



Newsletter

Grand Central Station Sherman, Texas

Since our Beginning

October 2010

- 139093 Meals have been served
- 40494.15 Volunteer hours have been documented
- We're serving between 150-170 meals daily

Staff Highlight Lloyd Fulmer

Thirteen days after The Dining Car opened Lloyd Fulmer joined us on November 1, 2010. Originally, Lloyd began work through the Experience Works program.



Lloyd comes from Whitesboro where he grew up and currently cares for his 95 year old mother. His day starts at about 4:00 am and ends at 9:00 pm, rarely leaving him time to enjoy his Lake Texoma fishing hobby catching Sand Bass and Striper.

Lloyd's father was with the Civil Service at Perrin before the family moved to Ft. Hood. At age three he and his family moved to Whitesboro where he has many fond memories growing up there. One of those memories included driving around town on his Cushman scooter. Years later Lloyd worked as a Quality Control Inspector for Weber Aircraft in Gainesville.



Good To Know about GCSS & CAPIO PARTNERS of SHERMAN

Capio Partners of Sherman won a competition that greatly benefited Grand Central Station.

The competition Capio Partners entered was through Spiceworks, a software company their IT department uses for service tickets. Spiceworks is headquartered in Austin, and were giving away several of their computers they were replacing. They offered a contest to all members of the Spiceworks community. They wanted to donate the machines to worthy causes that community members were involved in. Capio did a brief write-up describing what Grand Central Station does for

our local community, and how the computers would benefit them, and Capio was selected as a winner! When the local Capio Partners found out what Spiceworks was donating, they matched it with their own donation. One of their employees worked tirelessly to get all the computers set up for use at The Dining Car. They came to Grand Central Station – The Dining Car and set up two of the computers immediately with 5 more on hold until our expansion is completed. Community people like these who also volunteer quarterly to help at GCS and have helped with Coat and Food drives, make non-profit organizations in Sherman successful.



Grand Central Station's Success

Just as Grand Central Station has been successful because of the food donations mentioned in the last newsletter, so we have depended on the amazing volunteer base that has been built through the years. We want to acknowledge and thank these many donors of time and money. We have numerous churches involved on a regular basis, including First Baptist of Sherman, First Methodist of Sherman, Trinity Lutheran, Covenant Presbyterian, Grace Methodist, St Mary's Catholic, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Elmont Baptist of Van Alstyne, First Presbyterian of Whitewright (one of our first donors with a truck load of needed supplies and food), Church of Christ in Denison, Greater New Hope in Sherman, Seventh Day Adventist Church in Denison, and I am sure I have missed some that have had special projects through the years.

We could not have even existed without the assistance of several Charitable Foundations in Grayson County. The Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation provided funds to purchase and renovate our existing building and along with the Byrd Livengood Foundation continues to be supportive in significant ways. The Sherman Service League has provided funding each year through their successful Charity Ball event, and the Ella Mae Brown Foundation and the Dorset Foundation have been consistently beneficial. The Texas Instruments (TI) Foundation provides us matching funds honoring the monthly volunteer hours by their employees, and the Elias Regensberger Foundation and the Children's Clinic Foundation have been very supportive. This year we were excited to receive our first donation from the WNJ Charitable Foundation, and we are so grateful for all of these very generous contributions. These funds have allowed us to purchase major appliances, needed food and supplies, repair storm damage, and pave the parking lot. TI has also donated kitchen equipment for our expansion when they closed their local plant's dining room.

We have lots of volunteer teams also, such as the Wednesday Walkers, a Tuesday group that formed when I met Sarah Taylor at Big Lots. Texoma Christian School brings a Care-a-thon student group each year through Julie Bentsen, and we enjoy youth groups from St. Mary's, Covenant Presbyterian, First Methodist, and other churches, along with many Boy Scout troops that collect and deliver canned goods. We have businesses that have teams such as TI Sherman and Capio Partners. We especially thank our Saturday teams who come on the same Saturday each month and have for years. Webb's Electric has repaired many an appliance and addressed untold special maintenance issues, and Hutchins Plumbing donates funds for food each and every month. We have many special volunteers who willingly give up their holidays to help at Thanksgiving and Christmas for special meals and parties. John Moseley has contributed to purchase many things. We say help and he has helped.

Grayson County Health Department has assisted with health checks, mammograms, and Flu and Pneumonia shots. Grayson County Health Clinic and Greater Texoma Health Clinic have taken our visitors and helped when needed with health concerns. Dr. Brawley Marze has helped generously with dental needs, as has Dr. Jim Carroll, who has seen our emergency dental neighbors every year and supplies us with toothpaste for toiletry bags. The Sherman Noon Lions Club has helped when glasses are needed, and the Sherman Rotary Club has given boxes of food each Christmas to the needy families. American Legion Posts have helped with Christmas gifts, as have several individuals. Lakeway Methodist, St. Mary's, Covenant Presbyterian, and Trinity Lutheran are always helpful when we call for visitor's special financial needs. Adult Protective and Juvenile Protective Services have done food drives and have sent workers who provide Community Service hours. This really helps with our extra cleaning and dishwashing needs.

We are grateful for our collaboration with Share Ministries, Key Care (The Green House), Master Key, Texoma Council of Governments/TCOG and Four Rivers.

We appreciate Red Wing Shoes in Sherman for their many donations of steel-toed shoes for our working men. Donna Walton has volunteered for years to bring special homemade desserts, some sugar free for our visitors. Jean Chambers makes scarves and hats for Christmas gifts, Barbara Darling shops each year for children's Christmas gifts, and Dan Bray has been our Santa Claus each year. Groups have helped prepare festive bags at Valentine's Day, Easter and Christmas. People all over Sherman bring their hotel/motel toiletries for our personal hygiene bags given to visitors. We thank Sharon Melton for making this newsletter possible and for her work on the website. We thank our Board of Directors and especially Board Members Sheryl Bradshaw, Peg McClure and Leigh Ann Kloppers, who have taken on extra duties for Grand Central Station. We appreciate our Dining Room Managers who have their certain days each month: Jan Bentsen, Katherine Maire, Joan Smith, Paula Parker, Janet Fletcher, Coralee Zdeb, Peg McClure (who also writes ALL the thank you notes for donations), Tricia McClain, and Beth and Don Wilson. Our Advocate-in-charge, Marti Kaufman, has moved to Oregon but we appreciate all she did and others who worked with her: Honey Adair, Barbara Scheibmier, Terri Krawitz, and now Sabrena Vick and Rachael Trumbull.

As you imagine, this could go on forever as we try to thank groups and individuals that help us help others. For those of you whom we have missed, please email in and let us know! We have surely overlooked some and for that we sorry. You have our undying gratitude for your gifts of time, money and prayers, which have been critical to our continued service. We could not exist without you. YOU ARE ALL THE BEST!



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.

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