

PROFILE

The Bridge Food Center ("Bridge") is a response to food insecurity by enabling families to help themselves and to maintain dignity while doing so. The Bridge is a volunteer run food center providing the opportunity for people making less than \$61,000 to purchase a variety of groceries at the lowest prices in town. People from all areas are welcome.

CONTACT

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HOURS

Tuesday Noon – 6:00 pm Wednesday Noon – 6:00 pm Thursday Noon – 7:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

THE BRIDGE FOOD CENTER

Run by the Community for the Community

WHO IS THE BRIDGE FOR?

One in three families in Midland County are deemed food insecure. The United States Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a state in which "consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year." The Bridge is designed to assist households making less than \$61,000 per year that need a little help putting food on the table. People from all areas welcome.

HOW DOES ONE SHOP AT THE BRIDGE?

Simply come to the store and when you walk in you will be asked to register with your name, city, and number of members in your household. After that you will be set to shop!

Method of payment is Cash, Credit and Debit Cards. No BRIDGE cards or personal checks.

HOW DOES ONE VOLUNTEER AT THE BRIDGE?

Email the Bridge at thebridgemidland@gmail.com and explain that you would like to volunteer. You will be sent a link (Sign-Up Genius) to sign up for the date and shift that you would like to work and what you want to work as – check in, cashier, or volunteer.

Help also is needed for sponsors of food for the Bonus Section. Financial support to continue the ministry.

- Check-in: This role involves greeting our customers as they come through our doors and
 scanning their plastic barcode or looking up their name to log their visit. If this is a new
 customer to our store it involves explaining the store to them, answering questions and signing
 them up with a plastic barcode associated with their name, city they live in, and members in
 their household.
- Cashiers: This role involves checking our customers out with their groceries as well as bagging and providing they with the number of bonus items they may select as well as how much from the free bread and vegetables that they may select.
- Volunteers: These individuals stock our shelves and freezers and refrigerators from items in our back room. They may also do labeling of meat that has been packaged. They can also assist customers out to their cars with carts of groceries and help them load into their cars