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**“Wake Up Your Spirit” Breakfast — Benedictine University, Lisle**

The seventh annual “Wake Up Your Spirit” Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, November 4, from 7:00 – 8:50 a.m. at the Kane Center at Benedictine University in Lisle. One keynote speaker will be Gary Moore, author of the critically acclaimed book, *Playing with the Enemy*. Join us for a morning of inspiration. Visit www.dupagepads.org or call Jen Williams at 630.682.3846 x242 to get involved!

**Thursday, November 26th, Starting Time 9:00 a.m.**

**26th Annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot**

*Intersection of York and York Roads, Elmhurst*

The Turkey Trot is a 5K fun run enjoyed by thousands of runners, joggers, and walkers each year. A portion of the proceeds will benefit DuPage PADS programs. Volunteers are needed. Call Jen Williams at 630.682.3846 x242 for more information. Visit www.dangibbistonkyrketrot.com

**Thursday, March 4th, 2010, 6:00–9:30 p.m.**

**Abbington Distinctive Banquets, Glen Ellyn**

*4th Annual: A Taste of Hope: Chefs Uniting to End Homelessness
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**Holiday Meals in a Bag Create Tables of Plenty**

Through the kindness and generosity of our volunteers, the Thanksgiving and Christmas “Holiday Meals in a Bag” program provides a holiday meal to all of the participants living in our supportive housing programs. Last year, we delivered more than 140 bags during the holiday season! To sign up to donate a Holiday Meal in a Bag this year, please contact Ann Rowland at 630.682.3846 x234 or email Ann at arowland@dupagepads.org.

**Get on the Bus to End Homelessness!**

*The Get on the Bus! Campaign is designed to provide students, recent graduates and community members with access to public transportation and critical medical assistance.* We need your help! Contact Jen Williams at 630.682.3846 x242 to get involved!

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In January, DuPage PADS was awarded the Taproot Foundation’s Key Messages and Brand Strategy Grant, which provided $55,000 in pro bono marketing services to assist with agency branding and developing key messages to explain the benefits and services of our work to the community. Through the time and dedication of the Taproot team and board members Sheila Sarovich and Ewa Dahm, we were able to discover how to best communicate all that we—as an agency—do.

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**Partnerships for Employment**

DuPage PADS has initiated a partnership with the College of DuPage and Literacy Volunteers of DuPage to offer free basic literacy and free GED course preparation classes onsite at our Daytime Support Center. “With this partnership in housing, education and human services, we take a step that moves us closer to empowering people to become self-sufficient,” according to Carol Simler, Executive Director, DuPage PADS.

Mentors from Literacy Volunteers of DuPage assist individuals who are reading at a rudimentary level to improve their learning. The goal is to move more adults into advanced adult education classes in education and human services, we take a step that moves us closer to empowering people to become self-sufficient.

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Did you know that you can drop off donations of gently used clothing, bedding, jewelry, kitchenware, toys, books, and more at our green Donation Bin located at 703 West Liberty? DuPage PADS receives payment based on the volume of all donations collected, which helps raise funds for programs that assist men, women, and children who are homeless in our communities.

If you or your organization is hosting a collection drive and have surplus items at the end of your event, our partner Timoteo & Tirella Clothiers (see page 6) will collect that surplus for you and pay DuPage PADS.

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**Birthday Program Lights Up!**

Homeless and nine years old, Daphne didn’t expect much of a birthday celebration this year. So when she arrived at the DuPage PADS Interim Housing site where she would be spending the night, she was in for a wonderful surprise. She sang a rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday” when we brought out the cake. She was so excited, she was just beside herself with happiness. Her parents couldn’t have been more thrilled either,” said PADS volunteer Marjorie Sherborne. Last year, DuPage PADS experienced a 49% increase in the number of families seeking assistance and a 43% increase in the number of children who have no place to call home.

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