



**MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL  
STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT**

**July 11, 2022** [↗](#)

### **When a Community Comes Together: OW's 2021-22 Year in Review**

In 2021-22, OW used the funds raised from the yard sales and community donations to provide financial support to our 16 projects, with budgeted expenses of \$65,000. In addition to supporting our projects, this past year, OW:

- Provided \$10,000 for the purchase of two therapy dogs (Andre at MASH and Cosmos at Shepherdstown)
- Provided \$5,000 to MASD Building Funds for schools to use at their discretion to assist students.
- Provided \$4,000 in a college scholarship (\$1000/year for 4 years) to a graduating MASD senior. This was our 6th scholarship awarded.
- Provided \$10,000 to the District for the 2022 Summer Food Program
- Purchased \$1,125 in grocery store gift cards to be distributed to families in need within the district.
- Provided \$4,000 to the Mechanicsburg Recreation Board to fund scholarships for after school programs.
- Provided \$8,000 to the Mechanicsburg Recreation Board to fund the Recreation Scholarship Funds.
- Provided \$4,000 to the MASD food pantries to fund the purchase of food items.
- Provided \$5,000 to district for student support (to assist in purchase of hygiene kits)
- Provided \$2,500 to Mechanicsburg Music Alliance (MMA) to provide scholarships for MMA students

In addition to financial support, in 2021-22, OW provided the following items to students and families thanks to the generous donations of the community:

- 90 backpacks provided to students before start of school
- 65 bikes and numerous helmets given out to kids and families.
- Dozens of books donated to students, dozens of book donated to teacher classrooms, 65 children received books through Project Legacy
- Numerous clothing requests fulfilled for students and families
- 208 coats provided to students during Thanksgiving and Gift Box distributions
- 150 families able to cleats for their soccer and baseball players
- 19 families received 43 Mattresses/boxsprings/bed frames, 31 dressers, 9 table and chair sets, 13 sets of living room furniture, 58 bed pillows, plus many other families who came out

to the warehouse for lamps, bedding, towels, rugs, dishes, pots and pans, vacuums, small electrics and more

- 321 holiday gifts donated to district students
- 17 district families adopted through Project Legacy
- 2,028 of socks, underwear, bras and tee-shirts donated through school drives
- 21 families received holiday trees and decorations
- 140 Thanksgiving baskets provided to district families

To learn more about Operation Wildcat and what we accomplished this past year, you can watch this video <https://youtu.be/rRVW0UVM0jw>

To learn in 30 seconds what donations we accept, go to <https://www.operationwildcat.org/ow-commercial>

### MEETING THE NEEDS AND MORE!

## Project Back to School Collection

This summer we are collecting the items listed below in donation bins throughout our district through Labor Day.



### What Items are Needed?

Back to School Supplies (new): Backpacks, Earbuds, Water Bottles

Calculators (new or gently used): Texas Instrument 34 & 83 models

Personal Items (new): Brushes, Combs, Chapstick, Conditioner, Deodorant, Dry Shampoo, Pony tail holders, Razors, Shampoo, Shaving cream, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Underwear, Wet Ones Wipes

Books (new or gently used): All school ages

### Where can I donate Items?

Look for "Operation Wildcat" donation bins at these participating collection sites:

MASD Schools: MMS and District Office, Mechanicsburg Recreation Office, Americhoice (Bumble Bee Hollow), George's Cleaners (Mech & UA), Hops & Barleys, Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, Shepherdstown United Methodist Church, Immanuel Church (August only), Mechanicsburg Brethren In Christ Church (August only)

Donations will also be accepted at OW Warehouse 507 N York St Saturdays & Sundays 1-3pm.

### Gift cards to Giant, Wal-Mart and Target can also be donated.

Gift cards can be mailed to or dropped off at the district office c/o "Operation Wildcat", MASD, 600 South Norway Street, Mechanicsburg PA 17055.

If you have a child in MASD, and need help with back-to-school items, etc., please contact your child's school counselor or nurse. All requests are kept confidential.

## Project Clothes Summer Clean Up Day August 2nd 1-3pm

Sign up: <https://ttsu.me/yyav3u>

OW is overwhelmed with donations so we need lots of help going through donations. We have one more clean up day this summer, August 2nd 1-3pm, to be held in the OW space in the MMS basement to work on all the clothing donations. Adults and children 12 years and older (they do

not need an adult to stay with them) are welcome! There is no A/C in the room so please dress accordingly. We will meet in the lobby of MMS before heading down the room. Please contact Meghan Brown, [pmbrown2@msn.com](mailto:pmbrown2@msn.com) or Melissa Herbein, 717-580-5898, [melissaherbein@gmail.com](mailto:melissaherbein@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **Clothing Items Needed**

Please only donate new or slightly used clothing; do not donate any torn or stained clothing. Also, we are only accepting NEW socks and NEW underwear. To help us with sorting donations, please mark the bag on the outside. If possible, please leave donations at MMS.

OW needs these specific clothing items:

Women's bras all sizes, sports and regular

Girls sizes 6 7 8 Leggings, Sweatpants

Girls sizes 12 13 1 sneakers

Women's size 7 sneakers and boots

Women's Leggings and Sweatpants Small Med Large

Women's Coats size medium

Juniors sizes 5 6 7 Jeans

Boys sizes 4 5 6 8 Sweatpants or joggers and PJs

Boys sizes 4 5 6 Shirts

Underwear- teen style 5 6 7 female

Men's Work boots- 10W

Mens Flannel Tops Small

Men's size 6, 8.5 Sneakers

## **Help Needed at OW Warehouse**

Sign up: [ttsu.me/wcaurg](https://ttsu.me/wcaurg)

If we are going to continue holding the Yard Sale, we need help year round. It takes many hands to receive donations, organize, sort, price and skid the donations. All that the volunteer needs to do is accept donations at the warehouse. Instructions on what OW takes and where to place the donations will be posted at the warehouse, as will contact information for any questions. NOTE: A student may sign up for service hours, But a parent/guardian must be with them the entire time. In case of inclement weather the warehouse will be closed.

Warehouse is located at 507 N. York Street, Mechanicsburg, 17055. Turn on to Pleasant View Drive - 1st left into parking lot to Dock Door 1.

Questions – call or email Maureen at 717-773-1988.

*The twice-yearly Yard Sales are OW's only fundraiser – it can only continue with your help.*

## **Volunteers Needed to Assist with Furniture Pick-ups/Deliveries**

Volunteers are needed to assist with the pick-up/drop-off of furniture items in the District. All items for pick up are either left outside or are in the garage - no heavy lifting up/downstairs!

For deliveries - all items are delivered to the families' doorstep.

There are no set days'/times to help - we work around the volunteers' and the families' schedules.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Kaleb Dissinger at

[t34foru@yahoo.com](mailto:t34foru@yahoo.com)

## Open Positions

If you are looking to get more involved in Operation Wildcat, OW has two open positions. If interested, please contact Leslie [mommagic@comcast.net](mailto:mommagic@comcast.net) for more info.

*Project Legacy Co-Chair:* Project Legacy's goal is to involve the community and local business community to provide families with a little more during the holidays in addition to gifts. Participating families are designated by the school counselors as most in need of additional assistance. Project Legacy provides clothing, bedding, coats, housewares, furniture and more, in addition to toys to participating families. Jaclyn Gingrich is the current chairperson and is looking for someone to team with her for this important project.

*Facebook Page Administrator.* Operation Wildcat has its own FB page, using the platform to share communications and event photographs both before and after events, and to recruit volunteers to assist with various projects and needs. An administrator is needed to post these items on our FB page.

### *Cleat Bank Coordinator(s).*

Here are the details for volunteering for a great community service:

1. The time commitment is really only twice a year, before spring baseball and soccer season and before fall football, soccer, and baseball season.
2. Sorting the bins and getting used cleats from donations and at Fisher Park's bin.
3. Maintaining the web site and Time To Sign Up, scheduling sign up dates, can get volunteers to help run those time (usually a 2 hour window each date to open cleat bank).
4. Making outside appointments to meet up with families (the contact us page is our cell numbers and email).

We are hoping to find the new coordinator(s) before the August dates and help transition the duties fully by the end of the year. Please reach out (use the Contact Us Page on the cleat bank website <https://cleatbank.yolasite.com/contact-us.php>) to Corinne or Shane. Thank you for consideration and keeping the cleat bank running in our community!



### Please support OW when you shop on Amazon

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-2733564>.

Thanks to all who purchased items through Amazon Smile, OW has received almost \$300!!

72 Amazon customers are supporting OW. Will you be our 73rd?



### For more information

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Fall Yard Sale Oct 21-22

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