



Newsletter

Grand Central Station Sherman, Texas

Since our Beginning

October 2010

- 147,079 Meals have been served
- 40,454.15 Volunteer hours have been documented
- We're serving between 150-170 meals daily



Good To Know about GCSS

Things you may not know...

We are always trying to keep everyone informed about what we do at Grand Central Station. Previous issues have covered many things that we do but I want to write a little about several other things that our volunteers and others may not know. As we have told you in the past, we are dependent on our volunteers to be the success that we are. We have teams of 5 volunteers or more each day. At least three of those are Food Handlers and/or Food Managers and they prepare and serve the food. One or more are greeters at the front door and they assist those who want to take a shower as well as those who want to do a load of wash. We usually have 4-5 who want to take a shower each day as well as 2-3 people per day to do laundry so it keeps our greeter busy. These volunteers usually work one day a month either with

a team of people on a regular basis or individually on days they are needed. The calendar is made up one month ahead of time. Teddy Pitman and Dorothy McKee do this together and it is sent out to all with the days on which volunteers are needed after the repetitive volunteers are put on the calendar.

In addition to these volunteers we have other people who help with other things. We have previously mentioned Carol Noltensmeyer who shops for us at Sam's on Monday, Wed, and Friday. In addition she picks up foods that Olive Garden and Chipotle's donate each M,W, and F. The other pick up she does is from Southern Maid donuts on M,W,F at noon. They give us the donuts left each of those days. She is invaluable to keep us stocked with those goods not donated by our generous donors.

Staff Highlight

Jerrie Williams



Jerrie started this year and comes to us through Experience Works. She loves the people, the organization, and the collaboration. "We're always thinking about the future and trying hard to help meet community needs." Jerrie says so many workers here go above and beyond the six days a week schedule and that it takes so much dedication. She says she's just an "everyday person with an appreciation for life and is happy the good Lord has given her so many blessings." Helping others is her main purpose.

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Grand Central Station's Success

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Experience Works has hired two workers for us at a time. Our first one was Loyd Fulmer who was featured in our #2 newsletter. He worked the maximum he could with them and when completed there has come as our second paid employee. Donnie Gilliam (featured in newsletter #3) and Jerrie Williams are now our two from Experience Works.

Another program you may not be aware of is the help we get from men and women who are on probation for various things. They may be required to do community service. Many of these have been helped by doing these hours at Grand Central Station. Most often they are good workers and come on a daily basis to fulfill their hours. We feel this is a good place for these folks because we offer good role models for them.

Since the closure of Key Memorial Methodist Church, the program formerly sponsored by them, Key Care, The Green House, is now being assisted by GCS. They have kept the same location and volunteers but have been assisted by GCS to purchase additional foods they need to add to the donations they receive from their donors. This is a great group to assist as they help so much by their donations to qualified families.

Children's Express (featured in the #2 newsletter) had a very successful summer. Each Thursday of the summer when children were out of school, bags of food for one week's worth of lunches, were distributed to those families who normally are on the free or reduced lunch program in the SISD. They were given one bag per child in the family plus often there were extras from North Texas Food Bank, the organization used

to supplement food donations they received from various food drives. They were able to feed an average of 110 children each week. The program was open to all children and notes were sent out to each child through the schools offering the program to those families who qualified. This program will also serve these families at Christmas when kids are out for 1-2 weeks. - More to Come -

GREAT DAYS OF SERVICE SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

This summer, Jamie Riddels and Leigh Ann Kloppers organized the 2015 school supplies drive. School supplies were donated to 41 schools in Grayson County. Jamie researched and contacted the counselors and principals to find the best way to reach the kids in need of the supplies -- this year it was decided to deliver the supplies directly to the schools. The drive was a group effort by some wonderful helping hands. Thank you to Garrett Riddels for loading the delivery trailer every night in preparation for the next days deliveries. Deliveries were made possible due to some fabulous volunteers -- Tommy and Barbara Seals, Mason Seals, Sheryl Bradshaw and Sara Tarvin. A very special thank you to The Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation for their continued support in this project that would not be possible without them.



Leigh Ann Kloppers & Jamie Riddels



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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