

# The Bridge's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sleepout 24-hour Fundraiser

Dear Valley Friends,

**Will you consider helping those in need by supporting *The Bridge's* annual Sleepout this year?**



Besides being our main fundraiser, the Sleepout is a visual means of raising awareness of the needs in our community and a public reminder of the ministries offered by *The Bridge*. This year's 24-hour Sleepout will start on Friday, November 29, at 3:00 pm and end at 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 30 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 (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 there are others in our community who do not have full bellies, full shopping bags, or a warm home.

Founded in 1987, *The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches* has been assisting families in need in the Waverly, Athens, and Sayre school districts who find themselves in financial crisis for 37 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 provided for housing-related needs such as security deposits, rent, heat, electricity, and water.** In addition, *The Bridge* also operates the Valley Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Mobile Food Pantry, Helping Hands furniture ministry, Kids at Risk, and Eldercare as well as offering Interim and Catastrophic Assistance and financial education. We could not be successful without the generous support of *The Bridge* member churches, the United Way of Bradford County, Waverly Community Chest, and the Valley community, including businesses and organizations such as yours.

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	Gold/Voucher - \$500	Bronze - \$125
Platinum - \$1,000	Silver - \$250	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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