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DuPagePads
The Solution to End Homelessness.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *Photo attached-caption below.*

The DuPage Community Foundation Generously Funds DuPagePads' Family Outreach Program

(Wheaton)—DuPagePads was one of 25 not-for-profit organizations in DuPage County to receive a grant from the 2013 Spring Community Needs Grant Cycle of The DuPage Community Foundation based in Wheaton, Illinois. The grant, awarded at a special distribution breakfast on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at Glen Oak Country Club in Glen Ellyn, will help underwrite DuPagePads' Family Outreach Program.

"Over the last year alone we have seen a 39% increase in the number of children and a 29% increase in the number of families coming to our doors. These families need access to services to obtain stable housing. We are grateful for The DuPage Community Foundation's support of the Family Outreach Program," said Carol Simler, DuPagePads' Executive Director.

As a result of this grant, case managers will work with families at a location that is convenient for them to ensure basic needs are met and develop a plan for long-term housing. Families work with their case manager to obtain mainstream benefits, access to healthcare, employment training and advocates for the children with local school districts. "At DuPagePads we have the solution to end homelessness: housing coupled with support services and employment. The Family Outreach Program brings supportive services directly to families in the community to empower them to work toward their full potential and see their dream of a home become a reality," Carol Simler says.

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DuPagePads, founded in 1985, is the largest provider of services to those who are homeless in DuPage County. Providing the county's largest Interim (Overnight) Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing Programs, DuPagePads' solution to ending homelessness is housing, coupled with support services and employment to restore hope and rebuild lives. The administration office is located at 601 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187. Additional information can be obtained by contacting DuPagePads at 630.682.3846 or at www.dupagepads.org.

Established in 1986, The DuPage Community Foundation is a publicly-supported 501 (c)(3) organization to which contributions are tax deductible. It was created to benefit the people of DuPage County and receives contributions and bequests into a permanent endowment from individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations wishing to make lasting contributions to the people of DuPage. The earnings on these funds are then used, in accordance with donor wishes, for the Foundation's grantmaking and community leadership activities.

**When someone believes in you,
everything can change.**

The DuPage Community Foundation seeks to raise the quality of life throughout DuPage County by fostering philanthropy, connecting donors to area needs and building community partnerships. Based on the American virtues of volunteerism and philanthropy, the Foundation fosters a legacy of support for the people of DuPage County by making grants to not-for-profit organizations working in the areas of arts and culture, education, environment, health, and human services. Since its inception the Foundation has built its endowment to more than \$48 million and has awarded more than \$16 million in grants to not-for-profit agencies serving the residents of DuPage County and beyond.

For further information about the Foundation, or to arrange future media opportunities, please contact Michael R. Sitrick, director of development, at 630-665-5556 or msitrick@dcdn.org.



Caption for Attached Photo: (From left) Foundation Trustee Joyce Webb presents a grant of \$15,000 to Bill Hamik, DuPagePads Board of Directors President, and Janelle Barcelona, DuPagePads Director of Development, in support of the Family Outreach Program.