



DuPagePads

The Solution to End Homelessness.

view

DuPagePads 30 Years of Service

(Photo above taken in 2006)

This year marks an incredible milestone: The 30th Anniversary of DuPagePads. When we think back to our early years, we stand in awe of all that has been accomplished.

Over the years we've seen such dramatic growth and development as we provide proven cost-effective solutions and have witnessed thousands of people break the cycle of homelessness.

Today, we continue to speak boldly of our commitment to end homelessness here in DuPage County. Our solution of housing, coupled with support services and employment, has made a tremendous difference in the lives of the people we serve and in our community.

The more empowered we have become, the more we have taken a concrete and creative role in making change happen. As a result, the lives of the people we serve can be positively transformed.

Our work is far from finished. We continue on, inspired by the stories of families and individuals who come to our doors, along with a community of

people who recognize the dignity of every person. We are profoundly grateful for you and your partnership with us in our shared conviction that we can end homelessness.

When someone believes in you, everything can change.

Thank you for believing in our vision and being an agent of change for those we serve.

Sincerely,
Carol Simler
DuPagePads President & CEO



Then & Now



of People Served

120 (in 1985)

1,219 (in 2015)

28,348 people served since 1985

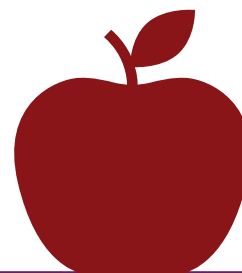


Nights of Shelter

856 (in 1985)

43,099 (in 2015)

688,409 nights of shelter since 1985



Meals Served

1,769 (in 1985)

146,112 (in 2015)

2,181,012 meals served since 1985

THIS YEAR...

4,000+ VOLUNTEERS • OVER 66,868 HOURS DONATED - THE EQUIVALENT OF 32 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Amanda's Journey - One Story out of 28,348

Throughout her young life, Amanda has faced significant loss and challenges. Orphaned at 9 months old, Amanda stayed with family members throughout her childhood – first her grandmother and then her uncle. At age 9 Amanda was diagnosed with bone cancer, where they had to remove part of a bone in her leg.

She was just 19 when she suddenly found herself homeless after her uncle passed away. She had two young children and struggled daily to find a place to stay. One of her friends told her about DuPagePads and Amanda began staying with her children at the overnight sites, though it was challenging for her to arrive at the sites with her two young children and arthritis in her leg due to her childhood surgery.

DuPagePads case managers worked with Amanda on a plan for stable housing. When an apartment in DuPagePads Supportive Housing Program became available, Amanda and her children were overjoyed.

“I love our home and having our own space. **My kids have their own bed, toys and books and that means the world to me.**”



30 Years

1985

DuPage Human Needs Coalition identifies the need for homeless shelters. Shelters open October – April

1989

First daytime site opens – 533 W. Front St., Wheaton

1995

New daytime site opens – 703 W. Liberty, Wheaton

1999

New Executive Director is hired: Carol Simler

2000

Daysite becomes Client Service Center; case management expands and Career Employment Solutions program begins



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Amanda's goal plan includes continuing to work, purchasing her own car and eventually attending cosmetology school to be a hair stylist. To help Amanda succeed, DuPagePads linked her with daycare resources.

“Without DuPagePads, I wouldn't know what to do. They are family to me. I have them to thank for how good my life is right now. I never believed it would be possible to have a place of our own, but DuPagePads has shown me anything is possible.”



of Service

2008

DuPagePads expands to 365 nights and Supportive Housing program begins

2009

Rise in family homelessness – family first sites designated

2011

Medical Respite Program begins a culture of health

2014

Street Outreach Program to unsheltered individuals begins

2015

Short-Term Housing Employment Program begins



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DECEMBER 1

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Giving Tuesday
Tuesday, December 1, 2015

After Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is a world-wide day of giving that celebrates philanthropy. Make a donation and share why you support DuPagePads on social media.

Help us reach our 24-hour fundraising goal of \$10,000 towards our mission to end homelessness.



Dan Gibbons 32nd Annual Turkey Trot
Thursday, November 26, 2015, 9:00am
Intersection of Adell Place and Park Ave, Elmhurst

The Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot is a 5K fun run that raises money to feed the hungry. Visit our events-outside fundraiser page for more information. Interested in volunteering?...Contact Colleen at cconwood@dupagepads.org or 630.682.3846, ext. 3500.



DuPagePads 10th Annual Taste of Hope
Thursday, March 3, 2016; 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 from Wente Vineyards, unforgettable live and silent auction items, a "You Pick One" raffle and more!



DuPagePads 14th Annual Galaxy Bowl
Saturday, April 16, 2016; 12:00pm-3:00pm
Fox Bowl, Wheaton

Save the date! More information to follow.

Upcoming Events