



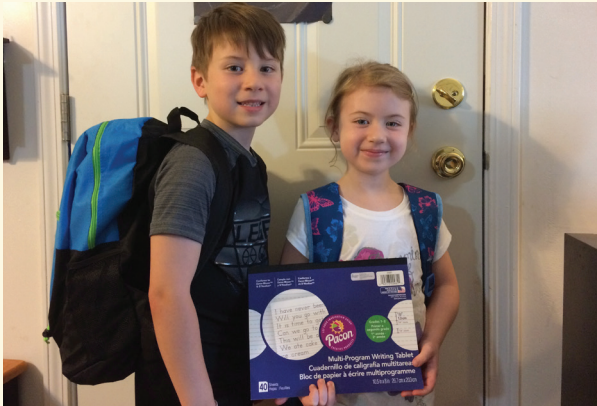
GetInvolved!



Special Donations



In addition to the always-needed items to stock Bridge families' pantries and resource closets, we accept the following special items to help families thrive. Please consider donating the following and making a difference for a family experiencing homelessness:



School supplies: Many families need school supplies to further advance their studies. You can help a family served by Bridge Communities by donating to our annual school supplies drive held every July. We recommend purchasing items through our convenient Amazon charity list found at <https://tinyurl.com/y983c89v>. Items needed include: Crayola crayons, Crayola washable markers, Crayola colored pencils, highlighters, #2 pencils, paper folders, pens, glue, dry erase markers, notebook paper, notebooks, erasers, plastic box pencil cases, facial tissues, Ziploc bags, rulers with metric, post-it notes, 3-ring binders, calculators, scissors, backpacks for a variety of ages, and tissues.



Women's professional clothing: Along with our job readiness classes and mock interviews, Bridge also offers our female clients in-season, current-style professional clothing to wear for interviews and on the job.



GetInvolved Contact the Bridge Clothes Boutique team at clothes.boutique@bridgecommunities.org.



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Automobiles: One of the most significant barriers to finding and keeping employment is a lack of reliable transportation. Many client families enter Bridge Communities' Transitional Housing Program with no cars or cars that soon break down. But, generous friends in the community donate used cars to Bridge so that clients can transport themselves to work and get their children to school, childcare, and activities. Bridge Communities accepts cars that are in working condition, without the need of major repairs, able to be driven by you to a drop-off location in Glen Ellyn or Naperville, wholly owned by you, with a clear title, and currently located in the Chicagoland area. By donating your car, you may be eligible for a full tax deduction of the used car value. Check with your tax advisor to learn how a car donation to Bridge Communities can benefit you.



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Specialty drives: Get creative! Bridge gratefully accepts the following items: fine motor skills toy drives, welcome kits for kids and/or parents to the program, toy drives for holiday parties, care baskets for families going through intake, and more.

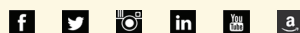


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Bridge Communities is a non-profit organization that houses and mentors families experiencing homelessness who live and work in DuPage County.