



They shared everything they had... and no one went in need... Acts 4:32, 34

Thank you for requesting assistance from our ministry. To better assist you, we ask that you please read through the following packet to better inform yourself of the Bridge Ministry and how we may be able to serve you and/or your family.

The Bridge Ministry is a local outreach provided through the Freeport Dream Center. It is operated completely by volunteers who have a heart for God and love to fellowship and serve within the community. We exist to serve the community by providing appliances and furniture at no charge to those in need. We believe that ministering to the physical needs will provide opportunity to meet emotional and relational needs, leading to the opportunity to meet spiritual needs.

Each applicant must:

- Complete and sign the guidelines sheet of this document and return it to the Bridge Ministry.

Applicant's status once approved:

- Applicant will be placed on a first come first serve waiting list according to their application date.
- Each application or referral will be valid for three (3) months or until the applicants basic needs have been met.
- Applicant must contact the Bridge Ministry should any of your information on the application change at any time at 815.297.7965. If we are unable to reach an applicant for any reason, we will move on to the next applicant in need. This may result in the application being closed and the applicant needing to reapply for assistance.

When items become available:

- Once an item becomes available the applicant will be contacted by one of the Bridge Ministry volunteers. First an Applicant Care Team visit needs to be scheduled, which is held at the Freeport Dream Center, located at 406 S. Adams Ave.
 - This meeting will consist of:
 - Getting to know each applicant on a personal basis and ask for prayer requests
 - Going through a delivery checklist
 - Sharing other resources available within the community
 - Should an applicant miss their scheduled appointment and/or neglect to reschedule, their application will be closed and they will need to reapply for assistance. If this should happen more than once, the applicant will then have to wait 60 days before they may reapply for assistance.

Additional Notes:

- Applicants will not be allowed to "shop" for their requested items within our warehouse.
- All items that we distribute to applicants have been donated to us by residents of the community. Should you refuse an item due to its appearance, color, etc ... we will be unable to serve you and your application will be closed immediately.
- All items received by an applicant will be based on the information noted on their application. All requests will be taken into consideration.

For the Lord tells us in Hebrews 13:5b ...*be content with what you have...*

We, as a ministry, reserve the right to refuse and/or limit item(s) each applicant may request and/or receive.

Please complete, sign, and return this page to the Bridge Ministry by any of the following:

Mail: FDC Bridge Ministry, 406 S. Adams Ave. Freeport, IL 61032

Fax: (815) 233.1631 or **E-Mail:** Bridge@FreeportDC.com

I have read and understand the above guidelines and requirements of the Bridge Ministry. I agree to these guidelines in order to receive any items(s). I understand this signed portion must be received by the ministry prior to my application being processed. Failure to be responsible with my duties may result in my application being denied and/or closed.

You need to contact Bridge Ministry should any of your information on this application change at any time.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

(Please print)

Address: _____ Upstairs Apt (Y or N)?

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Number or Adults in Household: _____ Number of children and their ages: _____

Are you currently employed? _____ Church Affiliation: _____

A brief description of your current situation and why you are requesting assistance from our ministry: _____

****We do not offer curtains, tv's, radios, pots/pans, silverware, bedding, cribs, toys, etc****

Specify **below** the **items you are in need of and the quantity of each.** (Ex: gas stove, 2 single beds, dining set with 4 chairs, etc.)

*If you live in an upstairs apartment. You can only request a love seat – no sofa.

*If you live in an upstairs apartment or house with the bedrooms upstairs and are in need of beds, if you have a stairway with a short or enclosed ceiling – single beds only. If you have a stairway with a tall or open ceiling, double and queen beds are available.

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Have you requested assistance from any other person and/or agency? _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____