding!

DONATE TO OGT



[Visit H2 Food Truck Fridays on the Farm on Facebook for updates!](#)

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN TAKES TOP HONORS IN THE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN NON-PROFIT CATEGORY

The Orphan Grain Train Independence Day Parade entry won **FIRST PLACE** in the category "Best Entry for an Organization/Non-Profit" this summer! This was a great team effort, chaired by Glenda and Mark Paxton!

The parade theme was "Celebrating our COMMUNITY." OGT serves people here and around the world, bringing comfort across the globe.



Our volunteers are shown hard at work putting the float together.



The parade was a wonderful - and patriotic - way to make the community aware of OGT

Many thanks to Wayne Gerst for the use of his flatbed truck!



PROVIDING AID TO INDIA

Orphan Grain Train provided over 5,000 masks to Scudder Memorial Hospital in



India, in response to COVID-19. Pictured are members of the hospital staff at Scudder Memorial in Tamil Nadu, India.



Orphan Grain Train is looking for a new [Communications Coordinator](#).

Click here for the [Job Description](#). For more information, please contact Linda Zahn at 443-517-9557.

In addition several other positions are open. They include:

- Fundraising Activities Coordinator
- Grounds Coordinator
- Walk Out Program Coordinator
- Donation Pick Up Coordinator

For more information, and a job description on any of the above, please contact Bruce Coonradt at bkcoonradt515@aol.com or call 410-949-4838



UNDERSTANDING OGT'S CHARITY NAVIGATOR RATING

Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charity evaluator, has high ratings for Orphan Grain Train! We're pleased to share this information with you!

For the second year in a row, OGT received a 100% for Overall Score & Rating for 'Financial', and 'Accountability & Transparency'. Only 74 charities out of 9,000 rated charities received this Perfect Score! Financial performance: 98.2% of all donations go towards OGT's mission, only 1.8% goes toward administrative and marketing costs for two years in a row. The four stars signify Charity Navigator's highest rating, and OGT has had a four star rating for the last nine years.



Orphan Grain Train is averaging a shipment a month so far this year. This includes international shipments, and domestic outreach. We are also working with the State Department of Aging to make our Medical Walk Out program more efficient. As always, OGT is poised to provide disaster relief if and when needed. For more information on how you can [support the Orphan Grain Train](#) program, please reach out to Branch Manager Bruce Coonradt at bkcoonradt515@aol.com.

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THE CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT



Through a joint effort with the New England Branch of OGT, numerous items have been sent to aid people in Appalachia.



Learn more about the Christian Appalachian Project!



CAP is a 501c3 charity that serves over 1.5 million people a year over several Appalachian states and has two warehouses with over 95,000 square foot capacity.



NEW VOLUNTEER GROUPS ALWAYS WELCOME!

In early August, a new group from Renovate Life Church in Crofton visited the OGT warehouse. Pastor Hatcher and his wife Renee, along with about 13 adults and youth, took a tour of the warehouse and packed 34 boxes for shipment.

They had a fulfilling day and are planning to set up a monthly packing date with Orphan Grain Train! Groups like this enhance our mission!

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