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DuPagePads
The Solution to End Homelessness.

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DuPagePads' Online Volunteer Training Begins January 2014

(Wheaton)—For the first time in DuPagePads' 28 year history, volunteers will be able to complete a web-based program training program at their own convenience. This volunteer training program was made possible as a result of a grant from the Spirit of Volunteerism Fund of The DuPage Community Foundation. Beginning January 6, 2014, volunteers will be able to log into the DuPagePads website and learn about the agency mission to end homelessness, programs and services provided, best practices in risk management, volunteer roles and responsibilities and more. The \$30,000 grant was one of three awarded May 8, 2013 at Volapalooza: A Celebration of Volunteerism at Wentz Concert Hall at North Central College.

"We know that we could not provide all of our services without the tremendous support of our volunteers. The information and skills learned in the training modules will empower volunteers and give them the tools they need to be confident and successful while providing flexibility to complete the training at a convenient time for them," said Carol Simler, DuPagePads' Executive Director.

As a result of this grant, training materials will be available on the DuPagePads website for all registered volunteers. "Through educating volunteers about homelessness and appropriate responses, the overnight sites become safer and the community is more knowledgeable about the challenges program participants face and the resources available to them. We are grateful for the support of The DuPage Community Foundation to educate our volunteers with this formal online training," 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 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187. Additional information can be obtained by contacting DuPagePads at 630.682.3846 or at www.dupagepads.org.

About The DuPage Community Foundation: 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

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endowment to more than \$50 million and awarded more than \$17 million in grants to not-for-profit agencies serving the residents of DuPage County and beyond.

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.

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