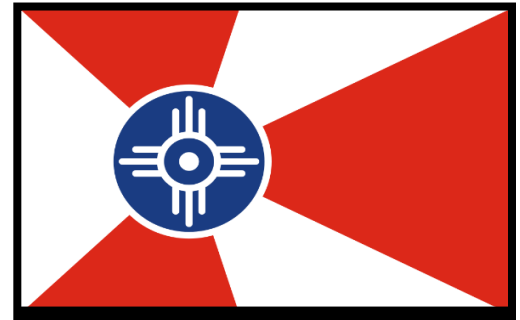


WICHITA BRANCH ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN



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Thanks to all the donations and to those



who prepared Quilts & Kits this past quarter.



It is too difficult to track all the quilts and kits we receive now. What a wonderful problem to have. Keep them coming.

But we wanted to highlight this group of quilts and recognize that the 5th through 8th grade youth at Trinity Lutheran Church in Winfield are learning a valuable skill and life lesson. The ladies there are teaching the 5th through 8th graders how to quilt. They cut fabric, design patterns, and piece them together, then the ladies do the final handiwork. The quilts you see to the left are a sampling of what they achieved. They are colorful and whimsical and some young children somewhere are going to cherish them Good Job!!

On April 6th, students from Fairmount Ministries - a nonprofit outreach located on the WSU campus, stopped by to help sort donations. Fairmount Coffee Company, opened in 2017, provides a place to grab food and a great cup of coffee, share the Gospel with other students, or just hang out. Thanks to Morgan Dunst for bringing her friends. Come back any time.



We will be **CLOSED** Saturday,
August 31st in recognition of Labor Day.



TOURS

We were just too busy to take any photos, but we had 90+ visitors from the LVML Convention on April 12th to tour our warehouse in April. My husband Michael was originally scheduled to give two tours, but we had so many more come through the door than expected, that I think he gave 5 tours before the end of the day. Approximately 40 of those touring stayed (in two shifts) and helped sort donations or box quilts. It was a fun time and I hope everyone went home with a better understanding of what Orphan Grain Train is all about. Our LVML partners from area churches are a very important part of what we do at OGT. Thanks for all your support and all you do.

OUR LOCAL EFFORTS

Our Wichita branch is located near the downtown area and we see a lot of homeless people walking by. We co-ordinate with different charities in Wichita who aid people in need directly, such as Church on The Street, Passageways, and Open Door Ministries. BUT, one day, a young man came through our door and asked for a "BAR OF SOAP". We gave him the soap and then our volunteers started a discussion on how we could help these folks more. We came up with an idea to have a small package at the door to handout if anyone asked for help. We patterned it after our Hygiene Kits, but it also includes a t-shirt and a Resource Guide put out by United Way on places where the homeless can go

to receive other benefits. The sticker on the bag says "Our Gift To You" from Orphan Grain Train. Not sure how many of these we will ever actually hand out, but we are trying to co-ordinate with a local charity that provides hygiene items to the homeless. Maybe we can reach more through them



On a personal note: "Shout Out" to a long time, loyal be with her family. We will miss when we sort out a "Warm Fuzzy", Best of Luck in this next chapter of



The Wichita Branch wants to give a quick volunteer who recently moved back east to you Carolyn. We will always remember you especially if it comes straight from the dryer. your life. Your friends from Wichita OGT.



As I reported in the last newsletter, we sent a shipment to Jurbarkas Evangelical Lutheran Diaconia in Vilkyskiai, Lithuania on March 20th. A “Diaconia” is an establishment built near the church for the care of the poor and distribution to the church’s charities. Here are our volunteers posing on our truck loading day. We only had a handful of loaders this time, and they worked extremely hard. Many thanks to the few and faithful.

BUT, as promised, here are some photos of the Lithuanian group receiving the truck. (Their group looks a little small too.) At first, I thought they were loading it into a barn, but as you can see on the other side of the truck, it is the Diaconia. A few photos are a bit blurry, but I included them anyway. If we receive photos of their distributions, I will share them with you next time.

