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## The Bridge, Inc.

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## Bridge Volunteer Policy

\* Be aware: The people you will encounter under the bridge are potentially dangerous. They may be felons, murderers, or sexual predators involved in drugs, gangs, or other criminal activity.

### Dress Code

- The Bridge, Inc. does not recommend wearing flip-flops. We serve in a gravel parking lot, and to prevent injury we suggest you wear closed toe shoes.
- No short shorts or mini skirts. Out of reverence to outreach being a church setting, apparel needs to come just above the knee.
- Please leave purses in your vehicle and expensive jewelry at home. The Bridge, Inc. cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

### Warehouse

- Do not climb on any equipment or pallet shelving and please refrain from all horseplay.
- Keep walk-in refrigerator/freezer door closed at all times. We do realize that the warehouse is not air-conditioned, but cold drinks are available.
- No items may be removed from the warehouse without instruction from the Bridge staff.

### The "Under the Bridge" Outreach

- Do not give cash to anyone at anytime under any circumstance.
- Stay under the bridge in the two (2) designated sections in which the outreach operates. Stay in well-lit and populated areas.
- Do not give anyone a ride. If people are able to get to the outreach they will be able to get back to where they need to be.
- Nothing is given away until after the service. To respect those who come forward for prayer, we ask that nothing be given away until the service is dismissed (the hot meal is served at the beginning of the service).
- The goal of our evening event is to present the Gospel. During the sharing of God's Word, please refrain from collecting trash and from all conversation (including those conversations geared toward ministry).
- Do not give out your contact information. The Bridge, Inc. encourages volunteers to share The Bridge, Inc. contact information.
- Do not call 911. The Bridge, Inc. does have medical personnel on site. Please notify The Bridge, Inc. staff of any situation needing medical attention and have them assess the situation and take necessary action.
- The Bridge, Inc. does not give trash bags to the homeless.
- Please ask The Bridge, Inc. staff concerning distribution rules and procedures. Our staff has worked tirelessly to streamline every area under the bridge. If everyone does not follow protocol, confusion is created.
- Please park ONLY in regularly marked spaces in the Farm Bureau parking lot or across the street in the vacant lot. DO NOT park in the DHS parking lot.
- If you bring a minor under the age of 12 with you, make sure they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.
- The area in which we serve is transformed from a parking lot to a church every Tuesday evening. Although unconventional, please treat The Bridge, Inc. outreach as you would your own church.