



Fall 2016

**DuPagePads**  
The Solution to End Homelessness.

Harmony, Hope  
and Healing  
program.

## YOU Helped 365 People Move Home!

DuPagePads served 1,322 individuals including 250 children in 123 families last fiscal year. Of those served, 71% listed their address in DuPage County showing that your support is assisting our neighbors by providing meals, overnight housing, case management, career options and for 365 people – a place to call home!

These outcomes are possible because of your donations and our community collaborations: 4,000 volunteers donated 78,102 hours, the equivalent of 38 full-time employees; over 160 congregations; and more than 50 health and social service partners.

We invite you to continue to be part of our solution to end homelessness by making a donation, attending an event or volunteering with us. For more information, visit: [www.dupagepads.org](http://www.dupagepads.org).

- **Interim (Overnight) Housing and Client Service Center** provided 41,036 nights of shelter and 130,335 meals to those who would otherwise go without. An average of 357 meals a day.
- **Supportive Housing** program provided 82 apartments to 127 individuals, including 33 children.
- **Career Employment Solutions** assisted 127 people in finding employment through a network of 98 local employers.
- **Housing Now** – rapidly rehoused households with income by providing rent assistance and ongoing case management. 62 people were served in 33 households; 91% of households have maintained housing.
- **Medical Respite** – Short-term housing for those who were homeless and in need of bed rest. 88 individuals were served in 62 households; 65% of households are now in stable housing.



### Sam Has a Home!

From a pad on the floor – to a key in the door, Sam moves home.

Recently Sam, who had been homeless for over a year, moved into one of our 82 Supportive Housing apartment units.

We thank our generous donors and supporters for assisting us in ending homelessness, one journey at a time.



# New Programs at Client Service Center

This fall, DuPagePads Client Service Center introduced new and exciting programs to support families and individuals who are homeless.

One of the most transformative aspects of the Client Service Center is the one-on-one case management that is provided to assist families and individuals in addressing their individual hurdles to housing. Along with their case manager, clients develop personalized goal plans with targeted completion dates.

## New Programs and Groups

The Client Service Center facilitates a number of creative programs in a workshop setting that teach valuable skills, including:

**NEW**

**Financial Fitness Program** – Facilitated by the DuPage Homeownership Center, this program explores the fundamentals of creating a personal budget and understanding credit.

**NEW**

**Women’s Wellness Group** – Together with Family Shelter Service, this group provides a safe environment to discuss issues and coping strategies. Also included is art therapy to restore women’s personal well-being.

**NEW**

**Healthcare Alternative Systems (H.A.S.)** – Facilitated by H.A.S., this educational group discusses resources for treating substance abuse and focuses on services that are holistic, personalized and participant-centered.

**NEW**

**Midwestern University Occupational Therapy** – Midwestern University student interns run ongoing weekly groups on a variety of topics from computer skills to nutrition and healthy eating.

**RETURNING**

**Harmony, Hope & Healing** – Harmony, Hope & Healing explores how sound and music can benefit one’s own healing through listening and singing inspirational songs and playing musical instruments.



Open Monday through Friday, DuPagePads Client Service Center is the only day site in the county where those who are homeless can shower, do laundry, take shelter from the weather and have lunch.

Located at 703 West Liberty in Wheaton, last fiscal year the center served more than 1,000 people.



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## New Advisory Council for the Career Employment Solutions Program

The purpose of the new advisory council is to discuss program issues to enhance employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged job seekers.

Through research and experience, the council will offer bold solutions to expand community awareness of the Career Employment Program and increase job retention for DuPagePads clients.

Members of the Advisory Council include:

- Carol Simler, DuPagePads President & CEO
- Lutisha Jefferson, DuPagePads Career Director
- Carlos Johnson, DuPagePads Career Specialist
- Kathy Birkett, DuPagePads Board of Directors Member and Educational Consultant
- Denise Andrews, Retired Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Patti Romanowicz, Founder/Career Consultant at Evolution Career Consulting
- Chris Simler, Senior Consultant with Disability Solutions at Ability Beyond

“I’m so impressed with the talent and energy this council is bringing to the table to help us strengthen our relationships in the community – ultimately enabling us to assist our clients in obtaining a career and financial stability,” Carol Simler, DuPagePads President & CEO, shares.

## Maximize Your Year-End Giving, While Minimizing Taxes

New in 2015 and Now Permanent

If you are 70½ years or older, you can make a gift to DuPagePads by distributing funds tax-free from your IRA. This gift will be made directly from your IRA and will be treated as a donation. For other ways to donate charitable gifts of appreciated securities, annuities or trusts, please contact Pam Sharar-Stoppel, President & CEO, Wheaton Bank & Trust, a Wintrust Community Bank, and she will refer you to one of their trusted advisors.

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## DuPagePads Receives Not-For-Profit of the Year

DuPagePads was selected by a panel of past Chamber630 winners to be the Not-For-Profit of the Year! Carol Simler, DuPagePads President and CEO accepted the award and said, “DuPagePads is thrilled to receive the 2016 Chamber630 Not-For-Profit Community Excellence award.

Thirty years ago, Downers Grove was the home of the first congregation that hosted families and individuals who are homeless in our community...and they continue to offer shelter, meals and safety today. We are very grateful to this prestigious chamber and to their wonderful community of members!”



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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

**#GIVINGTUESDAY™**

**November 29, 2016**

Giving Tuesday  
Tuesday, November 29, 2016

After Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is a world-wide day of giving that celebrates philanthropy. Make a donation, take a photo and share an "un-selfie" on social media.

Help us reach our 24-hour fundraising goal of \$25,000 towards our mission to end homelessness.

**Dan Gibbons 33rd Annual Turkey Trot**  
Thursday, November 24, 2016, 9:00am  
Intersection of Park Ave and Adell Place, Elmhurst



The Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot is a 5K fun run that raises money to feed the hungry. Interested in volunteering?...Contact Josie at [volunteer@dupagepads.org](mailto:volunteer@dupagepads.org), 630.682.3846, ext. 3500.



**DuPagePads 11th Annual Taste of Hope**  
Thursday, March 2, 2017; 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

Experience signature dishes from more than 25 of the area's leading upscale restaurants in one evening. Guests can enjoy wine pairings, unforgettable live and silent auction items, "You Pick One" raffle and more!

**DuPagePads 15th Annual Galaxy Bowl**  
Saturday, April 22, 2017; 12:00pm-3:00pm  
Fox Bowl, Wheaton

Save the date! More information to follow.



# Upcoming Events