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DuPagePads
The Solution to End Homelessness.

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DuPagePads Awarded Grant to Assist in Affordable Care Act Outreach and Enrollment

(Wheaton)—DuPagePads is pleased to announce it is one of 13 community partners in DuPage County awarded funding by the DuPage County Health Department to participate in Enroll DuPage activities, which includes conducting outreach, education and enrollment in the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace throughout DuPage County.

Throughout the country, Affordable Care Act (ACA) outreach and enrollment will play a vital role in assisting consumers prepare applications to establish eligibility and enroll in coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Enrollment in the Marketplace begins on October 1, with pre-enrollment activities beginning in September, and coverage starting Jan. 1, 2014. DuPagePads' grant of \$50,000 will help them to participate in the effort, which will aid residents in receiving live in-person assistance as they go through the process of applying for and choosing new coverage options in the Marketplace. The DuPage County Health Department received funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health to partner with community groups in providing outreach and enrollment assistance to DuPage County residents. The state has received federal funding to cover the start-up costs and the first year of operations of the Marketplace.

Over the coming weeks, selected DuPagePads staffers for Enroll DuPage will take part in an intensive training program that will give them the tools to educate consumers about the ACA and the Marketplace. This Marketplace will be accessed through a user-friendly website where individuals, families and small businesses can compare health care policies and premiums and purchase comprehensive health coverage. Those with income between 138% and 400% of the federal poverty level will receive subsidies on a sliding scale if they obtain coverage through the Marketplace.

"The ACA education and enrollment program is essential to the health care initiative. As a result, individuals who never before had access to comprehensive health care will now be able to choose from available plans. DuPagePads will be able to help individuals and families make informed decisions for their care. These services will continue to enhance DuPagePads resources to assist clients to work toward their full potential and develop a plan for stable housing. We are excited to be a part of this movement," stated Carol Simler, DuPagePads Executive Director.

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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.

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everything can change.**