

Operation Wildcat

Meeting the needs of All Students in our District

January 5, 2022

Holiday Thanks

Project Pennies for Pies

Thank you to the all the schools, students and families who participated in OW's annual Pennies for Pies drive. Thanks to the contributions, we raised \$660 to help buy pies for thanksgiving baskets! Jacklyn Gingrich

Project Thanksgiving

Thanks to all who helped to make our district families a very filling Thanksgiving: pies from Paulus, turkeys donated by Hops & Barleys, rolls donated by Martin's, food donated at school food drives and UAFD food drive, and the volunteers who sorted food, filled boxes and helped distribute 140 Thanksgiving baskets to families at our distribution drive through! Angie Stevens

Project Gift Box

Thank you very much for your donation and support of our students through Operation Wildcat's Project Gift Box 2021! This year we were able to provide over 320 gift cards and a hygiene/school supply gift bag for each student. We were also able to provide over 200 winter coats to students. We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness to our families in our community. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year! Raina Beckett & Ann Marie Bolish

Project Tannenbaum

Project Tannenbaum's distribution night was a great success! 22 families received artificial trees, live tree gift certificates, tree stands, ornaments, lights, wreaths and stockings! Our very generous Mechanicsburg community continues to donate these items year after year! Many, many thanks to Boy Scout Troop 80 and to Elliott's Christmas Tree Farm for their donation of the live trees at a discounted price! We are so grateful for the volunteers who helped sort, organize and distribute all of the items ~ Bruce Yerger, Stephanie Yerger, Rick Herring, Jill Rabuck, Gavin Arva, Maureen Ross, Zach Ross, Stephanie Shirey, Pat Clawges and five MASH cheerleaders! It really does "take a village" and what a beautiful "village" we have right here in Mechanicsburg! Patti Herring & Deb Rock

Project Legacy.

Thanks to all the donors - families, businesses, individuals - who helped to make district families a little brighter for the winter holiday! Because of your donations we were able to assist 16 families in our district and make their holiday seasons a littler merrier. Special shout out to UAFD! The support of Jim Salter and the Upper Allen Fire Department is seen across many Operation Wildcat projects, but their commitment through the year and into holiday season really shined on Christmas Eve when the UAFD (and their families), deliver their gifts personally to the family. Jaclyn Gingrich

Project Clothes Work Days January-May

Sign up: ttsu.me/mnmr2j

Dates: 1/8 10am-noon, 1/30 1-3pm, 2/12 10am-noon, 3/6 1-3pm, 4/9 10am-noon, 5/3 1-3pm

OW is overwhelmed with donations so we need lots of help going through donations. We have scheduled clean up days in the MMS basement to work on all the clothing donations. These times are open to adults and children 12 years and older (they do not need an adult to stay with them). The work will be done in Operation Wildcat Storage Room at MMS. There is no heat in the room so please dress accordingly. Also, all social distancing procedures will be in place which includes wearing a mask for the duration of the service. We will meet in the lobby of MMS before heading down the room. Please contact Meghan Brown, pmbrown2@msn.com or Melissa Herbein, 717-580-5898, melissaherbein@gmail.com with any questions.

Clothing Items Needed

OW needs these specific clothing items. If you have these items, please mark the bag on the outside; we are not accepting any other items at this time. If possible, please leave these items at MMS:

Girls 6 7 8 Leggins, Sweatpants and Jeans

Girls 6 7 8 Long Sleeve Shirts and Hoodies PJs

Girls Sz 12 13 1 sneakers

Women's 6 7 sneakers and boots

Women's Leggins and Sweatpants Small Med Large

Juniors 5 6 7 Jeans

Boys 4 5 6 8 14/16 Jeans and Sweatpants or joggers and PJs

Boys 4 5 6 Shirts

Underwear- teen style 5 6 7 female

Men's Work boots- 10W

Mens Flannel Tops Small & Large

Men's Sz 6 Sneakers

Men's 8.5 Sneakers

CLOTHING DONATIONS ON HOLD UNTIL 2/1

Aside from the items listed above, Operation Wildcat is not accepting clothing donations until February 1st. We need time to get caught up sorting through all the donations we already have in the basement. While we appreciate all of your donations, please hold on your clothing donations until February 1st. OW is still accepting back to school items, personal hygiene products and books in all bins. Housewares and yard sale donations are still being accepted at the warehouse on Saturdays and Sundays 1-3pm. In the interim, we may post specific items needed for families; please only donate those items as they will be going directly to families. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Help Needed at OW Warehouse

Sign up: ttsu.me/cmc5ra As one Yard Sale ends – the preparation for the next one begins. **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.



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Upcoming
Events

March 8, 2022

7pm School Board presentation; 730pm OW General Meeting

April 22-23, 2022:

Spring Yard Sale