



*Ending homelessness by restoring lives.*

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**DUPAGE PADS' RUN/WALK TAKES A STEP TO END HOMELESSNESS**

WHEATON, ILLINOIS - As part of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, DuPage PADS is having their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Run/Walk on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 8 a.m., beginning at 703 W. Liberty in Wheaton. This 5K CARA approved course appeals to serious runners, casual joggers and families alike.

Fundraising for this event helps support individuals, families and children in need. DuPage PADS is open 365 days a year and it is critical that they continue to provide interim housing, support services and employment assistance to help those who are homeless to work toward self-sufficiency.

"This event is more important than ever," said Carol Simler, Executive Director of DuPage PADS. "We are working hard to raise more funds due to the 52% reduction in state funding this year. With a 65% increase in the number of children we have served over the last two years, we are counting on generous individuals and organizations to TAKE A STEP TO END HOMELESSNESS!"

Individual runners, families, groups of friends, companies, clubs and congregations are invited to be part of the FUNdraiser! Rain or shine, all are invited to stay for music, refreshments and prizes after the race.

To participate, volunteer or sponsor this year's Run/Walk, visit the web site at [www.padsrun.org](http://www.padsrun.org) or call 630.682.3846 for more information.

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