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Redbank Valley Trails Association is pleased to announce its first participation in the *Week of Giving* event hosted by Bridge Builders Community Foundations.



In addition to matching donations on a percentage basis, special prizes will be awarded to the nonprofit with the most individual donations and the largest monetary amount of donations as well as other prizes.

Donations can be given online at [www.bbcfgives.org](http://www.bbcfgives.org) between **8 AM on March 19th through March 23rd at 11:59 PM**. Donors can select multiple nonprofits to give to within the same transaction, and also allocate varying contributions to each nonprofit selected. Donations received through the *Week of Giving* event are fully tax deductible donations under applicable federal and state laws.

More information is available online at [www.BBCFgives.org](http://www.BBCFgives.org), which includes a brief description of participating nonprofits, and at RVTA's website at [www.redbankvalleytrails.org](http://www.redbankvalleytrails.org).

Redbank Valley Trails Association, an all-volunteer organization formed in 2010, manages and is improving the 51-mile scenic, non-motorized recreational rail trail running along Redbank Creek from the Allegheny River to Brookville, including the 9-mile Sligo Spur from Lawsonham at mile 6 of the main trail to Walker Farm Road near Sligo.



Donations are now being sought for improvement of the 3 miles of the Sligo Spur from Route 861 to the bridge at mile .92 near Lawsonham, with the goal of completing the entire Sligo Spur this year. Improvements are underway on the 5 miles from SR 861 to Walker Farm Road near Sligo. A donation of \$5000 each is being sought for the naming rights of each of two bridges over Wildcat Run in the lower section which are within a mile of the main trail at Lawsonham and for the bridge over Cherry Run at mile 6.81 of the Sligo Spur. Donations of any amount are welcomed. Any donations for the Sligo Spur will be used to purchase and install drainage pipes, grade and install a finished surface of crushed limestone in the 3-mile section.

Funds of \$1200 per year each are needed for port-o-johns along the main trail. Contributions to a long term maintenance fund are also being sought because maintenance needs are constant. The RVTA is also looking into adding additional kayak launches along the 41.5-mile main trail.

All contributions are greatly appreciated. They fund the efforts of our dedicated volunteers in maintaining and improving PA's 2014 Trail of the Year. We are grateful to see increasing use by local residents, organizations for fundraisers, and tourists as we continue improvements.

For more information, please call 814-275-1718 or visit the website at [www.redbankvalleytrails.org](http://www.redbankvalleytrails.org).