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DuPagePads is Reaching New Heights for Homelessness at First Annual Charity Challenge: The Great Descent



DuPage, IL -DuPagePads is reaching new heights with fundraising for ending homelessness on April 12, 2025 with The Great Descent - an innovative fundraising event hosted in partnership with Over the Edge. The event will see 100 thrill-seeking participants rappel 12 stories down the side of the hotel located in located in the heart of the CITYGATE dining and entertainment campus in Naperville, Illinois. Each participant must raise a minimum of \$500 in donations for DuPagePads to be eligible to rappel. Charity Challenge: The Great Descent is a day-long event, which runs from 7am to 5pm at Hotel Arista. Family, friends, and spectators are invited to come down and support participants, while enjoying music, food, and fun.

Chuck Manginelli, Event Committee Chair, is eager to bring the community together for such an exciting event for an even more important cause to life. “As committee chair for this exciting new event, and a board member of DuPagePads, I have been continually impressed by our innovative solutions to end homelessness and creative ways to involve the community in our mission!”, he shares. “This new charitable challenge on April 12th is 1 of only 3 available in Illinois and is going to be something to remember as a great way to demonstrate what we can do together as a community when we strive for new heights together! We hope you will join us as one of the 92 brave neighbors stepping off the roof of Hotel Arista and helping to end homelessness here at home!”

The event is open to all ages. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian, and all participants must be within the 100 to 300 pound required weight range (as per Over the Edge safety standards). If you have questions about special accommodations for participants with special needs, severe health complications or allergies, and more, please reach out to Carrie Flick at cflick@dupagepads.org

Over the Edge is a special events company that provides signature events for non-profit organizations across Canada and the United States. Over The Edge and their team of Certified Rope Access Technicians have helped raise over \$100 Million with non-profit partners, hosted over 1000 rappelling events, and maintained a spotless safety record through their 10 years of operation.

Event registration is now open. Register today at <https://www.givesignup.org/dupagepadsthegreatdescent>

Recognizing 38 years of service, DuPagePads is the largest provider of services to those who are homeless in DuPage County. DuPagePads’ solution to ending homelessness is housing, coupled with support services and employment to restore hope and transform lives. The administration office is located at 601 West Liberty, Wheaton, IL 60187. Additional information can be obtained by contacting DuPagePads at 630.682.3846 or at www.dupagepads.org.

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