

Public Service Award Nominee:

Gretchen Piofcyk





Gretchen Piofcyk has been a Case Aide with the Department of Social Service and Franklin County Children's Division for two years. Before that she provided childcare and taught preschool children for 27 years. Her role at Children's Division is to provide support for team members, foster kids and the foster families, and parents working to reunify with their kids by providing them community resources to aid them in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for the well-being of their family. Gretchen works closely with community organizations that provide valuable resources to these families such as Franklin County Foster Closet and the Franklin County Resource Board. Gretchen also works closely with the children when they come into care. Sometimes staying with them late hours until a foster family can be found. In addition, she transports foster kids to and from visits, residential facilities, and therapy sessions. It is during those difficult moments that she applies her years of experience with children to comfort the child, gaining their trust and reassuring them that where they are going they will be safe. It has been Gretchen's long-held ambition to use her skills to contribute to the health and happiness of children, especially those in need. Whether in the field of teaching and childcare, or abuse and neglect. It is her belief that to change the lives of children and families in crisis it takes a willing community to support them. A favorite quote of Gretchen's comes from the co-founder of Habitat for Humanity, Millard Fuller. "For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."

1. A major achievement in my profession has been that I have been trusted by my supervisor with the task of being the Franklin County Children's Division Home Visiting Program's liaison. The program is an in-home service designed to assist families in low-income homes that come to the attention of Children's Division with incentives such as diapers, formula, educational toys, gift cards, etc. As well opportunities to gain parenting skills and school readiness for the children.
2. With Children's Division I work closely with community resources such as the Franklin County Resource Board and Franklin County Foster Closet, as well as schools and Compass Health.
3. Two years in a row I have been awarded the Professional Leadership Development Award for being a top performer by the Department of Social Service which awards money to go towards professional development in my field of work.
4. My role models are my coworkers who work tirelessly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure the safety of children and find services for their families. Healthier family units are what motivate each of us. With the help of the Sullivan community and people of Franklin County, we can both help to end generational traumas and have a healthier community for children to grow up in.

Public Service Award Nominee:

Spiritual Solutions







ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.

We started this non profit in 2019 with 4 beds. We have grown through the years and now have 18 male beds and 6 female beds. We have housed 200 or so addicts throughout the years.

2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.

We have been blessed to help hundreds of addicts. We provide some sober living, some resources to get to treatment. Others we have helped get to other sober livings.

3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.

We are awarded every day. Seeing an addict pass their first drug test, receive a phone call from their kids, become gainfully employed, get promoted, get driver licenses, complete court hearings, the list goes on.

4. Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.

We love our town and our community. The love, we have been shown, support given and encouragement received has been beyond any expectation. We strive to help increase the number of responsible members of society. God is moving in our community and we are grateful to be used by Him.

Public Service Award Nominee:

Grace City Church





ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.

Community Baby Shower / Collecting Supplies for Hannah's Road
 Thanksgiving Turkey Give away / Collecting money to help pregnant
 Community Trunk - R - Treat moms
 Community Christmas dinner
 Helping the community people in need pay electric bills,
 Providing Christmas for families in the community rent bills, etc

2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.

Collecting food for House of Hope & serving to hand out
 Food with them
 Starting a new preschool for the community

Partnering with American Pie Company to
 provide pies for all the teachers in the Sullivan
 School district for a special treat on a PD day.

3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.

Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.

We strive to Love - Reach - Connect -
 Grow - Equip & Empower with the people in the
 community of Sullivan

ONE-PARAGRAPH SUMMARY

This summary gives you the opportunity to highlight the accomplishments and activities you believe are most important. Please include a quote about your beliefs on making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit as we may use it to either introduce or end your summary. The Banquet committee may perform some minor editing to your write-up for length and consistency. You may use an additional page if needed.

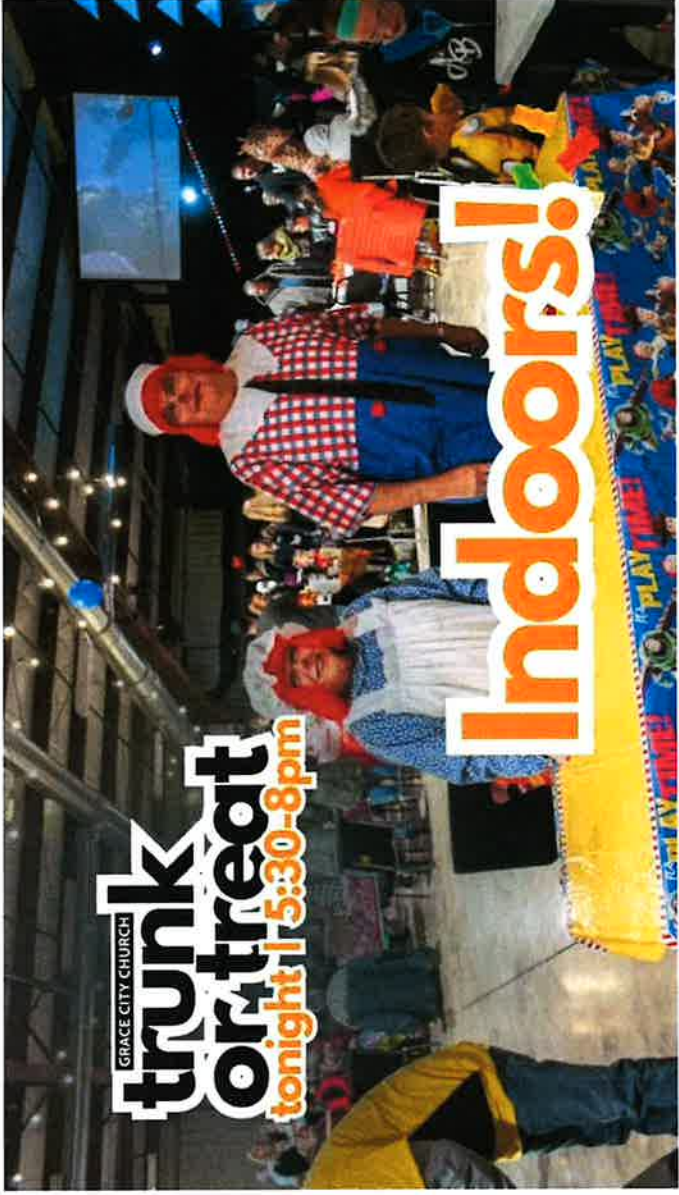
The following is a generic example that will show you what we are looking for in this paragraph. The key word is example - you will know best what to highlight and include, and each individual's bio will be significantly different. Thank you for your assistance!

Jane Doe

Jane Doe has been the executive director of XYZ for the past 10 years. In this capacity, she is responsible for significant contributions that have helped to improve the lives of numerous people in the community. In addition to her professional work, Jane is active in the community, where she is involved with the United Way, the Breakfast Lion's Club, and the Sullivan Area Chamber of Commerce. She has been active in her children's school activities and serves in a variety of capacities at her church. Jane believes that "women have the uncanny ability to recognize the needs of a community and rally support to fulfill those needs, thereby improving the lives of those with whom they come in contact."

Our vision is to Honor God above All else. Love on all people in all places through all seasons. Reach the lost with the hope of the Gospel message of Jesus. Connect them to Jesus as Lord and Savior, to the body of Christ (the Church), and to the family of Grace City Church. Grow those who follow Jesus in their relationship with and their understanding of who Jesus is. Name: Michelle Parilla

Equip and Empower all followers of Jesus to serve others through their God given gifts and passions for ministry.





2023 AWARDS NOMINEES

Public Service Award Nominee:

Harney Mansion Foundation



Rent the Harney Mansion

332 South Mansion, Sullivan, MO 63080

The mansion and grounds are available to rent for small parties or group events. The mansion has a full kitchen with appliances, bathrooms, large grounds, tables and seating for 50+



Rates: \$100 minimum. After 4 hours is \$25/ hour

For reservations contact Ken Reeves at 573-259-4422

From: brad moore

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Subject:

The Harney Mansion Foundation has worked for decades renovating and restoring the General William s. Harney Summer Home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, bringing the building back from the brink of demolition, slowly back to life. In the past, we have hosted free exhibits from the Smithsonian and Missouri History Museums, and free performances of both the St Louis Symphony and Shakespeare Festival of St Louis, bringing together local community members and out of town visitors. Once again this year, we had an Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and summer movie nights on the front lawn, with more than a thousand children and their families having fun together at the Mansion. The annual Fall Festival in September had free family activities with games, history exhibits, music, cloggers, and civil war reenactors. Local student history classes also toured the building and grounds, learning the stories of our shared past.

The Harney Mansion is arguably the oldest structure in Sullivan. But our history is about more than an old, decayed building.. Our history is the story of the people of our wonderful hometown who inhabited the old home: initially a local physician, then a retired US Army Brigadier General, followed by a former opera singer and voracious piano player, subsequently kids who sprayed graffiti on the walls, and now, couples who have married there, children who have celebrated birthdays there.. The Mansion remains a vital part of our family-friendly Sullivan neighborhood, available for all to enjoy.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.

Smithsonian Museum Exhibits
Key Ingredients 2008
Sports in America 2017
Missouri History Museum exhibit
A State Divided: The Civil War in Mo 2014

2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.

The Harnay Mansion Foundation has worked with the
Sears Regional Library Sullivan branch with programs
The local School district with programs & tours of
The building & grounds

3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.

Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation
McReynolds Award 2010
Sullivan Chamber of Commerce Beautification
Award 2014

4. Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.

Sullivan is a community surrounded by
the natural beauty of fields & farms,
caves & wooded forests and filled
with the kindness & generosity of its
people, motivating us to always strive
to move forward & improve.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM S. HARNEY SUMMER HOME

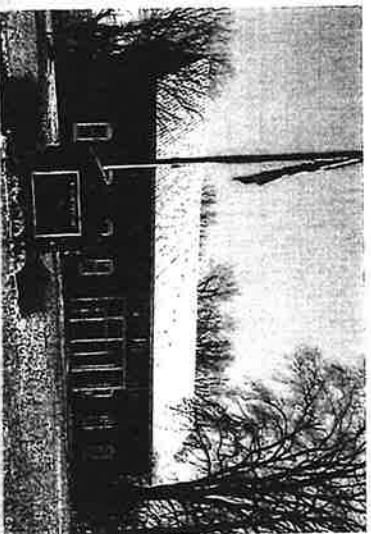
Popularly known as the Harney Mansion

THE MANSION

The "Harney Mansion" was built in two phases. The original house built by Dr. A. Leffingwell during 1856 is the south end. General Harney added to the original structure in 1872. The addition duplicated the Leffingwell house in design and material. The entire mansion is native stone.

The mansion was used as the General's summer home until 1884 when he moved to Florida. In 1896, Theodore Hinchcliff purchased the mansion from the Harney heirs. In 1960, the Hinchcliff's daughter, Lucy Hinchcliff Riggans, sold the mansion to Mr. and Mrs. Hollander. The Hollander family gave the mansion to the William S. Harney Historical Society in the early 1980s. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in April 1984 as the Major General William S. Harney Summer Home.

The Historical Society disbanded in the early 1990's, and the mansion was given to the City of Sullivan. In one final effort to save the mansion, the City decided the property to "The Friends of General Harney House, Inc.", (later Harney Mansion Foundation) during 1998.



See the "Harney Mansion" at,
332 South Mansion St., Sullivan, Missouri 63080

THE FOUNDATION

Since gaining ownership, The Harney Mansion Foundation has made great strides to preserve this historic structure. Through grants and private contributions, they hired a preservation architect, Kimble A. Cohn & Associates of St. Louis, who completed the initial preservation - feasibility study.

Grant funding has been through the State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, Historic Preservation Program as authorized representative of the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, and the City of Sullivan's Cultural and Technical grant program. Which represents over \$50,000. Monies were also generated by the sale of fifty percent tax credits from the Neighborhood Assistance Program of the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Thanks to the dedicated support of the local businesses and community members, renovations continue. The building and grounds have been the site of exhibits and concerts, fundraisers, weddings, business meetings, and special events.

Public Service Award Nominee:

Rotary Club
Sullivan, MO



Sullivan MO Rotary Club

1. Major achievements.

Sullivan MO Rotary Club has been an operating civic organization for almost 77 years; organized April 7, 1947. In 1960, we started the Rotary Recognition Program for the primary purpose of recognizing students in Sullivan High School with certificates for excelling in certain fields and in 1994, was expanded to providing scholarships in the amount of \$2,500. The Sullivan MO Rotary Scholarship Program has grown and will celebrate the Program's 30th year in May, 2024; Sullivan MO Rotary Club will again provide \$10,000 in scholarships to selected Sullivan and Bourbon graduating seniors, an amount which has also been awarded for the last several years. Rotary Recognition Night at Sullivan High School continues to be a wonderful annual event, where we honor students that have achieved awards and scholarships, in addition to the scholarships we provide. Most recently, the Club sponsored Coats for Kids, donating 55 coats, gloves and hats to children in the Sullivan School District. We also participated in Shoes for Souls, donating shoes to the Rotary District campaign. We are also an annual contributor to the Sullivan Public Library.

2. Community & civic affiliations, accomplishments and leadership positions held. The club has always and continues to donate annually to Rotary International Polio Plus fund, with focus to eradicate Polio throughout the world.

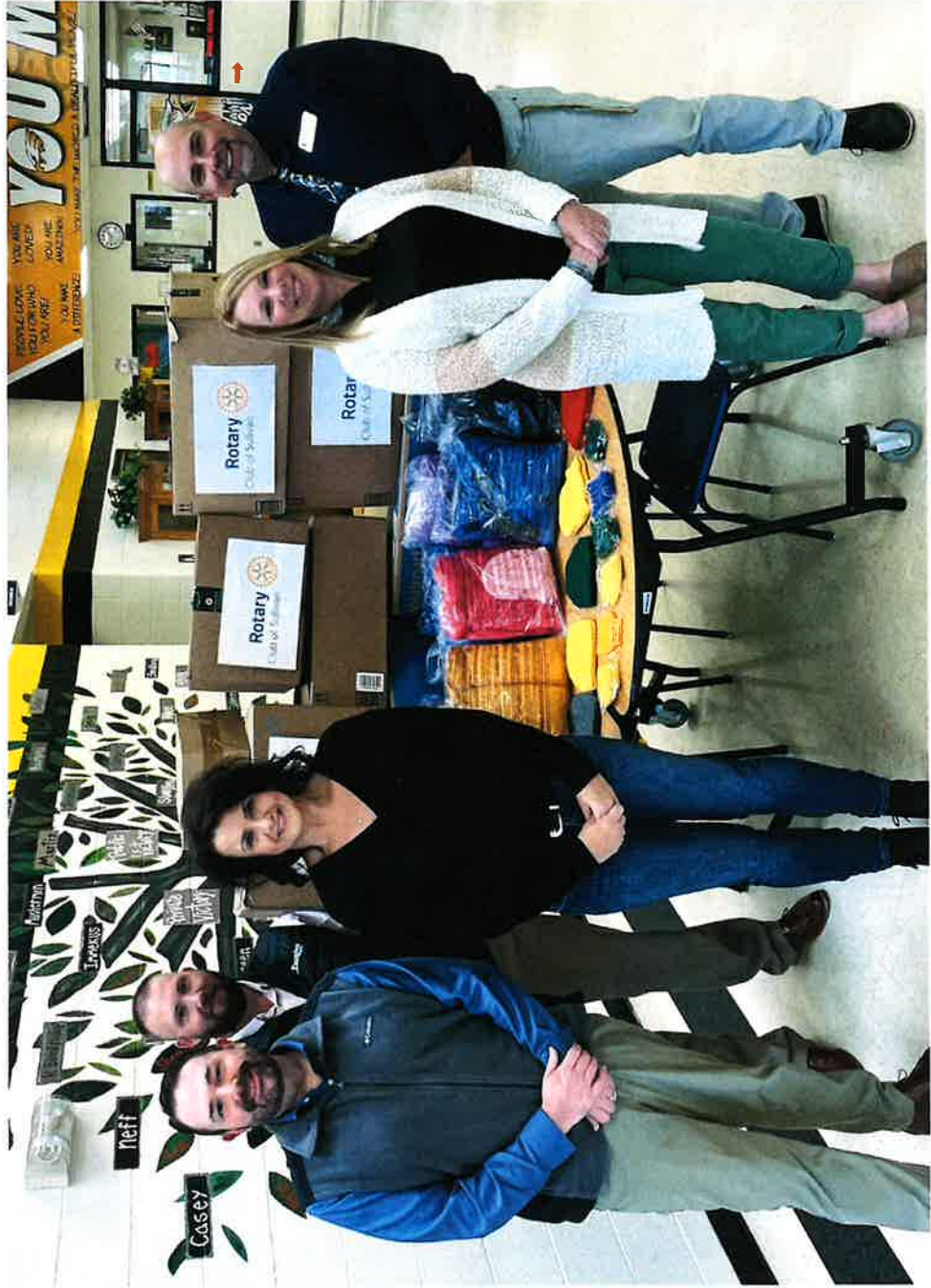
3. Awards, recognition or honors received.

4. Importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing role models and motivating factors.

Our club's motto, "Service Above Self" drives our club. Members are active in our community in a variety of ways; through their employers, businesses, churches, other civic organizations, schools, sports, and through numerous Club and personal volunteer outreach opportunities. Prior Club members from the previous 77 years are role models to our members and we strive daily to help Sullivan continue to be a place that we are proud to call our home.

One paragraph summary.

Sullivan MO Rotary Club is a very civic-minded organization advocating "Service Above Self". Since its organization in April, 1947, and the addition of ladies to the membership in 1989, the Club has committed to fostering goodwill and benefitting the community of Sullivan through various efforts such as: Rotary Recognition Night at Sullivan High School 1960-present; Sullivan MO Rotary Scholarship Program 1994-present; sponsoring Boys Scout Troop 444 from 1947-around 2013; Boys & Girls Town Wagon Train Breakfasts; Rotary Student Exchange Program; sponsored Rotaract Club; built a gazebo in the Children's Park; Rotary benches in town; Sullivan Rotary Recognition Night at Sullivan High School; supporting the Meramec Community Fair, Sullivan Garden Club, Sullivan Ministerial Alliance, Sullivan Centennial Celebration, Boys and Girls State attendee sponsor, local sports teams, East Central Summer Program and many other local events and other organizations throughout our history. Our Scholarship Program and other endeavors are funded primarily by the Club's fundraising efforts. The Sullivan Rotary Pancake Supper and Sullivan Rotary Radio Auction are our major fundraising events that have existed for over 30 years and are historical events for Sullivan, which we are proud to continue to hold annually. Our fundraising efforts have allowed us to provide, through our Scholarship Program, \$10,000 in scholarships to 20 students each year, for the last several years, an effort we hope to continue. Sullivan MO Rotary Club embodies public service through both the Club and our member's beliefs and "Service Above Self" is at the forefront.





Public Service Award Nominee:

VFW Post 3987





Accomplishments of VFW Post 3987

The VFW in Sullivan has been a mostly silent contributor to a lot of things in Sullivan. Over the years the VFW has not only helped local veterans but also our community. The post has supported youth athletics with sponsorships, education with essay contest for college money, and purchase items for teachers when the schools could not, as well as supporting our local 5k's to raise funds for families with medical emergencies. Opening our doors to help others in need with whatever we could and performing color guard for as many veteran functions as possible. Sullivan is a beautiful place to live not only due to the way our town looks but mostly by the people in it. We are always willing to lend a hand or help someone who needs it.

1. Essay contest for local students to earn funds for college. August of every year.
2. In 2022 the VFW members decided to expand our donation outreach from our normal smaller athletic sponsorships. We decided to help teachers in local schools that needed certain things and help other non-profits more financially.

2022

1. Purchased books for Sullivan Elementary Library
2. Do 4 donations to non-profits for \$3000 each
 1. Kaden 5k
 2. Meramec Mission
 3. House of Hope Pantry
 4. Gold Star Family Retreat

2023

1. Purchase Head phones for entire Sullivan Elem. 3rd grade
2. Do 5 donations to non-profits for \$3000 each
 1. Kaden 5k
 2. Meramec Mission
 3. Gold Start Family Retreat
 4. House of Hope Pantry
 5. Freedom 13

Public Service Award Nominee:

The Ridge Church



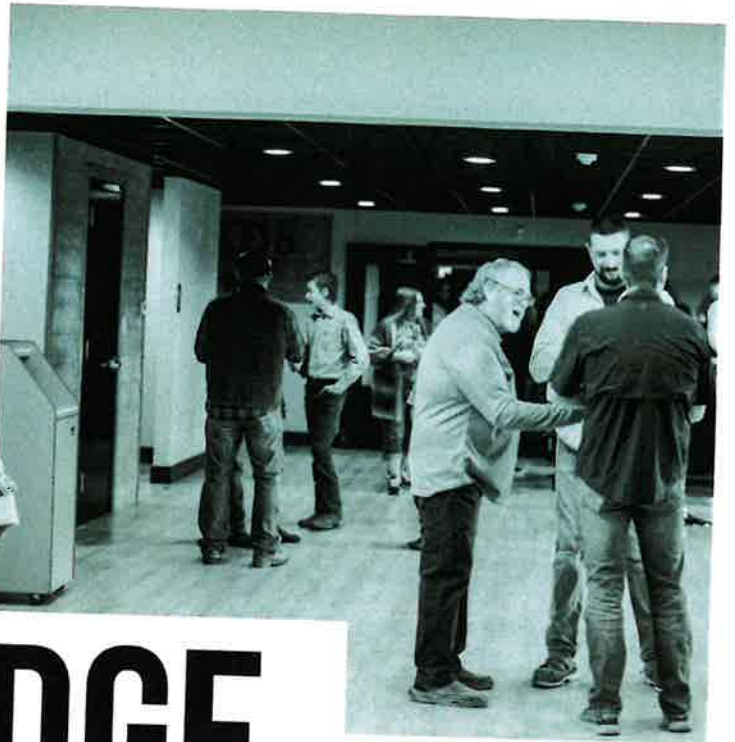
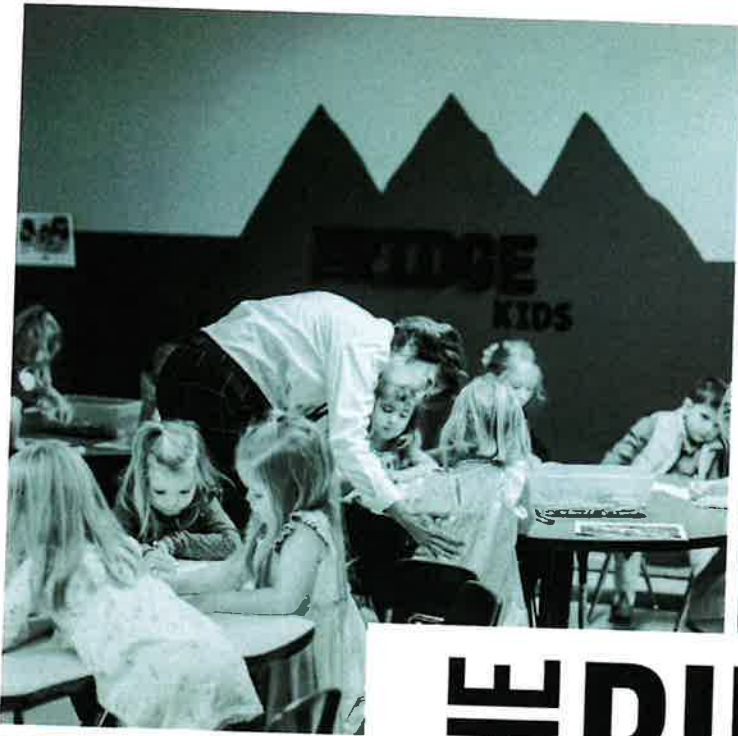
Accomplishments and Contributions

1. We helped re-organize and revitalize Reedville Church in 2023.
We merged two churches to help our community become more unified.
2. We have been instrumental in helping the homeless find work, shelter, and food.
We have been involved with Spiritual Solutions recovery program to help people on their journey to find freedom from addictions.
We recently founded the Sammy Sykes Scholarship to help those seeking recovery find a facility that best suits their needs.
3. None
4. Making Sullivan a beautiful place includes creating an environment of peace, love, and unity. We have endeavored to create a space where everyone feels welcome regardless of their social, cultural, or financial context. A place where everyone feels that they can belong. Sharing God's love is how The Ridge Church is seeking to bring beauty and prosperity to our community.

One-Paragraph Summary

The Ridge Church began in January of 2017 as a small Bible study led by Matt Dudley. Over the next few years, The Ridge Church became involved in the community by participating in various events such as the Back to School Bash, Christmas Lights festival, Fall festivals, and food drives. In 2022, they created an annual family event called Ridgestock; an outdoor church service located at the Sullivan Fairgrounds with various activities for the whole family to gather together. In 2023, The Ridge Church and Sullivan Christian Church unified to become one church: therefore, helping more people in the community on their journey with God. "Broken People for Broken People" has been the motto of The Ridge Church of Sullivan as they continue seeking ways to help others on their spiritual journey.





THE RIDGE

