DuPagePads 30 Years of Service

Then & Now

# of People Served
120 (in 1985)
1,219 (in 2015)

Nights of Shelter
856 (in 1985)
43,099 (in 2015)

Meals Served
1,769 (in 1985)
146,112 (in 2015)

2,181,012 meals served since 1985

688,409 nights of shelter since 1985

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

THIS YEAR...

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

Fall 2015
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.”

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.”

**Timeline 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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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.

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.

Upcoming Events