

annual report

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The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches

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Bridging the gaps of life in the name of Jesus Christ

*Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,
but he who is generous to the needy honors him.*

Proverbs 14:31

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About Us

The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches is a non-profit organization of churches in the Penn-York Valley that serves the residents in the Waverly, Sayre, & Athens school districts. The aim of *The Bridge* is to bridge the gaps of life in the name of Jesus Christ and to help when and where other agencies are not able.

Specifically, the ministries of *The Bridge* in 2014 included offering voucher assistance for emergency needs especially housing related needs; catastrophic assistance; free furniture and household goods through *Helping Hands*; clothing, household goods, toys & books through the *Clothes Closet*; free clothing, hygiene items, school supplies & other assistance through *Kids at Risk*; food assistance through community meals and the *Mobile Food Pantry*; and referrals to other services through our *Clearinghouse*.

The Bridge is supported by its member churches, individuals, The United Way, Waverly Community Chest, businesses, and community organizations. *The Bridge* holds one major fundraising event each year on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Sleepout. It is intended to bring awareness to those in need and to raise funds for the ministry. In 2014, we had our most successful Sleepout to date raising \$24,478.37! That is almost twice as much as our best year since its inception in 2003. We also had our highest income overall in 2014. We continue to seek God's direction as we serve in the ministry of *The Bridge*.

Our Member Churches and Partners in 2014

Athens United Methodist Church
Athens Wesleyan Church
Bentley Creek Wesleyan Church
Blessed Trinity at St. James
Chemung Christian Fellowship
Christian & Missionary Alliance, Waverly
Christian Life Church
Church of the Nazarene
Church of the Redeemer
Crossroads Family Ministries
Epiphany Parish
Federated Church, East Smithfield
First Baptist Church, Sayre
First Baptist Church, Waverly
First Church of God, Sayre
Grace Episcopal, Waverly
Greater Valley Assembly of God
Litchfield United Methodist Church
Lockwood United Methodist Church

New Generation Church, Milan
North Waverly Chapel
Pilgrim Holiness
St. John Lutheran Church
Sayre Christian Church
Seventh Day Adventist Church
Sonrise Christian Life Church
Trinity Episcopal Church
United Methodist Church, Waverly
Valley United Presbyterian Church

Partners:

Catholic Charities, Tioga Outreach
Robert Packer Hospital Chaplain
The Salvation Army
Tioga Rural Ministries

Serving those in need since 1987



Co-Presidents

In the pages of this Annual Report you will find a story of God's love for His creation. Bible Scriptures come to life before our very eyes. Do you need some good news? Read this report.

Read the story of the Good Samaritan, taking care of his neighbor:

Luke 10 (NLT) ³⁶ "Now which of these would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. ³⁷ The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

Read about helping others without judging their worthiness:

Matthew 5 (NLT) ³⁸ "You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say... ⁴² Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow."

See James' teaching in action, that faith without works is dead; that wishing someone to be warm, without giving them a coat, is useless:

James 2 (NLT) ¹⁴ "What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."

Yes, in these next pages are contained a story of a miracle. The miracle of a diverse community joining together to express Christ's love to their neighbors in many tangible ways. The miracle of many people reaching out with their copper coins... resulting in our largest fundraising season ever! The miracle of hundreds of families being provided with the help that they need, with no government assistance, just the churches, businesses, and individuals deciding to step forward and make a difference.

We thank you for the part you have played in this miracle. It has truly been a blessing for us to be a part of God's move in the earth this past year.

Richard & Bobette Friend

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Co-Presidents



Clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse is the access point for *The Bridge's* services. We respond to inquiries about *The Bridge* and its services as well as directing individuals seeking financial assistance or furniture to a local pastor or church to complete an application and receive a voucher if they are eligible. Family income, number of people in the household, household expenses, frequency of requests and residence (Sayre, Athens or Waverly school district) determine eligibility. Vouchers are used for rent/security deposit, utility shutoff, furniture and other emergency situations.

Voucher Type	Number
Electric	85
Security Deposit	81
Fuel oil	58
Rent	54
Natural Gas	35
Water	16
Propane	14
Miscellaneous	9
Lodging	4
Gasoline	3
Sewer	3
Kerosene	0
Total	362

2014 Vouchers

Voucher Type	Number
Furniture	196
Catastrophic	0

Clearinghouse Hours

Monday	9 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday	9 am – 12:30 pm
Wednesday	9 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday	9 am – 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Day, Clearinghouse Coordinator



Voucher Writer Training

The Bridge is dependent on voucher writers in our member churches to interview people requesting assistance. *Without trained voucher writers we would not have been able to assist these individuals and families.*

Voucher writing training was provided to 3 individuals in 2014. This was needed as we lost several individuals who had served as voucher writers in the past. We are grateful for these new people and are thankful for the service of those who have and continue to serve the people of our community in this way.

We are always willing to train more pastors and others to write vouchers. Interested individuals should contact *The Bridge* Clearinghouse at (570) 888-8826.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Day, Voucher Writer Trainer

Clothes Closet



The Clothes Closet is a ministry of *The Bridge* located at the North Waverly Chapel which provides clothing and apparel, small household items, and toys to those in need without requiring a voucher and with no geographical restrictions. Individuals and families find out about the ministry through voucher writers, churches, friends, medical personnel, and the media. The ministry relies entirely upon donations from generous individuals and businesses in the community.

This year we continued our regular ministry operating out of the modular at the North Waverly Chapel. We were opened twice a week, Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Wednesdays from 12 noon to 2 pm serving those in need. In 2014, we had an average of 136 household contacts and distributed 1,715 items each month of the year for a grand total of 1,636 household contacts and 20,578 items distributed.

We are very thankful for all those who so generously donated items and for the numerous volunteers who make this ministry possible.

A huge THANK YOU to the many volunteers—too many in fact to list them all here—who faithfully serve the Lord by helping those in need through the ministry of the Clothes Closet. We have 10 teams of 2-3 people each who work once a month while we are open. We also have a team which consistently works on Thursday mornings to restock and sort donations.



A special thank you to **Linda Waterman** who faithfully handled the data entry of clients served and items distributed for many years and retired over the summer. Also, we are grateful to **Marilyn Weber** who has been temporarily filling in the function since Linda's departure until we can find a permanent replacement.

In the last quarter of 2014, we started a quarterly utilization review to identify households who have exceeded our limits. So far this has been well received and clients have begun to do a better job of self-monitoring.

In February, Kids at Risk moved into a room in the church, allowing their previous space to be used by the Clothes Closet. Now we are anxiously awaiting the completion of a chute and dumbwaiter being installed in the Clothes Closet by **Daryl Wandell** so that we can accept clothing donations any time (instead of just when we are open) and which will facilitate the restocking of the Clothes Closet each week saving countless trips up and down the stairs.

Looking forward to what God has in store!

Kim Paul, Clothes Closet Co-Coordinator



Helping Hands



In 2014, The Helping Hands Used Furniture Ministry has become firmly and more completely established in our facility at Quinlan's building in Waverly on Rt. 17C. Our staff completed the renovation of a 700 sq. Ft. area that had been boarded up. This provides a cleaner, better area for mattresses and box springs and also an area for our shelving units for small household goods, dishes and glassware, small kitchen appliances, sheets and blankets, etc.

This move also made available the wall area just

inside our freight door, loading area to be used for major appliance, refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers. We have also maintained our staff work area including our 4 ft. x 28 ft. table work area for sorting, folding, etc. which is also used for our annual summertime Bridge Board Meeting.

The rental expense for our Bridge furniture facility continues to be taken care of by a Valley business which prefers to remain anonymous. *The Bridge* is deeply grateful for this support.



Our open hours of operation are Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 am to 12 noon.

2014 Helping Hands Used Furniture Ministry Activity:

Vouchers for goods given out—**186**.

Donations of goods received—**267**.

Thanks to our great staff of volunteers: Marilyn & C.T. Weber, John Simonds, Charlie Brown, Howard Brewster, Bob Ward, Jeff Northrup and Dennis Murphy.

Submitted by,

Charlie Hammond, Helping Hands Coordinator





Kids at Risk

In 1994, the Kids at Risk ministry was started to meet the needs of children in the Sayre, Athens, and Waverly school districts. Children in uncomfortable or unhealthy situations that risk failure in school and possibly later in life from the lack of hygiene supplies, inadequate clothing and or school supplies are helped with this ministry.

In 2014, Kids at Risk helped approximately 922 students. The counselors, school nurses, teachers and secretary's help make this program work. They take the time to evaluate a child's needs and then e-mail me with those needs. I check supplies on hand to see if I have those items, if not I purchase them.

Individuals, groups, and churches in the community support Kids at Risk and 100% of the donations go back into this ministry.



I would like to highlight the involvement of The Church of the Redeemer this year with the Kids at Risk program. Between their "Pets and Pants" day in celebration of Saint Francis, and the underwear drive sponsored by the Kindness Club, the ministry received a huge amount of supplies.

The beginning balance on January 1, 2014 was \$11,337.03. The ending balance on December 31, 2014 was \$11,973.39. Income was \$2,397.00. We spent \$1,760.64.

The Spalding Memorial Library sponsored the Angel Tree book program again this year. This program offers books to children at Christmas that may never receive a gift. We had a great turnout, and once again, a large number of books were provided.

This has been a great first year with the *Kids at Risk* program and I look forward to my second year as coordinator. I am hoping to be able to branch out into the community and gain some additional awareness for this program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Cole, Kids at Risk Coordinator

***Mission:** We will help children, grades K-12, through the schools in the Athens, Sayre and Waverly school districts, attempting to meet the need which cannot be met in any other way. We will make every effort to preserve the self-esteem of the child and family as we reach out in the name of Jesus Christ.*





Community Dinners

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is asked the question: "Who is my neighbor?" At this point Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan. Three different people had an opportunity to help someone in need. Only one took time to show love. We are called to do the same. One way is providing free meals four times a year. In 2014, that included:

February 27th - Church of the Redeemer

April 3rd - Waverly Methodist

July 10th - Athens Methodist

November 20th – St. James Catholic Church

We provide, prepare, and serve the dinners. There is no cost to *The Bridge* for these dinners because of generous donations by Bridge representatives. At the Church of the Redeemer, a donation of \$100 is required (covered by a private donation) and we provide dessert. A **huge** thanks to the great group of volunteers who show up with cakes, a smile, and willingness to serve!

The schedule for the free dinners is as follows:

1st Thursday - Waverly Methodist 4:30-6:00 PM

2nd Thursday - Athens Methodist 4:30-6:00 PM

3rd Thursday – St. James Catholic 4:30-6:00 PM

4th Thursday - Church of the Redeemer 4:00-6:00 PM

If a month has 5 Thursdays: The Church of the Redeemer will serve the 5th and the Valley United Presbyterian (Waverly location) serves the 4th



Submitted by:

Sandy Campbell, Community Dinner Coordinator





Mobile Food Pantry

The Bridge has continued to sponsor the Mobile Food Pantry each month on the third Wednesday from 1:00p – 2:00p at the Valley United Presbyterian Church, Waverly location throughout 2014 with the exception of December which was at 10a. We provide an average of 20 volunteers for each distribution. Volunteers come from a variety of sources within *The Bridge* as well as a significant number of local homeschool families part of the Valley Area LEAH, a Christian homeschool group.

There are a variety of jobs including directing traffic, signing in people, directing people, stocking the tables, bagging produce, handing out food, and helping people carry food to their vehicles. Many of the volunteers are “repeaters” meaning they come every month which is a huge



blessing and shows what a blessing it is for the volunteers as well. Like most of the ministries of *The Bridge*, it wouldn't be possible without dedicated volunteers!



We are especially grateful for the graciousness and hospitality of the Valley United Presbyterian Church for allowing the distributions to take place on their property and for allowing us to use their social hall and facilities. What a blessing!

In 2014, the 12 food distributions have ranged from 160 to 240 households served.

It has been a privilege to serve God and the people in this community through the ministry of the Mobile Food Pantry in 2014 along with co-coordinator Don Jayne and the many faithful volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Paul

Mobile Food Pantry Co-Coordinator
Waverly Site



Valley Food Pantry

Director: Liz Coco

Assistant: Howard Brewster

In 2014, the number of people helped at the Valley Food Pantry showed an increase of 22% over the year of 2013.

2014 Activity Record

2014	PA	NY	TOTAL
Households	865	854	1,719
Adults	1,722	1,491	3,213
Children	832	852	1,684
Total	2,554	2,343	4,897

Valley Food Pantry Hours

Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Location: 418 Waverly Street, Waverly, NY

Phone: 607-565-8718

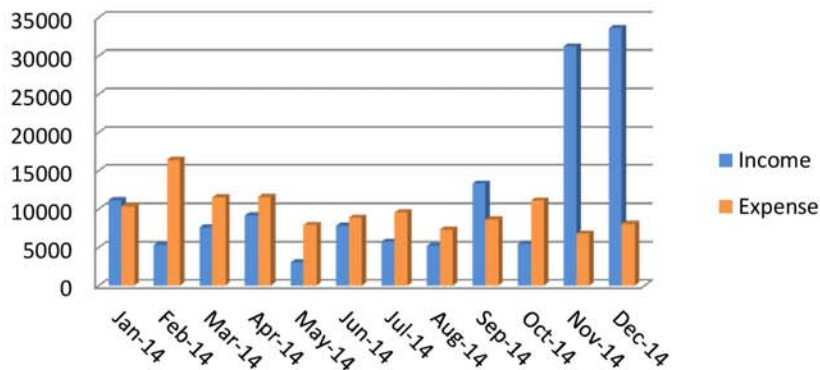


Respectfully Submitted by,
Charles Hammond for **Liz Coco**



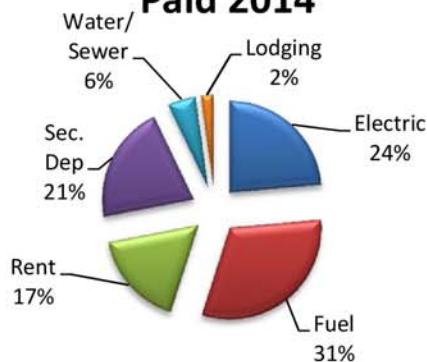
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2014 Income and Expenses

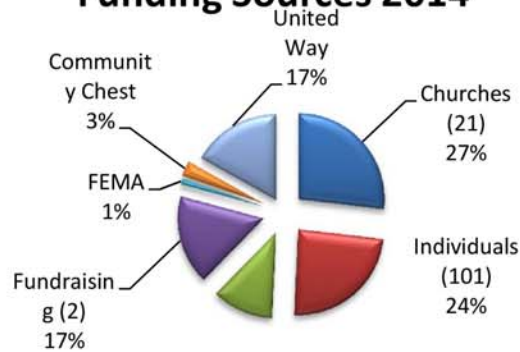


Types of Vouchers

Paid 2014



Funding Sources 2014



Account	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Transfers	Balance
Bridge Account	\$ 42,002.74	\$ 138,719.03	\$ (118,067.46)		\$ 62,654.31
Designated Funds within Bridge Account					
Guthrie Grant (Database)	\$ 1,045.25	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,045.25
Helping Hands Warehouse		\$ 10,400.00	\$ (9,600.00)		\$ 800.00
25th Anniversary	\$ 460.63	\$ -	\$ (129.12)	\$ (331.51)	\$ -
Clothes Closet	\$ 117.25	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 117.25
Catastrophic, Designated	\$ 235.46	\$ -	\$ (235.46)		\$ -
Flood Relief	\$ 2,482.05	\$ -	\$ (450.00)	\$ (2,032.05)	\$ -
Total Undesignated Funds	\$ 37,662.10	\$ 128,319.03	\$ (107,652.88)	\$ 2,363.56	\$ 60,691.81

Income and Expense Comparison 2013-2014			
	1/1/2013-12/31/2013	1/1/2014-12/31/2014	Difference
Income	\$115,480.74	\$138,719.03	\$23,238.29
Expense	\$114,905.86	\$118,067.46	\$3,161.60
Difference	\$574.88	\$20,651.57	\$20,076.69

Historical look at voucher levels: Previously-\$100; May 2009-\$150; May 2010-\$200; May 2011-\$300

2014 Annual Treasurer's Report Income/Expense Comparison 2013-2014



Income	2013	2014	Difference
Churches			
Athens Wesleyan	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Bentley Creek Wesleyan Church	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 1,520.00
Blessed Trinity Parish (St. James)	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,843.00	\$ 483.00
Chemung Christian Fellowship	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,646.00	\$ 946.00
Christian Life	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (100.00)
Church of God	\$ -	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,575.00
CMA, Waverly	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ (115.00)
Crossroads Family Ministries	\$ 360.00	\$ 698.66	\$ 338.66
E Smithfield Federated	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Epiphany	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Faith Baptist	\$ 886.00	\$ -	\$ (886.00)
First Baptist, Waverly	\$ 2,478.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (1,778.00)
G.V. Assembly of God	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 290.00
Nazarene, Waverly	\$ -	\$ 964.33	\$ 964.33
New Life Encounter	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
North Waverly Chapel	\$ 828.00	\$ 1,701.00	\$ 873.00
Pilgrim Holiness	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Redeemer	\$ 347.87	\$ 330.00	\$ (17.87)
Sayre Christian	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 870.00
St. John Lutheran	\$ 832.00	\$ 2,113.00	\$ 1,281.00
UMC, Athens	\$ 2,136.00	\$ 3,227.37	\$ 1,091.37
UMC, Litchfield	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 955.00
UMC, Lockwood	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ (25.00)
UMC, Ulster	\$ 100.00	\$ 45.00	\$ (55.00)
UMC, Waverly	\$ 1,180.87	\$ 3,298.00	\$ 2,117.13
Valley United Presbyterian	\$ 4,353.80	\$ 8,195.00	\$ 3,841.20
TOTAL Churches	\$ 22,357.54	\$ 37,126.36	\$ 14,768.82
Community Chest	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Corporate-Organizational Gifts	\$ 14,218.00	\$ 5,356.64	\$ (8,861.36)
Designated Income			
Flood Relief	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Helping Hands	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 6,400.00
Project Amber	\$ 6,230.00	\$ -	\$ (6,230.00)
Website	\$ 1,045.25	\$ -	\$ (1,045.25)
TOTAL Designated Income	\$ 11,775.25	\$ 10,400.00	\$ (1,375.25)
FEMA	\$ 2,052.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (552.00)
Fundraising			
Arts Fest	\$ 363.28	\$ -	\$ (363.28)
Candle Fundraiser	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ (10.00)
Fuel Your Neighbor	\$ 1,885.00	\$ -	\$ (1,885.00)
Harlan Rowe	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Sleepout	\$ 9,822.65	\$ 23,216.67	\$ 13,394.02

2014 Annual Treasurer's Report Income/Expense Comparison 2013-2014



Income	2013	2014	Difference
Valley Chorus	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ (2,200.00)
TOTAL Fundraising	\$ 14,280.93	\$ 23,266.67	\$ 8,985.74
Helping Hands Warehouse	\$ 125.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 185.00
Individual Gifts			
PayPal Deposits	\$ 525.00	\$ 882.00	\$ 357.00
Other Individual Gifts	\$ 29,175.84	\$ 32,147.11	\$ 2,971.27
TOTAL Individual Gifts	\$ 29,700.84	\$ 33,029.11	\$ 332.27
Pass Through Income			
Helping Hands Warehouse	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Kids at Risk	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ (25.00)
Valley Food Pantry	\$ 446.18	\$ 331.83	\$ (114.35)
TOTAL Pass Through Income	\$ 471.18	\$ 391.83	\$ (79.35)
United Way of Bradford County	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 23,068.33	\$ 6,568.33
United Way of the Southern Tier	\$ -	\$ 270.09	\$ 270.09
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 115,480.74	\$ 138,719.03	\$ 23,238.29

EXPENSES	2013	2014	Difference
Catastrophic Assistance Flood Relief			
Flood Relief Expenses			
Waverly Furniture Warehouse	\$ 1,637.10	\$ -	\$ 1,637.10
TOTAL Flood Relief Expenses	\$ 1,637.10	\$ -	\$ 1,637.10
Home Repair			
Plumbing	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
TOTAL Home Repair	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Second Round Flood Relief	\$ (250.00)	\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Other Catastrophic Assistance Flood Relief	\$ -	\$ (1,350.00)	\$ 1,350.00
TOTAL Catastrophic Assistance Flood Relief	\$ 1,837.10	\$ (900.00)	\$ 2,737.10
Designated Expense			
25th Anniversary	\$ 71.89	\$ 129.12	\$ (57.23)
Amber Project	\$ 5,994.54	\$ 235.45	\$ 5,759.09
Designated Expense Clothes Closet	\$ 182.75	\$ -	\$ 182.75
Helping Hands Furniture House	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ (5,600.00)
TOTAL Designated Expense	\$ 10,249.18	\$ 9,964.57	\$ 284.61
Electricity			
FEMA Eligible	\$ 15,325.45	\$ 19,034.66	\$ (3,709.21)
NFEMA	\$ 2,298.74	\$ 2,967.39	\$ (668.65)
TOTAL Electricity	\$ 17,624.19	\$ 22,002.05	\$ (4,377.86)
Fuel			
FEMA Eligible	\$ 18,691.68	\$ 23,304.08	\$ (4,612.40)
NFEMA	\$ 8,941.65	\$ 11,958.88	\$ (3,017.23)
TOTAL Fuel	\$ 27,633.33	\$ 35,262.96	\$ (7,629.63)
Furniture	\$ 2,311.60	\$ -	\$ 2,311.60
Gasoline, Diesel	\$ 629.50	\$ 67.51	\$ 561.99
Lodging	\$ 332.40	\$ 1,054.40	\$ (722.00)

2014 Annual Treasurer's Report Income/Expense Comparison 2013-2014



EXPENSES	2013	2014	Difference
Miscellaneous			
Home Repair	\$ 780.00	\$ -	\$ 780.00
Other Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ (70.00)
TOTAL Miscellaneous	\$ 780.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 710.00
Office-Administrative			
Administrative Clearinghouse	\$ 2,582.50	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 132.50
Bank Fees	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ -
Box.net fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 25.00
Clothes Closet			
Electricity for Clothes Closet	\$ 828.56	\$ 841.72	\$ (13.16)
TOTAL Clothes Closet	\$ 828.56	\$ 841.72	\$ (13.16)
Helping Hands			
Electricity for Warehouse	\$ 259.05	\$ 630.89	\$ (371.84)
Liability Insurance	\$ 920.31	\$ 800.31	\$ 120.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,818.75	\$ 11.25	\$ 1,807.50
Miscellaneous	\$ 96.42	\$ -	\$ 96.42
Water & Sewer	\$ -	\$ 88.00	\$ (88.00)
Other Office-Administrative:Helping Hands	\$ -	\$ 151.50	\$ (151.50)
TOTAL Helping Hands	\$ 3,094.53	\$ 1,530.45	\$ 1,564.08
Miscellaneous	\$ 37.08	\$ 176.74	\$ (139.66)
P. O. Box Fee	\$ 48.00	\$ -	\$ 48.00
PayPal Fees	\$ 12.75	\$ 20.90	\$ (8.15)
Postage	\$ 423.96	\$ 390.53	\$ 33.43
Supplies	\$ 539.30	\$ 108.21	\$ 431.09
Telephone, Clearinghouse	\$ 1,328.46	\$ 1,326.00	\$ 2.46
Website Charges Mthly & Annual	\$ 453.60	\$ 22.28	\$ 431.32
TOTAL Office-Administrative	\$ 9,660.74	\$ 7,153.83	\$ 2,506.91
Pass Through Expense			
Helping Hands Warehouse	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ (60.00)
Kids at Risk	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Valley Food Pantry	\$ 624.13	\$ 331.83	\$ 292.30
TOTAL Pass Through Expense	\$ 649.13	\$ 391.83	\$ 257.30
Prescr. & Medical	\$ 625.83	\$ 441.56	\$ 184.27
Rent			
FEMA Eligible	\$ 15,006.00	\$ 12,422.00	\$ 2,584.00
NFEMA	\$ 3,976.00	\$ 4,222.50	\$ (246.50)
TOTAL Rent	\$ 18,982.00	\$ 16,644.50	\$ 2,337.50
Security Deposit	\$ 18,577.00	\$ 21,637.00	\$ (3,060.00)
Sewer	\$ 1,429.20	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 329.20
Transportation	\$ -	\$ 137.80	\$ (137.80)
Water	\$ 3,584.66	\$ 3,039.45	\$ 545.21
TOTAL EXPENSE!	\$ 114,905.86	\$ 118,067.46	\$ (3,161.60)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 574.88	\$ 20,651.57	\$ 20,076.69

Respectfully Submitted,
Waneta Warner, Treasurer



Corresponding Secretary

In 2014, 425 thank-you's were sent in appreciation of donations by individuals, organizations, businesses and churches with a heart of caring for Valley families in desperate circumstances. We're thankful for those who gave generously and teamed with us to be a source of help. In addition, multiple cards of appreciation for services of help for the Bridge mission and acknowledgements of gifts given in honor or memory of loved ones were also sent.



The Bible states in 1 Peter 4:11:

"Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then God will be given glory in everything through Jesus Christ. All glory and power belong to him forever and ever. Amen."

How blessed our organization has been to have willing, working volunteers and friends who care enough to share.

I'd like to offer my thanks to Sherry Pinkard and Waneta Warner for their excellent record keeping and Nelson Kopatz for being the computer contact to enable me to do my job as corresponding secretary.


Our Valley area cares deeply for our neighbors in need. It's a privilege to recognize and acknowledge the many gifts given by so many to assist in this ministry.

Thank you,
Sue Kopatz, Corresponding Secretary

Financial Secretary

In 2014, a total of 83 year-end receipts were distributed to individuals, organizations, businesses, & churches for gifts of \$250 or more. Along with the receipts, an insert was included with highlights from the year. Donarius software was used to track donations through the year and generate the statements.

Kim Paul, Financial Secretary



Thank you for your contribution in 2014 which enabled us to help those in need in our community! Specifically, with your help we:

- Provided over \$100,000 in 369 vouchers for basic needs of rent (62), security deposit (76), heat (114), electric (86), water/sewer (18), and other emergency needs (13) thereby helping 531 adults & 386 children.
- Served an average of 136 households monthly in our **Clothes Closer** giving over 1,700 free items of clothing & apparel, small housewares, books & toys each month.
- Assisted 186 households through our **Helping Hands** ministry with furniture and appliances made possible by 267 donations (often multiple items each time).
- Served a total of 922 students through our **Kids at Risk** program in the school districts of Athens, Sayre, & Waverly with clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and other needs anonymously by partnering with school personnel who identified needs and distributed items.
- Served the community through our **Clearinghouse** as a referral service for clients to obtain our services and services offered by others in the community.

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Audit Committee

Using the checklist previously developed as a guide, a review of the 2014 financial records of *The Bridge* was completed. The main Bridge and the Kids at Risk checking accounts, records, and reports were reviewed. Both accounts were found to be without material errors.

Last year it was the recommendation of the Audit Committee that the Kids at Risk donations be handled by the Assistant Treasurer in the same manner as is done with the regular Bridge funds using a separate Kids at Risk Deposit Record. This change was successfully implemented early in 2014 facilitating annual receipting of donors for both regular Bridge & Kids at Risk donations by the Financial Secretary.

Many thanks go to those involved with maintaining the financial records of *The Bridge*, specifically we would like to mention Waneta Warner, Treasurer; Sherry Pinkard, Assistant Treasurer; and Emily Cole, Kids at Risk Coordinator. Thank you so much for your dedicated service to the Lord and to those in need in our community!

Respectfully Submitted,

2014 Audit Committee: Don Jayne, Kim Paul, & Marilyn Weber

2014 Leadership Team

Officers:

Co-Presidents: **Richard & Bobette Friend**, Litchfield United Methodist Church

Vice President: **Scott Webster**, Chemung Christian Church

Secretary: **Samantha O'Dell**, St. John Lutheran Church

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Assistant Treasurer: **Sherry Pinkard**, Sayre Presbyterian Church

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Pastoral Advisor: **Andrew Weidner**, Athens United Methodist Church

Corresponding Secretary: **Sue Kopatz**, Athens First Presbyterian Church

Financial Secretary: **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel

Clearinghouse Coordinator: **Larry Day**, North Waverly Chapel

Voucher Writer Trainer: **Larry Day**, North Waverly Chapel

Catastrophic Coordinators: **Don Jayne**, Valley United Presbyterian Church & **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel

Clothes Closet Coordinators: **Kim Paul**, North Waverly Chapel & **Billie Jean White**, Waverly C&MA

Helping Hands Coordinator: **Charlie Hammond**, Church of the Epiphany;

Helping Hands Assistant: **Marilyn Weber**

Kids at Risk Coordinator: **Emily Cole**, Church of the Redeemer

Community Dinners Coordinators: **Sandy Campbell & Sue Kopatz**, Valley United Presbyterian

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