



Orphan Grain Train †

Good Tidings

News -for and about -
OGT Maryland

November, 2022

In this season of Thanksgiving, we want to recognize all of our volunteers and supporters. The gifts of your time, talent and treasure are vital to the success of our organization! We wish all of you and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving!



Volunteer Spotlight

Orphan Grain Train is powered by volunteers and Joe Harvey is a reason for our success. Have you ever come by the warehouse and commented on the beautiful grounds surrounding the building? Well, Joe is the man responsible for it all! He does grass cutting, weeding, edging, spring mulching, and fall pruning! He maintains two retention ponds and 19 flowerbeds. Joe also built the beautiful prayer garden on our property that was dedicated last year.

When not gardening for us, Joe studies theology and Christian doctrine. He enjoys exploring the Christian faith and studying God's Word. He has written a book entitled "Exploring the Christian Life in Christ". His manuscript was accepted by Christian Faith Publishing and should be available by the end of the year. Perhaps

we can have our first ever book signing event at the warehouse in the near future! Thank you, Joe, for all you do for OGT and for your strong desire to bring others to Christ.

Thank you! Thank You! Thank you!



A SHOUT OUT goes to Mike Wasem for organizing OGT'S First Annual Golf Tournament. It was a HUGE success, with 72 golfers participating. The event raised just over \$6,000. This is amazing, considering it was our first ever golf tournament. Mike was responsible for coming up with the idea, making all the arrangements with the golf course, organizing the committee, finding

sponsors, and rounding up golfers. He did have a committee of dedicated workers who worked behind the scenes and worked the day of the event, for which we are most grateful. But without Mike, this fundraiser never would have happened. Hats off to Mike Wasem!!!

Congratulations!



Congratulations goes to two of our dedicated volunteers, Frank and Maurine Anchondo! They were awarded the 2021 Compassionate Service Award at the Annual Lutheran Mission Society dinner held on November 6th. They were recognized for their gifts of time to LMS. Frank and Maurine are familiar faces at the OGT warehouse where they sort and pack each week and also

manage our printer cartridge recycling program. Thank you so much for all that you do and congratulations to both of you on your much deserved award!

"LIGHT UP UKRAINE" CAMPAIGN

The "Light Up Ukraine" campaign is well underway. We are collecting funds to purchase solar-powered Luci lights for Ukraine where millions of people are living without electricity as a result of the war. MpowerD, the manufacturer of Luci lights, is selling them to us at a greatly reduced rate of \$7.50 each. All 28 OGT branches across the country have joined our campaign. Please consider supporting our efforts to 'Light Up Ukraine'. Simply click on the button below to donate. Any amount, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much!



[DONATE NOW](#)

Note: A flyer regarding this campaign will be sent to you separately. Please share with family, friends, and co-workers. Thank you!

MORE HELP FOR UKRAINE

Last week, a 26-foot truck was loaded at the warehouse with supplies for Ukraine including men's, women's and children's winter clothing, winter coats, gloves, shoes, and boots, as well as medical supplies. The truck was driven to a warehouse near the Delaware coast where it will be loaded into containers and shipped to Ukraine by the Ukrainian Express Shipping Company. A special THANK YOU goes to Rick Taylor for renting the truck and driving it to and from Delaware. All of our donations for Ukraine have thus far been given in partnership with St. Andrew's Ukrainian Cathedral in Silver Spring. In addition to this truckload of donated items, OGT has been sending medical supplies to St. Andrews for Ukraine either weekly or biweekly since the beginning of the war. The need for medical supplies is still great. If you are interested in making a contribution, a list of needed medical supplies is on our website.



Volunteers having finished loading the truck at the OGT warehouse

Rick Taylor with the unloaded supplies at the warehouse in Delaware

Partnering with AACPS

One evening last month, six students from the Service Leadership Team representing six different high schools in AA County visited the warehouse. They were very interested in OGT, asked lots of questions, and did a great job sorting and packing! We thank Lori Fowler, their moderator, for bringing the group to our warehouse. It's always a pleasure welcoming young, enthusiastic people. They are our future!



OGT'S ANNUAL COAT COLLECTION November 1st - December 15th



OGT will once again be collecting winter coats and jackets. The garments will be distributed to those in need throughout inner city Baltimore, surrounding communities, and Appalachia. We ask for new or gently used winter coats for men, women, and children. But this year, especially for children. Please share this information with your churches, workplaces, and neighbors.

Coats and jackets may be dropped off at the warehouse Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 12 noon, and Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Irene Giguere 410-747-1619 or irmigiguere@gmail.com for more information or to arrange possible large quantity pick-up. Thank you for thinking of those in need!

LITTLE THINGS *DO* ADD UP



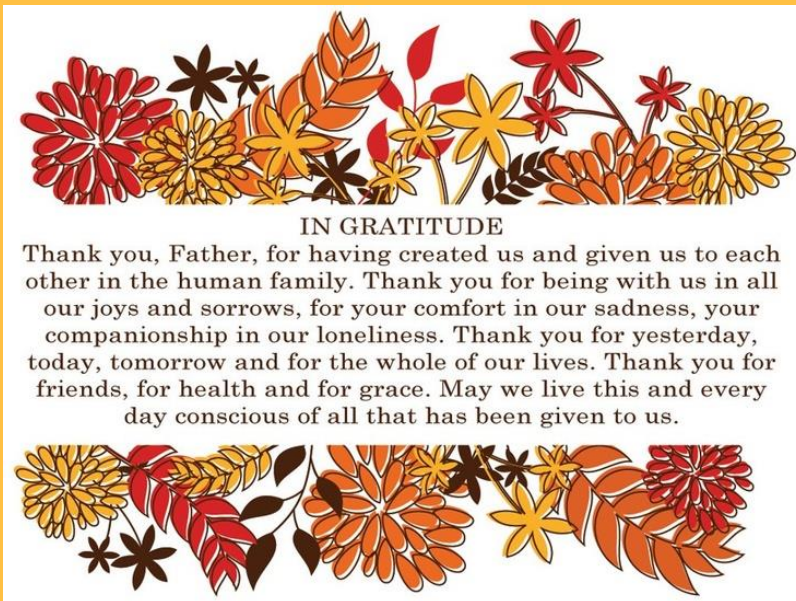
Orphan Grain Train can accept your used printer cartridges as a part of a recycling program that provides a certain amount of funding for OGT. You can bring your depleted cartridges to the warehouse (621 East-West Blvd., Millersville) when you come to volunteer, donate, or visit.

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 Tuesday morning (9:00 - noon) or Tuesday evening (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)



REFLECTION FOR TODAY



IN GRATITUDE

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Please remember our OGT community in your prayers!

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



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