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# Newsletter

Grand Central Station Sherman, Texas

## Since our Beginning

October 2010

- 118,096 Meals have been served
- 32,854.70 Volunteer hours have been documented
- We're serving between 125-150 meals daily

## Staff Highlight Donnie Gilliam

Donnie was born and raised in Sherman, Texas. The oldest brother of five, he was proud to be part of a very active military family. His father was an airman at Perrin and his grandfather was a Rough Rider. A sister joined the army and his only brother joined the Navy. Donnie graduated in 1972 from Sherman High School and joined the Marine Corp that same year. After serving in Viet Nam he returned to the U.S. and lived in Virginia, Washington D.C., and other areas in the south before returning home. We're proud to have him here at Grand Central and employed by the **Experience Works** program. **Experience Works** provides positions for ages 55 and over and is a national nonprofit organization providing training, community service, and employment opportunities in 30 states and Puerto Rico. You may remember Lloyd Fulmer and others who have been employed here with **Experience Works** since our opening!



## Good To Know *about GCSS* Children's Express

Children's Express is a program that falls under the umbrella of Grand Central Station. The goal is to ensure that children in our area do not go hungry. A bag of healthy food is distributed to children on a weekly basis during the summer months and as needed when school is not in session. Children targeted are those on the free or reduced lunch program in our schools.

The idea was conceived in 2012; after a year of research and meetings the program was put to work during the summer of 2013. That first year we served students from Jefferson Elementary. We added Washington Elementary the

following year. This year we hope to include all Elementary Schools. A great deal of the food is ordered from the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB). Our menus do revolve somewhat around what is available through this agency but we often have to supplement by purchasing food locally as not all items are always available from North Texas Food Bank. Our biggest purchases locally include canned chicken, canned fruit, bread and/or tortillas. We give out fresh fruit and vegetables as they become available from NTFB. Last summer we served 145 children and are ready to reach out to more this summer. - Anne Webb



## GRAND CENTRAL STATION DINING CAR

### SERVING LUNCH TO THOSE IN NEED

110 THROCKMORTON SHERMAN, TX  
(Between E. Lamar and E. Houston)

*Anyone that comes to our dining car is welcome.*

Service area: North Texas

**Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm**

**Coffee, Juice & Rolls at 9am**

**Hot lunch served between 11-1**

**Saturdays-Sack lunches 9:30 until all distributed**

**Showers, washer, dryer available M-F**

**TV & Computer with Internet Access**

**Volunteer assistance with applications and forms**

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Grand Central Station is: To operate as a local outreach mission sponsored by a group of Grayson County Texas churches that share a commitment to help reduce the effects of resource limitations by helping those in need.

We hope to do this by:

- Providing nutritious meals to alleviate hunger.
- Education, training, and social services to empower lives.
- Opportunities for community services as needed.

### Board of Directors

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# Grand Central Station's Success

Each day at GCS we serve about 125-150 servings to our guests, including seconds that many people request. Most days the menu includes a meat, starch, vegetable or salad with bread and dessert. As most of you know, we also have breakfast food from 9-10:30 AM. There are many generous people, businesses, industries, restaurants, and churches who make all this food possible.

Local donors include TI, Tyson, Fisher Controls, Hutchins Plumbing, Chipotles (beef and chicken), Olive Garden soups, Southern Maid Donuts, Capio Food Drive, Target, Sams, WalMart, Fulbellies, Wilson N. Jones hospital, Little Caesar's Love Kitchen, and Willowood. In addition we share in the donations gathered from Kroger, Albertsons, and from Sams and WalMart we receive breads, breakfast foods, and desserts. This is a collaboration with Share Ministries that picks up from the stores on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and helps by distributing from their building to other organizations that need these food products. We share with Key Care in our ministry also. Each Thursday, Ben and volunteers pick up the order from North Texas Food Bank in Dallas. Food available

from North Texas Food Bank is posted online and Ben orders for the Dining Car, and Anne Webb orders for Children's Express all that is needed for pick up delivery in Sherman. They also share the delivery of free foods from the North Texas Food Bank to members in Sherman and Denison. We could not exist however without donations from individuals, groups, churches, businesses, and the generous donations from all our friends. We have an individual who purchased pigs at the Livestock Show and has them processed for us (she donated two this year.) We have hunters who have donated their processed meats. We have a wonderful volunteer who bakes special desserts for us, many are sugar free which is great for many of our visitors. We were able to have 30-40 food boxes from Grayson Rotary Club delivered to our visitors who signed up at Thanksgiving. We have Birthday cake each month for our visitors donated by Mom's Bakery.

As you can see the whole North Texas area is involved in our success and I have probably missed some of our many generous donors. These are the food donors. There are many other donors I will cover in our next Newsletter. - Dorothy McKee

