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**DuPagePads**  
The Solution to End Homelessness.

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### **DuPagePads is Increasing Community Awareness About Homelessness Registration Now Open for 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Run 4 Home- 10K & 5K Run, 5K Walk**

WHEATON, ILLINOIS – DuPage**Pads** is calling all walkers and runners, individuals and families to the 9th Annual Run 4 Home on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 8am, beginning at 703 W. Liberty in Wheaton. The new 10K and 5K CARA approved course will appeal to serious runners, casual joggers and walkers.

Fundraising for this event will help provide critical support services to individuals and families who are homeless in DuPage County. DuPage**Pads** believes everyone should have a place to call “home”. Open 365 days a year, the agency’s solution to ending homelessness is providing housing, coupled with support services and employment. “Homelessness is a community issue and yet, many people living in DuPage County are unaware that there is a homeless population” said Carol Simler, Executive Director of DuPage**Pads**. “Last year, we served 1,398 individuals, 236 children and 138 families. We have also seen a 39% increase in the number of children from last year. We know we have the solution to end homelessness and we count on events like this and generous individuals and organizations to help us as we *End Homelessness One Step at a Time!*”

“We are incredibly thankful for our supporters. From volunteers to runners and walkers, to our sponsors, every effort means so much to our organization. This year, we are honored to announce our Diamond Sponsors: Continental Motors of Naperville, Mike Runs 100 and Republic Bank who have amazed us with their generosity,” said Carol Simler, Executive Director of DuPage**Pads**.

In addition, other generous sponsors for the DuPage**Pads** *Run 4 Home* include: Invesco Ltd., JD Norman Industries, Knickerbocker Roofing and Paving Co. Inc., Jim & Kathy Schlessler, Suburban Life Media, T2 Capital Management, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, Bill Hamik, Itasca Bank & Trust, K2 Industrial Services, Ray & Mary Schulte, Spraying Systems Co., Starbucks Coffee Co., Whole Foods Wheaton, Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital, Guggenheim Partners and Naperville Running Co.

The entire community is invited to come and support DuPage**Pads** mission to end homelessness. Individual runners, families, groups of friends, companies, clubs and congregations are all encouraged to be a part of the FUNdraiser! Rain or shine, all are invited to stay for music, refreshments and prizes after the race.

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DuPage**Pads**, founded in 1985, is the only organization in DuPage County working exclusively to end homelessness. The DuPage**Pads** administration offices are located at 601 W. Liberty, Wheaton, IL 60187. Additional information may be obtained by contacting DuPage**Pads** at 630.682.3846 or visiting [www.dupagepads.org](http://www.dupagepads.org).