

KINDNESS AND LOVE MINGLED

Since 1988 a group of Ken-Ton School students, faculty and staff called Educators Totally Committed (E.T.C.) has slept outside in cardboard refrigerator boxes to collect donations of cash, food, clothing, personal care items and small furniture items, all of which are donated to organizations in our immediate area that help people in need. E.T.C.'s 39th sleepout, which takes place always on the first Friday in February of each year, will take place on Friday, February 6, 2026. To date, about \$1.3 million in cash donations have been distributed.

At its essence, the sleepout is nothing more than an act of kindness and a program of love, which melds those two qualities to help the less-fortunate. That's all – nothing more.

Since every neighborhood on earth has its population of people in need, E.T.C. is presently striving through the United Nations to establish/designate the first Friday in February of each year as a worldwide community school day of caring and sharing to help those less-fortunate among us. This effort is well worth our time!

E.T.C.'s desire to involve students at an early age in this sleepout program is indeed noteworthy. ***Kids are the future of our world – give them the opportunity to shape it – allow them to act!***

Involving students at an early age to lend a hand to those in need hopefully may continue with them into their adult years, with the expectation of increasing the number of people in our world's population who care for the welfare of others. This bodes well for our entire world community, especially for those receiving help and those offering that help. This alone is worth our time and all of our collective efforts and just may be the most important consequence of our program!

If any school or organization in your community would like more information on this sleepout program, your inquiries are most welcome, and can be done by contacting Steve at 716-694-4492 or at allhelpall@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your time and God bless!

