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Our Challenge to You

- Pray for the Sleepout and the various Bridge ministries to bring awareness of those in need in the cold winters months ahead.
- Represent your church by sponsoring a one-hour block of time with your Sunday School class, women's and/or men's group, youth group, or family to weather the cold with a Bridge board member.
- Participate in the "Socks in a Box" school district challenge .
Donate socks sized for K-12 students.
- Stop by the Guthrie Desmond Street location during the event to make a donation or mail your tax-deductible donation to:

**The Bridge
Box 202
Sayre, PA 18840**

For more information, contact Kim at 570-867-2628 or dpaulfamily@gmail.com.

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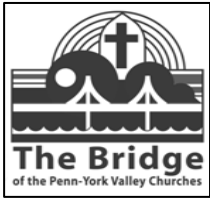
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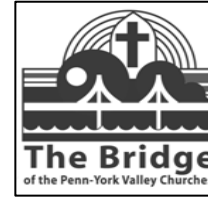
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- Assist 440 adults and 268 children with vouchers totaling just over \$71,000, mostly for housing related needs, including rent, security deposits, heat, electric, and water.
- Provide a total of over 22,825 items of clothing, small household items, books and toys free of charge through 1,692 contacts through the ministry of *The Clothes Closet*.
- Assist 135 households with furniture and household items free of charge through our *Helping Hands* ministry.
- Assist approximately 624 students with hygiene supplies, clothing, and/or school supplies through our Kids at Risk ministry.
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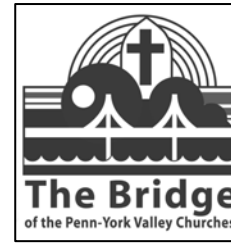
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- Transportation out of the community to avoid being stranded.
- Prescription medications.

There are limits as to how many vouchers a household may receive, generally 3 in a 7 year period and how close together they can be issued, generally 6 months apart with a few exceptions.



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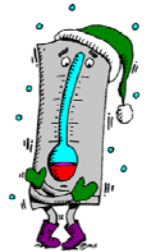
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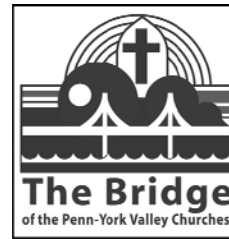
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Individual churches, service clubs, community groups, teacher associations, and businesses provided clothing, hygiene kit supplies and money with 100% of the donations going to the ministry. 25% of the proceeds from the 2018 Sleepout will go directly to Kids at Risk which maintains funds in a separate account.

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