

NEWS FLASH



June 2026

Dear Friends of OGT Mid-Atlantic Branch,

We are actively pursuing the potential lease of a warehouse. Keep praying. We have an excellent tenant rep, Zach Lasorsa with Atlas Realty Advisors working for us. We will keep you posted on our progress.

We have some lovely dolls of various sizes needing some new outfits. Donations of doll clothes are most appreciated.

Our **local YMCA** in West Grove is having a collection drive for sheets, towels and blankets for the month of June. We so appreciate their support.

Arnold and Gloria Ziccardi and Gail Dejmal from Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth, DE delivered a huge truck and trailer load of donations early Wednesday, May 13. (Photo to the right)



Thursday, **June 25 from 10-12 our branch will have a table at Penn Township Summer Kick Off Party.** The next one we will attend will be **Saturday, August 1 from 2:00-6:00 pm** at their Sunset Park Day and Car Show. They have offered to promote a clothing drive for us on August 1.



On May 29, I (Roger Hazzard) had the opportunity and privilege to attend the end of year **Empower** breakfast provided for students at **Avon Grove High School.** These students are assigned places in the community where they have the opportunity to learn valuable skills for their post-graduation lives. Our assigned student, **Paul** (pictured on the left) has proved to be quite helpful. His willingness to help with a variety of tasks has been not only helpful but also meaningful. He has become and continues to be a valuable worker. His teachers have said he enjoys coming to OGT and has made great gains in his development. -Roger Hazzard

Bonnie Johnston of St. John's Lutheran Church in Dover, Delaware, has been active making pillowcase dresses to benefit young girls around the world. Over the past 4 years Bonnie and her neighborhood sewing group have made over 1000 dresses for Orphan Grain



Train! The sewing group consists of 10-20 women in the neighborhood in which Bonnie lives. According to Bonnie, "the ladies are eager to help in this worthwhile meaningful work."

Hope on Deck has been sharing their overflow of donations with us! (Photo to the right.)



It's getting to be that time again **FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** fund raiser sponsored by Boscov's Department stores. For a \$5 donation to Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch you receive a shopping pass for 25% off of most items at any Boscov's on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026**. Purchases can also be made online on that day. If interested in obtaining a pass, contact Sandy O'Hedy s.ohedy116@comcast.net or any OGT volunteer at the warehouse on any Wednesday or Saturday. -Sandy O'Hedy

The latest Newsletter was delivered the week of May 12. We sent 394 emails and mailed 120 copies. Of those 514 contacts, at least 361 have donated money, clothes or volunteered since 2021. The next one comes out in September. -Rob Hall

A constant warehouse **question**: How to tell whether it is a man's or woman's garment:
Answer: Button a couple buttons. Lay garment on table. If you slip your left hand into the placket, it is men's. If you slip your right hand into the placket, it is women's. -Ruth Hewlett



People from the **Republic of Georgia** have shared the joy of the children receiving the boxes of stuffed animals from our shipment sent in March 2026. Rejoice with those who rejoice.

Wednesday, **June 24** we expect to be **filling a container to ship to Latvia**. All hands on deck at 10:00 am to help!

We will be **closed Saturday, July 4**. Have a blessed holiday



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