

# The Bridge 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sleepout 24-hour Fundraiser

Dear Valley Friends,

Will you consider helping those in need in the school districts of Sayre, Athens, and Waverly by supporting *The Bridge's* annual Sleepout this year?



Besides being our main fundraiser, the Sleepout aims to bring awareness to the many needs in our community and how *The Bridge* helps to meet those needs. This year's 24-hour Sleepout will be held Friday, November 24, beginning at 3:00 pm and will end at 3:00 pm, Saturday, November 25 in the parking lot of the Guthrie Desmond Street Practice, 105 Desmond Street, Sayre, with participants signing up for one-hour blocks of time to "sleepout." We hold the event at this time of year which is the day after Thanksgiving, the day of the Sayre Christmas Parade, and the beginning of the holiday shopping season specifically because it is a time of thanks and plenty for many of us, but highlights that many in our community do not have full bellies, full shopping bags, or a warm home.



*The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches*, founded in 1987 and entirely staffed by volunteers, has been assisting people in need in the Waverly, Athens, and Sayre school districts who find themselves in financial crisis for 36 years. **Since we are an all-volunteer organization, most of our funds go directly to those in need through a voucher system with up to \$500 being given mostly for housing related needs such as security deposits, rent, heat (fuel oil, gas, propane), electric, and water.** We could not do so without the generous support of *The Bridge* member churches and the Valley community, including businesses and organizations such as yours and the United Way of Bradford County and Waverly Community Chest.

Donors will be recognized on *The Bridge* website. We encourage you to review the levels of giving displayed below to see which level best fits your business's or organization's ability and desire to contribute. All donations are tax-deductible and will receive a donation receipt. In addition to your generous contribution, please consider "sleeping out" with us for an hour in our makeshift house.

Diamond - \$2,500 or over  
Platinum - \$1,000

Gold/Voucher - \$500  
Silver - \$250

Bronze - \$125  
Other - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To assist *The Bridge* in helping families in need in the coming year, please complete and return the enclosed form with your donation today. May God bless you as you bless others. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments at [sleepout@thevalleybridge.org](mailto:sleepout@thevalleybridge.org) or 570-867-2628.

Sincerely,

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