



Feb 9 – Mar 30, 2019 - 49 Days of Gratitude Butterfly Project Form

In February of 1949, the people of France donated 49 rail cars, one to each U.S. state and another to be shared between the territory of Hawaii and Washington, D.C. These cars, filled with French goods and handmade items, were a gift of thanks to the American people for post-World War II recovery efforts. It was called the Gratitude Train, or Merci Train.

North Carolina's Merci car resides at the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer. In honor of the 70th anniversary of the arrival of North Carolina's Merci boxcar in Raleigh, the N.C. Transportation Museum is partnering with local businesses and organizations to plan celebrations with the themes of World War II, French culture, and most of all, gratitude.

As part of this celebration, the middle school students of Rowan County will participate in The Butterfly Project, which remembers children lost in the holocaust. Each student will receive a ceramic butterfly to paint and also a bio card of a child who perished. A donation of \$2 covers the cost for 1 child to participate. A donation of \$1,200 covers the cost for a middle school.

The butterflies will be on display at the closing ceremony on March 30 at North Rowan High School. They will be used to create several permanent art installations throughout Rowan County that share *The Butterfly Project's* message with the community and honor of the children whose lives were lost in the Holocaust. The installations will include a copy of The Butterfly Project's memorial plaque to share the message of remembrance and hope.

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