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Volunteers OGT Lifeline

It cannot be stressed enough how important volunteers are to the operation of an Orphan Grain Train warehouse. With the continuous flow of donations coming in, there must be the people who process these items and make them ready for shipment. We recently had a family schedule a day to work at the warehouse as a Christmas gift for their father/grandfather who has a great commitment to OGT. This family of adults, teenagers and younger put out 126 boxes. If you want to make a difference, find a reason to get a group together and work at the warehouse for a few hours. Contact Arlene Doremus at 308-227-2835 to schedule.

Volunteers are also essential for the Wisconsin fish boils which are OGT's primary source of fundraising. This is an opportunity for couples or singles to work as a team to set up, cook, serve and clean up. There is something for everyone.

Plans for New Addition Continue

We are now in the process of obtaining needed permits and site preparation. The expansion will be in three phases, the first being the construction of an external dock on the northeast corner of the building. We will have two or three enclosed truck trailers parked at that dock. One will be used as a fumigation trailer and the other trailers will be used as staging trailers as we prepare for overseas shipments. The second phase will be a garage building located northeast of our existing building (approximately 24' by 36'). The third phase will be an approximate 2,000 sq. ft. addition to the east of our receiving area. This will be used for storage and a new receiving area.

Please mark your calendars for the Central Nebraska Orphan Grain Train Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, April 30, in Grand Island. This event will include a silent auction. More details to follow.

Grand Island Warehouse Hours

Mondays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



2010 Recap

Central Nebraska's first year has been a truly remarkable year, so let's take a look at it:

February 15, 2010 the doors officially opened at the new facility in Grand Island. Hours of operation were 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays, and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

May 5, 2010 saw the first shipment leave from the Grand Island warehouse headed for Ysleta Mission in El Paso, TX. There were 1,799 boxes on that load.

September 14, 2010 a second shipment of 1,421 boxes left for Haiti.

November 10, 2010 a shipment of 1,521 boxes was sent to the Philippines and we were notified it arrived on December 21.

November 18 a 20' trailer, was filled and driven down to Ysleta Mission in El Paso, TX with 464 boxes.

December 8 a final shipment for 2010 left Grand Island for Liberia with 1, 654 boxes and 23 school desks. This shipment was a joint effort with an organization called Live Life Liberia. Included in both the Haiti and Liberia shipments were boxes of food from Kids Against Hunger. In all, 45,000 meals were sent with each shipment.

All total there were 6,859 boxes shipped from this location in 2010. This does not include the several van and trailer loads that were taken down to El Paso by Bob & Beth Stark.

Donations of clothing, bedding, linens, shoes, toys, medical supplies, school supplies, health kits, etc. continue to come in on a regular basis. Thank you to everyone who participates.