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24-hour Fundraiser

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Bridge board members will be joined by business, church, or individual sponsors to spend an hour or more weathering the cold in an unheated, open room at our new location at the Guthrie Desmond Street Practice (105 Desmond Street, Sayre PA.) Funds raised will be used to assist those in need in our community.

The Sleepout goal is to raise \$15,000 to assist those in need in our community.

Our Challenge to You...

- Pray for the Sleepout and the various Bridge ministries to bring awareness of those in need in the cold winter 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 for school aged children in Pre-K through Grade 12.
- Stop by the Guthrie Desmond Street location during the event to make a donation or mail your tax-deductible donation to:

The Bridge
P.O. Box 202, Sayre, PA 18840

For more information, contact Kim at 570-867-2628 or
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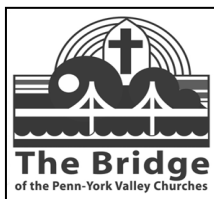
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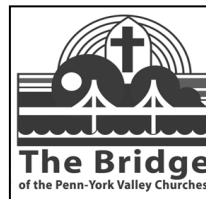
Where does the money go?

2021 Sleepout funds will support all our ministries serving our local community as follows: 50% for the Bridge's general fund, 25% for Kids at Risk, and 25% for the *Valley Food Pantry*.

The Bridge serves the school districts of Sayre, Athens, & Waverly. The Bridge's ability to serve was greatly effected by COVID-19. Processes needed to be modified. In 2020, the money entrusted to us was used to:

- Assist 163 adults and 97 children with vouchers totaling just over \$40,000, mostly for housing related needs, including rent, security deposits, heat, electric, and water.
- Provide a total of over 8,459 items of clothing, small household items, books and toys free of charge through 444 households through the ministry of *The Clothes Closet*.
- Assist 89 households with furniture and household items free of charge through our *Helping Hands* ministry.
- Assist approximately 641 students with hygiene supplies, clothing, and/or school supplies through our *Kids at Risk* ministry.
- Provide food items to 579 households in NY and PA through the ministry of the *Valley Food Pantry*. Provided food to 175-200 households, Jan, Mar, Aug, and Oct -Dec with the *Mobile Food Pantry*.

Can we count on your support this year?



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The Bridge serves the school districts of Sayre, Athens, & Waverly. In 2018, the money entrusted to us was used to:

- Assist 396 adults and 271 children with vouchers totaling just over \$73,000, mostly for housing related needs, including rent, security deposits, heat, electric, and water.
- Provide a total of over 32,127 items of clothing, small household items, books and toys free of charge through 2,007 contacts through the ministry of *The Clothes Closet*.
- Assist 132 households with furniture and household items free of charge through our *Helping Hands* ministry.
- Assist approximately 951 students with hygiene supplies, clothing, and/or school supplies through our *Kids at Risk* ministry.
- Provide food items to 1,413 households in NY and PA through the ministry of the *Valley Food Pantry* and 35,523 meals to 1,605 households through the once a month *Mobile Food Pantry*.
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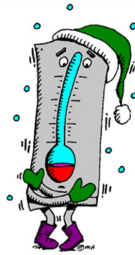
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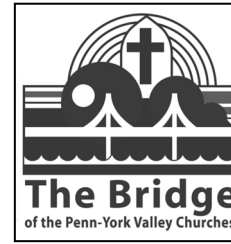
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- Security deposit to secure housing.
- Utilities such as electric, water, gas, & sewer with a shut-off notice.
- Fuel oil, propane, kerosene, coal, wood, or wood pellets that are currently out or extremely low.
- Transportation out of the community 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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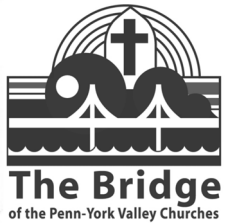
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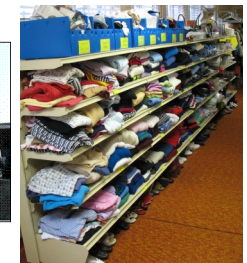
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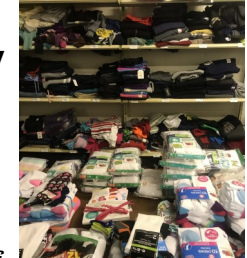
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