

## ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVANT CENTER

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN | \$100,000



### *Orphan Grain Train Touching Lives Around the World*

Orphan Grain Train began as an idea of a Lutheran pastor in northern Nebraska thirty years ago. It is a Lutheran volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed items to people in the United States and seventy other countries around the world. Wherever Orphan Grain Train goes they try to work through the church, so the Gospel accompanies the assistance given. The main areas of their outreach are — providing assistance to orphans living primarily in Russia and former Russian satellites; supplying domestic disaster relief when hurricanes, floods, or drought cause extensive damage in the United States; gathering, sorting, packing, and distributing food, clothing, medical supplies and equipment, and educational materials to poverty-stricken people in the United States and internationally.

Orphan Grain Train started thirty years ago with a warehouse and sorting facility in Norfolk, Nebraska. As the ministry has grown, the current facilities in Norfolk have become outmoded and inadequate. The funds from this grant will help with the expenses for the new Orphan Grain Train Servant Center. The new center will have more of its resources under one roof as two of the buildings will be connected. A new drop off point will be separate from the loading dock. The Mercy Meals packaging area will be expanded, and the number of meals packaged can increase from five million a year to more than ten million a year. A break area for volunteers and an instructional area are also included in the plans. The updated center will be a safer work environment for the all-volunteer staff. Norfolk is just one of twenty-eight Orphan Grain Train warehouse sites across the U.S.

Once the Orphan Grain Train Servant Center is complete, it will serve millions of people both in the United States and around the world, bringing food, clothing, medical supplies and equipment, and educational materials tied with the lifesaving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound (Isaiah 61:1).*