

Newsletter



Since our Beginning

In October 2010

- 305,195 Lunch Meals Served
- 62,119 Volunteer Hours
- 100 - 200 Meals Served Daily

GRAND CENTRAL STATION 2019 NEEDS/WISH LIST

- » 12 oz Gatorade/Powerade
- » Brown Paper Bags 12#
- » Razors
- » Deodorant - Small Size
- » Toothbrushes
- » Travel Size Toothpaste
- » Sweet Relish
- » #10 Canned Goods
- » Louisiana Hot Sauce
- » Bottled Water
- » » CANNED Coffee 3#
- » Gallon Sized Tea Bags
- » Plastic Forks, Spoons & Knives
- » Pam Cooking Spray
- » Trash Can Liners - 13 & 33 Gal
- » Sandwich/QT/Gal Zip Lock Bags
- » Men's & Women's Socks
- » Hand Sanitizer
- »

A Message From The President

Hello Everyone,

I am excited and honored to serve as the President of the Board for Grayson Grand Central Station this year. I am blessed to be able to work with a great team of leaders on the board and I want to take a moment and share some of the exciting things that have been happening for our organization since my term began in January.



Laura Wheeler
President

The purchase of the Houston Street building has been completed and renovations are currently underway under the guidance of Webb Sanderson and our building committee. We hope to have everyone in our new community center by early 2020 – fingers crossed! The fundraising committee is hard at work on our annual dinner event which will be held on August 22, 2019. This will be an event you won't want to miss so go ahead and save the date! The board has also approved a capital campaign committee which has been diligently seeking resources to help us pay for the new building renovation.

We have a lot going on as you can tell but I feel this is truly an exciting time for everyone who is a part of Grayson Grand Central Station. I want to thank each of you and our amazing director Karen Bray, who has volunteered your time - whether it be cooking/serving/greeting/advocacy at the kitchen, knocking down walls and getting dirty at the new building, keeping us up and running on the operations side, packing lunches for Children's Express, working at the Green House in our clothing distribution and food pantry, financial assistance or just your encouraging words please know they are truly appreciated. This organization is run by volunteers and I am grateful to each of you for your continued dedication and time. It makes my job easier! Stay tuned for more exciting things to come and as always please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Laura Wheeler
GCS President 2019

GRAND CENTRAL STATION Appreciates Your Continued Support!

Grand Central Station needs and welcomes your donation in any denomination! Every dollar counts and is used for food for our neighbors, Children's After School Food program, The Green House and day-to-day operations for our Soup Kitchen. Your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Please send your donation to:

Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 3173, Sherman, Texas 75091.

A Smile is Worth a Thousand Words!

Kip has been a regular visitor at Grand Central Station for the past 5 years. He comes to the Soup Kitchen for social companionship and hot meals when he is able to eat. He lost his dentures 8 years ago and hasn't been able to eat solid food since. Thanks to grant funding from The WNJ Foundation, through Grand Central Station, Kip received new dentures a few weeks ago. As you can see from the smile on his face, he comes in each day grinning from ear to ear. He couldn't wait to come into the soup kitchen and show everyone. Kip loves his new teeth and with tears of gratitude says, "Now he can eat butterfingers, peanuts, steak and salad; one of the best parts is now he can get a girlfriend".



Children's Express is currently serving 600+ children weekly for our weekend back pack program through 6 schools.



**Grayson County
4-H Volunteers
at Children's
Express
February 19th.**

save the date

A Night of Grace and Gratitude

Grand Central Station's Annual Fundraiser

August 22, 2019

Texoma Event Center at the Hilton

~ Featuring **Ron Hall** ~

author of NY Times Best Seller, "Same Kind of Different as Me"



Grand Central Station hosts "Bingo" every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. **Dorothy McKee**, one of our dedicated long term volunteers makes this event so much fun for our visitors.

It's always a fun day for them as they all compete for "blackout" and the grand prize! Thanks to a special gift from **John and Debra Burns**, we are able to purchase needed gifts for the prizes. Some of the prizes include toasters, blenders, crockpots, blankets, lamps, sleeping bags, toiletries and much more.

Grand Central Station's Dining Car, Children's Express and Green House were so blessed to be part of the The Women's Gift Exchange awards this past January. WGE has supported our mission over the past several years, and we are so very grateful. WGE is a non-profit shop operated by volunteers, featuring fine quality gifts and unique specialty items with proceeds benefiting Grayson County charities. Last year alone WGE gave over \$10,000 to Grayson County charities. We are so very grateful for their love and support. Please visit and continue to support our mission. They are located at 114 S. Travis in Kelly Square! Be on the lookout for their new "Cookbook".



GRAND CENTRAL STATION DINING CAR

SERVING LUNCH TO THOSE IN NEED

110 THROCKMORTON
SHERMAN, TX
(Between Lamar and Houston)

Monday—Friday 9:00 am -1:00 pm

Coffee, Juice & Breakfast Items
Served at 9 am

Hot lunch served between 11 - 1 pm
Saturdays - bag lunches served 9 am
until all food is gone

Showers, washer, dryer available M-F
TV & Computers with WIFI

Volunteer assistance with
applications and forms

OUR PURPOSE

Provide for the underserved

OUR VISION

A hopeful and nourished
community in Body, Soul and Spirit

OUR MISSION

We provide food, clothing,
tools for learning, advocacy
and life solutions for
our neighbors in need,
in an environment
of safety.

Executive Board

Laura Wheeler, Sara Tarvin,
Scott Jasper, Jamie Riddels,
Leigh Ann Sims

Board of Directors

Webb Sanderson, Dayla Callen,
Allen Martin, Leslie McGee,
Sam Riddels, Peter Schulze,
Robin Holbert, Todd Young,
Charlie Dannel, Katiebeth Worrell

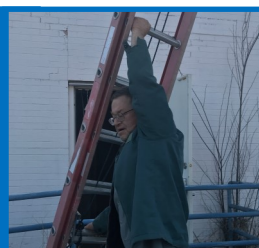
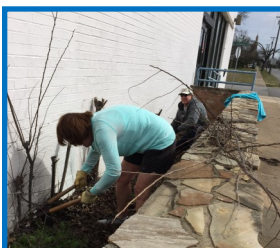
Executive Director: Karen Bray
Kitchen Manager/Chef: Ben Merrill
Green House Coordinator:
Patricia Whitson

grandcentralstation@gcecisp.com

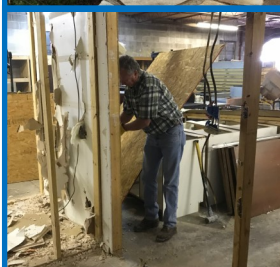
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Grand Central Station is Moving! New Building Renovations Underway

Grand Central Station will be moving to a new location! Stay posted on all the activity as we prepare for the remodeling. In the meantime, volunteers have been energetically working around the clock over the past several weeks helping with all sorts of projects. Much gratitude and thanks go to **Webb Sanderson, Tom Noltensmeyer, and Jim Kennon** who have volunteered over 500 hours in hard labor removing fixtures, electrical and plumbing to prepare for the renovation. Also, **Pete Schulze** has gone above and beyond along with **Leslie McGee, Laura Blalock and Sara and Greg Tarvin**, by transforming the outside by cutting down leaning trees, tree stumps, clearing brush and removing debris. Grand Central Station is truly blessed by our volunteers!



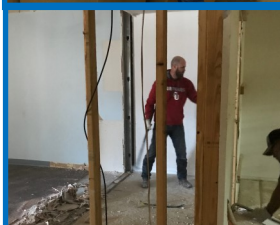
Special Recognition to the
amazing volunteers who
have worked so hard on the
demolition phase of the new
building. We could not have
done it without you!



Webb Sanderson
Ed Bain, Webb's Electric
Carol and Tom
Noltensmeyer



Jim Kennon
Sara and Greg Tarvin
Leslie McGee
Pete Schulze
Laura Blalock
Matt Schulze
Charlie Bray



Janet and Dan Tyndall
Sheryl Bradshaw
Todd Young
Todd Young's
Group of Volunteers

COUNTLESS INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS, ANONYMOUS DONATIONS,
CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION DONORS, MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO FEED
OUR GRAND CENTRAL STATION FAMILY! THANK YOU!!

Grand central station needs volunteers!

Is your Church or business looking for a mission/ outreach program? Are you personally looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity?

Grand Central Station's existence depends on volunteers to prepare and serve meals, greet our visitors, sort and hang up clothes, pack food bags for our children, pick up and deliver food and help with our ministry!

For more information on a program that meets your individual, church or organization's needs, please contact our volunteer coordinators below!

Dorothy McKee – Dining Car - dodiemckee@gmail.com;

Patricia Whitson – Green House -
patriciagreenhouse3@gmail.com;

Or Suzi Hamel – Children's Express at
suzi.hamel@gmail.com

On behalf of **Grand Central Station**, Visitors, Staff and Board, we thank you for your continued support!

Thanks to your support, you have helped feed hungry families and individuals throughout Grayson County and provided life-changing programs that help our struggling neighbors. We are grateful for your generosity. As many of you know, **Grand Central Station** relies heavily on the support of individuals like you to continue our mission.



Please donate today,
or send a check to:
Grand Central Station
P.O. Box 3173
Sherman, Texas 75091

GCS Staff Save Client's Life

Early January 2019 the volunteers at GCS actually saved Ernie Willis' life. When Ernie passed out, we immediately called 911, pulled out our AED Defibrillator (thanks to a grant From Livengood Foundation) and started CPR. Ernie tells us, he has been coming to the soup kitchen for 10 years, since it opened its doors, and would not be alive today had he not been at the Soup Kitchen. He told us he is either with us or home with his dog and cat, and was so incredibly lucky to be here that morning. Most importantly, Ernie says he is so very grateful for GCS and everyone here for saving his life.



Ernie Willis and
Karen Bray

Chris Dowd,
pastor of FUMC
with his son
and friend,
making a
donation,
passing on their
earnings!



"Future volunteers learning the importance of giving back"!

Grand Central Station

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Sherman, Texas 75090