

# Orphan Grain Train †

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

## *OGT Spotlight Phoenix Branch*

### **Year Established:**

*March 2021*

### **Branch Manager and background:**

*David Eide*

*I have been working at Walgreens as Store Manager for 25 years. I have a beautiful wife, Kristine, married for 27 years. We both grew up in North Dakota and we met in Arizona! We have a very spoiled dog named Schatzie, which in German means, "sweetheart". In our spare time we love spending time with family and friends. Started, OGT in January 2020, it was a long process to find a suitable warehouse. It was a very exciting process to start OGT in Phoenix from the beginning.*



### **Location & Hours of Operation:**

*1329 N. 29th Avenue, Suite E15, Phoenix, AZ 85009*

*2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month, however it does vary depending on Month.*

### **What intrigued you to volunteer at OGT?**

*One Sunday in December, Ralph Schmidt came to my church and had a quick talk about OGT. I had never heard of OGT. I thought about it the entire time in church and after church was over. I filled out an information sheet. Ralph called a little later, came to my house and we talked about OGT, and the rest is history.*



### **Challenges you have faced?**

*Working a full-time job, dealing with COVID, it is a challenge to be at the warehouse on Saturdays. Having great board members, always keeping me in the loop and fantastic volunteers, dedicated and responsible.*

### **Advice for other branches?**

*Advocacy for those in need is vital for a nonprofit to advance its mission. It is effective in advancing missions, improving lives, and strengthening communities.*

### **Favorite shipments or deliveries?**

*Phoenix Branch is passionate about developing partnerships with local agencies, who provide assistance to the homeless and working poor. Partnering with La Mesa Ministries & Church on the Street, which we always have volunteers from these two organizations and it is nice to form a bond and work together.*



### **Unique about your branch?**

*Phoenix is a city that is very spread out and the warehouse is centrally located. We have board members/volunteers that are 45 minutes away on all sides.*

*On Saturdays, we take a short break for fellowship from 10-10:30, starts with a short prayer, that one of the volunteers will read, followed by any news anyone would like to share.*

*Also 51% of outgoing donations has to stay in the state of Arizona.*

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*Drop Off and Packing & Sorting Hours:  
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 8-noon*

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