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Virtually Together: One Night, One Community: Join us at Sleep Out Saturday 2020!

Take to your yard, driveway or car to raise awareness and funds for homeless families

Glen Ellyn, IL –September 21, 2020 – Calling all individuals, families, service clubs, church groups, Scouts, teenagers, and executives: join Bridge Communities for our 17th Annual Sleep Out Saturday event!



You can be among the hundreds of participants this fall for **Sleep Out Saturday on November 7** (or any night you choose between October 9-December 5), as we spend one night sleeping in tents, boxes, cars, basements and living rooms in honor of the homeless families served by Bridge Communities. When you sleep out, donate or fundraise for Sleep Out Saturday, you'll support Bridge families striving toward a better future.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sleep Out Saturday has been updated to include additional safety practices. Bridge Communities offers complete Sleep Out Saturday toolkits with advice for both small group and remote Sleep Outs, featuring socially distanced activities, movies and more, to make your experience memorable and life-changing. The toolkit also includes guidance to help you fundraise and a virtual presentation will be held at 8 PM on November 7, so all groups participating are more connected and can experience the event "remotely together."

Proceeds from the event benefit the 100+ homeless families served annually by Bridge Communities, and provide transitional housing, life-skills mentoring, financial counseling, employment training, tutoring, children's services and more.

"We are all looking to learn more, care more and do more for others during this time of uncertainty—and Sleep Out Saturday is a great event to give back," says Margo Matthew, Manager of Government and Community Relations, Bridge Communities. "And you can do it safely from home. Families are especially encouraged to participate in this empathy-building experience!"

Sleep Out Saturday registration is now open on www.sleepoutsaturday.org! For more information, please contact Margo Matthew at margo.matthew@bridgecommunities.org or 630.403.5091.

Bridge Communities is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to provide housing, mentoring and supportive services to homeless families in DuPage County. Bridge Communities' vision is a community where all families have safe, sustainable and affordable housing and life-long self-sufficiency. In the past 32 years, Bridge Communities has helped more than 850 families cross the bridge from homelessness to hope and self-sufficiency. For more information, please visit www.bridgecommunities.org. Photos available upon request.