

Two Historic Children's Transports Are Topic of Free Presentation at Manahawkin Instructional Site

Stockton Student to Speak about Orphan Train, Kindertransport on March 24

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Galloway, NJ - Two historic transports credited with saving thousands of children's lives in Europe and the United States will be the subject of a presentation by Alison Hesser, a Stockton University student, at the university's Manahawkin Instructional site on **Thursday, March 24 at noon.**

The Orphan Train system was utilized by the United States between 1854 and the 1930s to provide a future for orphans in the New York City area, while the Kindertransport brought children from Nazi-occupied Europe to Great Britain from 1938 and 1940, ultimately saving them from their deaths.

Even though the purposes of both systems and the children's experiences were different, those who participated in either the Orphan Train program or the Kindertransport program experienced many similarities.

Hesser, of Mays Landing, N.J., is currently a junior at Stockton, where she is working toward a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies. Her academics are focused on Religion and Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Upon graduating with her bachelor's degree, Hesser plans to get a master's degree in leadership from a Christian seminary.

Her presentation on "Historic Transports" is free and open to the public. It is part of the Lunch & Learn series on the Holocaust and Genocide and will be held at the university's site, 712 East Bay Ave., Manahawkin, N.J. Lunch will be provided. To register, please call 609-626-3883.

The event is sponsored by the Manahawkin Instructional Site, the Holocaust and Genocide Studies program and Stockton University's anti-genocide organization, S.T.A.N.D.

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