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DuPagePads

The Solution to End Homelessness.

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Fall 2014

BANDing Together to End Homelessness

Join us to BAND DuPage County together to end homelessness.

This past year DuPagePads served 1,360 individuals including 241 children in 144 families who were homeless here in DuPage County. These numbers are unacceptable!

DuPagePads has the solution to end homelessness: housing, support services and employment.

We are committed to developing innovative solutions. Read Angela's story and learn how DuPagePads' programs are helping people obtain employment and stable housing.

Be part of the solution!

Make a gift today and we'll send you our original wristbands as a thank you. Wear one and tell a friend that DuPagePads has the solution: housing coupled with support services and employment, which leads to good health and economic sustainability.

BAND with us today and invite others to join us!

Last year DuPagePads:

Provided **44,284** nights of shelter.

Served **145,501** meals, an average of **399** meals a day.

Assisted our neighbors: **71%** of those served listed their last address in DuPage County.

Assisted **107** individuals in obtaining employment; **63%** remaining employed for over 90 days.

Partnered with more than **4,000** volunteers and **160** congregations who donated over **65,000** hours last year, the equivalent of **31** full-time employees.

Assisted 392 individuals in obtaining housing.



Watch video at youtube.com/DuPagePadsOrg

- **\$100** can provide 20 prescription co-payments.
- **\$250** can provide diapers and formula for a baby for one month.
- **\$500** can provide monthly train passes for five individuals during the first month of employment.
- **\$1,000** can provide job coaching and computer training for 16 individuals.
- **\$2,500** can provide housing for a family for three months.
- **\$5,000** can provide interim (overnight) housing and support services for a family for one year.



Perma-Seal's Donation Provides Storage Solution for DuPagePads

DuPagePads was awarded a grant from Perma-Seal to waterproof, purify, safeguard and protect the basement and foundation in our Employment and Education building at 705 West Liberty in Wheaton.

Prior to Perma-Seal's assistance, the basement experienced frequent water seepage and constant dampness. Over the last couple of years, these issues became progressively worse. The primary function of the basement is to store critical donations for families and individuals who are homeless. Items include diapers, personal care items and pads for sleeping.



The Employment and Education building contains office space for program staff and also houses our computer lab, used by participants to research and apply for job positions.

In June, Perma-Seal began work on the basement and foundation. All of the updates were completed by early September, and the basement is now dry with healthy air quality.

"As you can imagine, the benefits of Perma-Seal's assistance with this needed capital project has gone a long way to improve the services we provide," said Carol Simler, DuPagePads' President & CEO. "On behalf of all DuPagePads staff, participants and visitors, we are truly grateful for Perma-Seal's solution."



Angela's Story

"DuPagePads Helped Me Focus on the Positive"

Losing her job and her apartment soon after, Angela had no family left in the area and began staying at the DuPagePads Interim (overnight) Housing sites.

Angela was referred to DuPagePads Employment and Education Program which helped her fine tune her resume and search for career opportunities. "Sometimes I got so involved in job searching that I would lose track of time and stay till the computer lab closed," Angela added.

Once she obtained an interview, her DuPagePads Employment Specialist made sure she had suits and clothes to help her feel confident. Thanks to her hard work and perseverance, and the help of DuPagePads, Angela now has a job in finance resolution in Oak Brook.

Angela is excited about moving into her new apartment in Westmont. She says, "I love deciding where to put things and what color to paint the accent wall." She has also been able to unload the heavy purse that she needed to use. "Now I just carry my wallet and keys!"



"To me, DuPagePads means a new beginning, a stepping stone into a new life." Angela admits to learning a lot about herself during the process of finding a new job and place to live. She says, "If you think positive, positive comes; if you think negative, negative comes. DuPagePads helped me focus on the positive."

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DuPagePads 10th Annual Run 4 Home: A Record-Breaking Finish!

On Saturday, September 6th DuPagePads held the 10th Annual Run 4 Home 5K & 10K Run, 5K Walk in Wheaton. DuPagePads welcomed the largest participation in its ten year history and raised more than \$130,000 to help the organization's goal to end homelessness in DuPage County.

Top sponsors included Continental Motors of Naperville, Republic Bank, and Mike Lifts 100 Tons; a new fundraiser where Mike DeMeritt collected donations to lift 100 tons in less than eight hours.

Runners raced to the top of a hill a half mile into the race to be crowned "King of the Hill," an honor given to the first male and female runners to reach the peak. Participants gathered together after their trek to acknowledge the top performers in fundraising, racing and participation.

The real winners of the race are the families and individuals who were homeless and will now obtain housing, support services and employment which leads to improved health and economic sustainability as a result of funds raised from the event.



RUN 4 HOME SPONSORS:

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- Advantage Wellness Clinic
- Adventist GlenOaks Hospital
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- Evergreen Bank Group
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We would like to thank our dedicated walkers, runners, sponsors and volunteers for taking a step to end homelessness in DuPage County.



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DAN GIBBONS
TURKEY TROT
A 5K FUN RUN



31st Annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot
Thursday, November 27, 2014
9:00am
Intersection of Cottage Hill and
Park Ave, Elmhurst, IL

The Turkey Trot is a 5K fun run on
Thanksgiving morning. A portion
of the proceeds will benefit
DuPagePads.

For more information, visit:
www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com

We need tech savvy volunteers,
for more information contact
Colleen Conwood, cconwood@dupagepads.org, 630.682.3846,
ext.3500.



12th Annual Wake Up Your Spirit Breakfast
Wednesday, November 5, 2014; 7:00-8:30am
Benedictine University, Lisle

Join DuPagePads for a warm breakfast, uplifting message
from our keynote speaker Jarrett Payton. Register today at
www.dupagepads.org/event.



DuPagePads 9th Annual Taste of Hope
Thursday, March 5, 2015; 5:30-9:30pm
Abbingdon Banquets, Glen Ellyn

The Taste of Hope offers guests the luxury of experiencing
signature dishes from 25 of the area's most elite restaurants
in one evening. Music, auctions and a unique raffle
will round out an evening of delicious dining. For more
information, call 630.682.3846, ext. 2290.



DuPagePads 14th Annual Galaxy Bowl
Saturday, April 18, 2015; 12:00-3:00pm
Fox Bowl, Wheaton

More information to come.

Upcoming Events