

# DuPagePads

The Solution to End Homelessness.

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Fall 2013

## Did You Know...

More Than 500 People Now Have a Place to Call “Home”

This past year DuPagePads served 1,451 individuals including 245 children (a 44% increase in children over the last two years) in 140 families. We served an average of **378 meals each day** for a total of 137,809 meals last year for people who would otherwise go hungry. Our Interim (Overnight) Housing operates 365 nights a year and last year provided **42,953 nights of shelter**.

Focused on our mission to end homelessness, we are excited to report more than 500 people have a place to call “Home.” We attribute this increase to our expanding programs and services:

■ **Permanent Supportive Housing** – 76 apartments throughout the county for families, individuals and veterans. In this program, 95% of the individuals served have had a place to call home for a year or longer.

■ **Family Outreach Program** – This program

provides advocacy for children, access to healthcare and employment support for families who are homeless or residing in unstable housing.

– Served 199 people, 64% of these individuals obtained stable housing (44 adults and 84 children).

■ **Respite Program** – Provides short-term housing for individuals who are too sick to stay in our overnight sites.

– Served 44 individuals, 45% are now in stable housing (15 adults and 5 children).

We are making a difference in the lives of those we serve and need your help to ensure we can continue to assist people in moving to a place they can call home before the cold winter weather sets in. **Can you help us?**

## CAN YOU HELP US?

**\$100** can provide 20 prescription co-payments.

**\$250** can provide diapers and formula for a baby for one month.

**\$500** can pay for transportation during the first month of employment for four individuals.

**\$1,000** can provide job coaching and computer training for 16 individuals.

**\$2,500** can provide permanent housing for a family for three months.

**\$5,000** can provide interim (overnight) housing and support services for a family for one year.

“My case manager ensured my family’s basic needs were met and helped me prioritize my life and set goals. She believed in me, even when I did not.

Now that we are in housing, my children are so happy and doing well in school. We want to thank DuPagePads and their supporters for assisting us when we needed it the most. We are grateful to have our own home again.”

—Melissa, mother in our Permanent Supportive Housing Program







# 9th Annual Run 4 Home



Aidan Simler sold lemonade to raise funds for DuPagePads



Remembering Ross; father Ross, sister Rachel and mother Kim



Supporters of Ross MacNeill



King of the Hill Winners, Tony & Shannon Teunissen

# Breaks ALL Previous Records

On Saturday, September 7th DuPagePads held their 9th Annual Run 4 Home in Wheaton. This year's race shattered all previous attendance records in its nine year history with an estimated 1,200 in attendance.

Not only did this year's race bring more people together for our mission to end homelessness, but our teams and individual fundraisers raised \$115,000, the most in the race's history! These funds support our housing programs and critical services which are empowering clients to have a place to call home and rebuild their lives.

New to the event this year was our "King of the Hill" challenge. The first male and female to reach the peak of the hill about a half a mile into the race would receive a crown, t-shirt, plaque and bragging rights.

Our fundraisers really made our event special this year:

- Once again Mike DeMeritt raised donations for his effort to run 100 miles for DuPagePads and has collected nearly \$10,000.
- 7-year-old Aidan Simler sold lemonade on his street to raise money for his fundraising page.

- More than 80 individuals and children supported the Friends of Ross MacNeill team. The group honored the life of 11-year-old Ross MacNeill who passed away 4 months ago from a brain tumor. Ross had a passion for helping the homeless. His mother Kim shared, **"Every night Ross prayed for the homeless."** He reminded us in his words & actions that **"they are just people like me, without what I have."** Moved by Ross's story, next year's Run 4 Home will feature a new award for the top finisher in the 14 & under age category: The Ross K. MacNeill Award.



**Thank you runners, walkers, volunteers and sponsors for taking a step to end homelessness in DuPage County!**

## Thank You IKEA and Everyone Who Voted!



DuPagePads won an online voting contest through IKEA Bolingbrook's Life Improvement Project. IKEA is generously donating 12 new kitchen cabinets and counter tops for 12 of DuPagePads Permanent Supportive Housing apartments.

Here IKEA workers begin to assemble the cabinets. Check out our YouTube page to see IKEA in action: <http://www.youtube.com/user/DuPagePadsOrg>

## Affordable Care Act

DuPagePads was awarded an Affordable Care Act navigation grant to assist in enrollment for the individuals and families we serve, ultimately providing access to comprehensive health care.

The grant enabled our staff to be trained on how to assist those in need navigate the new Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace. DuPagePads staff are now helping individuals and families make informed decisions for their care.

These services will continue to enhance our resources to those who are

homeless, people who have often gone without comprehensive health care.

With improved health, individuals and families can begin to rebuild their lives, obtain employment and develop a plan for stable housing.



## Lights, Camera...ACTION!

Filming has begun for DuPagePads online Volunteer Training program, scheduled to go live January 1, 2014.

Volunteers will be able to log in to complete web-based training on topics such as crisis intervention, risk management, and volunteer roles and responsibilities. As a result, crucial education will be provided to our 4,000 volunteers. This training was made possible by a grant from the Spirit of Volunteerism Fund of The DuPage Community Foundation.

**Interested in signing up for the training, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Anne O'Dell at [aodell@dupagepads.org](mailto:aodell@dupagepads.org) or 630.682.3846, ext. 3500.**

From left to right: Beth Epstein-Rosenthal, DuPagePads Director of Programs, Carol Simler, DuPagePads Executive Director; and Lore Baker, Supportive Housing Providers Association Executive Director.



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30TH ANNUAL!  
**DAN GIBBONS**  
TURKEY TROT



**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot**  
November 28, 2013, 9:00am  
Intersection of Cottage Hill and  
Park Ave, Elmhurst.

The Turkey Trot is a 5K fun run on  
Thanksgiving morning. A portion of  
the proceeds will benefit DuPagePads.  
For more information or to register visit:  
[www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com](http://www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com)

We need tech savvy volunteers, contact  
Anne O'Dell for more information  
630.682.3846, ext.3500.



**DuPagePads**  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Taste of Hope

Thursday, March 6, 2014  
Abbington 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. This event will raise funds to support  
our housing programs and support services.  
For more information, call 630.682.3846,  
ext. 2520.



**DuPagePads**  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Galaxy Bowl

Saturday, April 12, 2014  
Fox Bowl, Wheaton.  
*More details to follow.*

# Upcoming Events