

What YOU Helped Accomplish

DuPagePads Volunteers:

- Donated **68,549 hours of service**
- **Served 119,912 meals**, an average of 329 a day for those who might otherwise go without

The Interim (Overnight) Housing Program:

- Served **1,001 people**
- Was open 365 nights a year and **37,744 nights of shelter** were provided

The Client Service Center:

- Assisted **23 households obtain permanent housing** through the Housing Now Program
- Helped **85 people** needing short-term housing (bed rest) through the Medical Respite Program

The Career/Employment Solutions Program:

- Served **191 individuals**
- Assisted **130 people in finding employment**
- Partnered with **124 local employers**

The Supportive Housing Program:

- Offered **94 Supportive Housing apartments**
- Provided permanent housing for **163 individuals and 43 children**

DuPagePads:

- Served **1,115 individuals including 193 children**
- Reduced the average length of stay by 37%, from **57 days to 36 days**
- Assisted **330 families and individuals in obtaining permanent housing**



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Thank YOU, Volunteers!

“Thank you for giving your time to help people in need. You are truly appreciated and I want to thank you for your selfless acts of kindness.”

“Thank you for being there when I had no one else to turn to.”

“Thank you volunteers for your kindness, patience and generosity”

“You have been a ray of hope in our lives. Thank you!”

“From the bottom of my heart, Thank you! You come out in the cold and snow, showering us with your hospitality and kind hearts.”

“I appreciate your time and most of all your warm smiles.”

Volunteer Spotlight: Islamic Foundation School

Islamic Foundation School “Serves their Community” and Early Morning Breakfast for DuPagePads Clients

[Students from the Islamic Foundation School in Villa Park assist at First Church of Lombard](#), an Interim (Overnight) Housing site where DuPagePads clients find hospitality, meals and a warm place to sleep.

On the first Wednesday morning of each month, middle and high school students, parents, teachers and even the school principal wake up early to prepare and serve breakfast to the 50 or more clients served every Tuesday night/Wednesday morning.

Principal Baste believes serving with DuPagePads, “is a great opportunity for the students to serve their community.”



Each student had something to add:

“This helps me **connect** to people and see what others might be going through.”

“Volunteering makes you **feel good** about yourself, while helping others.”

“We are all happy to **help our community.**”

“Seeing the homeless leaving the shelter each morning, in all weather, gives you a **different perspective** when you wake up each morning.”

After serving breakfast, the students help clean the pads and pillows, put away the dining area, sweep and take out the trash.

Reema Kamran, a parent of three student volunteers, thinks, “Volunteering is something we can do together, to help others. It helps us follow our faith and is a great way to serve our community.”

“If I could give any advice for parents and teachers, I’d say: do it! Teach your students and children to volunteer. DuPagePads is a great cause and each hand is needed; you will see a direct result from your hard work,” Principal Baste continues, “Ask yourself, if we weren’t here, what would our neighbors do?”

DuPagePads Exceptional Volunteers

DuPagePads believes that all volunteers deserve to be recognized for the time and effort they dedicate to our mission to end homelessness.

See all **Volunteer Spotlights** here: <https://dupagepads.org/solutions/volunteer/>

If you know someone who goes above and beyond as a volunteer, please tell us about them! Nominate anyone who has shown exemplary support and hospitality to our clients, and dedication of our mission to ending homelessness.

Submit **Volunteer Nominations** here: <http://bit.ly/DuPagePadsVolunteerNominations>

DuPagePads Volunteers:



Thank You
VOLUNTEERS

Greetings from the Interim Housing Director

This winter we experienced one of the worst winter vortexes on record. The cold forced many community resources to close, leaving our clients with nowhere to go.

Despite the difficulties we faced against the weather, [YOU made it possible to provide our clients with nearly 24-hour service!](#)

Thank you to each volunteer that came out in the cold to serve our clients. Thank you to the Interim Housing Sites and Support Groups for opening early and staying open late to keep our client safe. Your unconditional kindness to our clients was profound.

We owe you the biggest THANK YOU; without your support, we would not been able to keep our families and individuals warm and safe.

Thank YOU!

Will Salmon,
Interim Housing
Director



Volunteer Recognition Give Away!

Name: _____
(First and Last)

Site and Town You Volunteer at: _____

Email: _____

Why do you volunteer? _____

DuPagePads Program Spotlight

The **DuPagePads Housing Now** program assists clients with a secure income but face significant debt and cannot save money for a place to live. Compounding this issue, many landlords require a security deposit and first month's rent for tenants with low credit scores. For people living in crisis, saving this amount of money can seem impossible.

Last year, Housing Now served **39 individuals**, including **12 children in 23 households**. Of those served, **100% have maintained housing in the program**.

[Housing Now](#) provides first month's rent and security deposit to families and individuals with income to move immediately into housing.

The program also provides 12 months of case management after move-in to assist participants in budgeting and accessing community resources.

Obtaining employment and gaining housing is a catalyst for positive life changes:

- Behaviors that lead to good health are promoted.
- Those who were homeless and now employed exhibit improved self-esteem.
- When all are housed, communities become safer.

Help Clients with Essential Needed Items

Can you help DuPagePads clients by donating everyday essential items?

- Men's Boxers/Boxer Briefs
 - Size: Large-XXL
- Men's White Undershirts
 - Size: Medium-XXL
- Women's Underwear
 - Size-Medium-XXL
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants
 - Size-Medium-XXL
- Men's and Women's Deodorant



Volunteer Recognition Give Away!

Your volunteerism means the world to us. Submit this form or enter online to participate in our Volunteer Appreciation Give Away. One lucky volunteer will receive 2 Disney Hopper Passes (\$400 value) good at any Disney Theme Park.

Submit to: Josie Mattern,
601 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187

Complete online at: bit.ly/DuPagePadsDisneyNL19

Submissions must be entered by June 28th, 2019

DuPagePads Run 4 Home

Saturday, September 21st, 2019 - 8:00am
Ending Homelessness One Step at a Time
10K & 5K Run, 5K & 1K Walk

Bring your family, friends and coworkers to a family friendly event; run/walk through scenic Wheaton streets and back to DuPagePads for a post-run celebration!

Sign up today: www.padsrun.org