

Newsletter



In 2019

- 16,703 Lunch Meals Served
- 4,071 Volunteer Hours
- 100 - 200 Meals Served Daily

GRAND CENTRAL STATION 2019 NEEDS/WISH LIST

- » Bottled Water
- » Brown Paper Bags 12#
- » Razors
- » Deodorant - Small Size
- » Toothbrushes
- » Travel Size Toothpaste
- » Sweet Relish
- » #10 Canned Goods
- » Louisiana Hot Sauce
- » 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
- » White Cotton Women's Socks
- » White Cotton Men's Socks
- » Hand Sanitizer
- » Boxed Mac N Cheese
- » Individual serving size trail mix



Celebrating Ben Merrill's Retirement

A fun filled afternoon was had by all celebrating Ben Merrill's retirement! Grand Central Station's Dining Car was filled by volunteers, friends and visitors from the Soup Kitchen. Stories were told remembering the fun times we have had with Ben. After six years managing Grand Central Station's kitchen, a program he helped create, Ben Merrill is retiring to spend time with his grandchildren and take care of his handyman to do's around the house and garden. Ben has managed serving over 200,000 meals to our friends in need in Grayson County. Ben will truly be missed as we bid him farewell and many happy days.



**THANK
YOU!**



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.

You're Invited



GRAND CENTRAL STATION

Sherman, Texas

A Night of Grace & Gratitude

for the Underserved & Overlooked

Thursday, August 22nd, 2019



The Hilton Garden Inn Ballroom

Denison, TX | 6:00-9:00pm

Featuring Guest Speaker

Ron Hall

Movie Producer and Author of the
#1 New York Times Bestseller
"Same Kind of Different As Me"

"Together we can change the world,
just one random act of kindness at a time."

- Ron Hall

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLATINUM (\$10,000)

Tickets & seating for 20 (2 tables of 10), logo in event materials and tv spot, logo on all ads and signage, 5 minutes on stage and 5 autographed books

GOLD (\$5,000)

Tickets and seating for 16 (2 tables of 8), logo in event materials and tv spot, logo on all ads and signage

SILVER (\$2,500)

Tickets and seating for 8, mention on social media, logo in event materials & TV spot

BRONZE (\$1,000)

Tickets for 6, mention on social media, logo in event materials

COPPER (\$500)

Tickets for 4, mention on social media, logo in event materials

NON-ATTENDING (\$150)

Make all checks payable to: **Grand Central Station, PO Box 3173, Sherman, TX 75091**

For Sponsorship info contact Loren Hervey at 214-535-9650 | lorenhervey@gmail.com

Or Leigh Ann Sims at 903.271.7429 | lsims@FTNB.net

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.

Advisory Board

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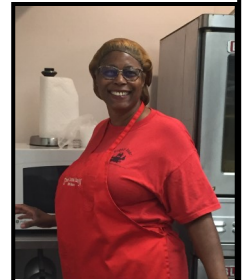
Executive Director: Karen Bray
Kitchen Manger/Chef: Regina Foster
Green House Coord: Patricia Whitson

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New Kitchen Director

In 2014, Regina Foster began working at Grand Central Station as a volunteer, and said, "she deeply enjoyed making and providing meals for people who needed it most". On June 24th Regina was hired as the Kitchen Director following Ben Merrill's retirement. Regina brings over 30 years' experience in the business and culinary world and an Associate's degree in Culinary Arts from our very own Grayson College. We are so blessed to have her join our Grand Central Station's family.



Regina Foster,
GCS Kitchen Director



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

A small group began meeting in the Spring of 2012 to study what could be done to feed our hungry children. After months of evaluating numerous programs, it was decided to organize a weekly summer distribution program and as needed when school was not in session. It was also determined that the program start small and expand as resources became available. Jefferson Elementary was our pilot school. By the summer of 2015, all eight elementary schools were part of the program. In the Fall of 2015, feedback from the teachers indicated that many children were returning on Monday not having had anything to eat over the weekend. This prompted us to begin our weekend program. In February of 2016, the weekend lunch program began serving 120 students at two elementary schools. At the end of the 2018-2019 school year, we were distributing 602 bags on a weekly basis to six of the elementary schools for a total of 19,209 for the year. We receive money from local organizations, private donors and grants; along with the help of many dedicated volunteers, we are able to feed our children in need.

2019 Luke Motley's Crawfish Boil



The Crawfish Boil was a rousing success thanks in large part to all the generous sponsors and of course **Luke Motley** for organizing it again this year! All of us at **Grand Central Station** are most appreciative for the approximately \$4,000 raised for our programs and for the grand time enjoyed by all. The general buzz was that the crawfish were bigger and tastier than ever. The music and dancing were terrific as well. AND the miracle of clearing skies made for a fabulous evening.

Events such as this which raise much-needed programmatic support are critical to the continued success of Grand Central Station. Again, thank you Sponsors for such a great evening!

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

Our commitment to serve the under-served citizens in the Texoma area is appreciated. You are making a difference in their lives!

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:
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P.O. Box 3173
Sherman, Texas
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**“There are many wonderful things
that will never be done
if you don’t do them.”**

~ Charles D Gill

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