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An information newsletter for friends & volunteers of DuPage P.A.D.S.

Volunteers Change Lives

During National Volunteer Week this spring, thousands of dedicated men, women, and young people throughout the country and here in DuPage County were recognized for their efforts and their commitment to serve others. The year's theme, "Volunteer to Change the World" reflected the power volunteers have to create positive change in the lives of those they serve!

Over 4,000 DuPage PADS volunteers offer hope and possibility to more than 1,200 men, women, and children who are in crisis in DuPage County. Because of the willingness of such individuals and groups, we continue to provide critical Interim Overnight Housing, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Support Services to move people from homelessness into housing.

Tony Melton, a DuPage PADS volunteer for 2 years in our Interim (Overnight) Housing Program adds leadership and organizational skills that bring an efficient rhythm to DuPage PADS. With his energy and positive attitude, he engages volunteers and moves people to action, even putting together his first team at our Bowl-A-Rama this year! "Whenever I need volunteer support, Tony is always ready – even before I call!" remarks Alison Clark, Interim Housing Program Coordinator.

A volunteer for close to 4 years, Lisa Pires comments, "I really like getting to know the people we serve. It's important for me to make them feel cared for and respected." Lisa's compassion translates into a positive message of hope and possibility that she shares with the community as part of our Speaker's Bureau, a powerful tool that builds awareness about our programs, participants, and volunteer opportunities throughout the community. Lisa initially joined DuPage PADS as a volunteer with Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church before becoming an ambassador to groups large and small that want to create positive change for people who are homeless in DuPage County.

Valerie Jungels came to DuPage PADS through an invitation from her client and a past DuPage PADS board member, Peggy Tracy. Valerie soon agreed to take the helm of the DuPage PADS 20th Anniversary

"Throw yourself into some work you believe in with all your heart and you will find happiness that you had thought could never be yours."

– Dale Carnegie

Gala, which evolved into A Taste of Hope: Chef's Uniting to End Homelessness the following year. Last February, the 2nd Annual Taste raised over \$100,000 to help fund the programs and services of DuPage PADS. Valerie comments, "I think working on committees is challenging, rewarding, and educational. The committee is a great group of individuals who take pride in making this event a success. It is just amazing to see how the Special Events have brought new awareness of DuPage PADS to individuals who may have only 'heard of PADS,' but didn't understand what the agency really provides."

Volunteers create a sense of hope and shared responsibility for people's futures. No volunteers understand that more than Anne, Marcia, and Catina, participants in our Permanent Supportive Housing program. Each of them now volunteers at our daytime support center. Anne brings her wonderful baked goods and keeps the kitchen spotless. Marcia serves up lunch with a warm smile and helps other participants navigate the day's schedule. Catina, who courageously spoke of her journey from homelessness into her own home at our Wake Up Your Spirit Breakfast in November, offers her expertise with administrative tasks as she works toward running her own business.

These and other volunteers like them are the heart and soul of our work, helping to bridge the gap between people who are homeless and our communities.

Thank you DuPage PADS Volunteers! Together we are part of the solution to end homelessness in DuPage County!



Carol

Carol Simler
Executive Director,
DuPage PADS

Dear Friends,

It may feel like the longest presidential primary season we've ever experienced, but it has been exciting to watch as both new and seasoned voters participate in conversation and debate!

As the economy continues to tighten, it is becoming more and more important for DuPage PADS to engage local and state elected officials and advocate for the men, women, and children who are homeless and experiencing crisis in our community. To that end, our Board of Directors has formed a new Government Relations Committee to reach out to elected officials, tell them our story, and gain their support to end homelessness in DuPage County.

Several staff and board members recently traveled to Springfield with the Naperville Chamber of Commerce to meet with key legislators. All of the legislators with whom we met were receptive and appreciative of our efforts to keep them informed about the complex issues and needs of people experiencing homelessness in DuPage County. In order to continue the work begun in Springfield, we are launching a legislative advocacy campaign — enlisting PADS Partners, Board Members, and other PADS supporters to participate in a dialogue with officials in their respective voting districts.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in this effort, let us know. We welcome your help in developing relationships with key legislators in DuPage County. Begin today — join the DuPage PADS Action League at www.dupagepads.org and become part of the solution to end and prevent homelessness in DuPage County.



As easy as 1-2-3... Simple Ways to Support DuPage PADS

Roseland Shares – Decorate for a Cause

Roseland Draperies and Interiors is celebrating its 25th Anniversary by giving back to the community that has given them so much. From now through December, designate DuPage PADS as your choice when you plan your next decorating project with Roseland Draperies and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to DuPage PADS. What a great way to make your home beautiful while helping to give people who are homeless in DuPage County a place to call home!

Surf for a Good Cause with GoodSearch

You can support DuPage PADS while you are on the Internet. Use GoodSearch.com as you would any search engine and select DuPage PADS as your nonprofit of choice. Each search you perform using GoodSearch generates money for us! Visit our web site at www.dupagepads.org/difference/Goodsearch.org for more information and for an easy link to set GoodSearch.com as your primary search engine.

Be a Green Cleaning Machine!

Do you have a college student coming back with a year's worth of campus living? Are you thinking of having a summer garage sale? Reduce your "carbon imprint" and put your old clothes, bedding, towels, or other soft goods to great use! Drop off donations at our green Fundraise and Recycle Donation Bin, located at 703 West Liberty in Wheaton. We receive a portion of the proceeds from all donations through Fundraise and Recycle Now! Not only will you help us raise funds for programs that assist people in crisis, but you will be keeping our community green. None of the donations go into landfills. Check our website at www.dupagepads.org for new donation bin locations.

Bikes Keep Good Things in Motion

The weather is getting warmer and thoughts of snow shovels and street salt seem like a distant memory. Unfortunately, better weather also means higher prices at the gas pump, which can translate to fare increases and service cuts on many public transit routes. If not for the generosity of St. Michael's Parish students, the only affordable mode of transportation for many PADS participants this summer could have been their feet. These enterprising students made sure that was not the only option — they collected 43 bikes and delivered them to our daytime Support Center.

Members of Tower Racing, a cycling racing team, also donated \$1,000 to purchase additional bikes or bike supplies. These funds were used to buy new bike helmets, locks and chains, reflectors and lights, and other supplies such as tires and tire patches. The generosity of all those in the "Bikes to End Homelessness" program will keep our participants safe and moving toward a place they can call home.

Fundraising in a Mug

Rotary Club of Naperville is launching a new event that is sure to please the palate. Enjoy delicious "soup mug" cuisine made by local restaurants at the upcoming "Soups On" fundraiser to be held on Sunday, October 19th at the Tellabs World Headquarters in Naperville. The event will feature music by lively bluegrass bands. Great Family Fun! A portion of the proceeds will support the programs and services of DuPage PADS.

Thanks to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for holding a Love Offering Special Collection on behalf of DuPage PADS—North Central College student Mike O'Connor and "Cardinals for Shelter" for their clothing and supply drive, including several suits that will be used by our participants for job interviews—Addison Presbyterian Church for their clothing drive—Whole Foods Market in Wheaton and all the PADS' shoppers who helped generate over \$4,000 representing 5% of sales on May 1st—Buffalo Wild Wings, Winfield for hosting a dine-in fundraiser for DuPage PADS—Best Wishes and sincere gratitude to Volunteer Coordinators Betsy Oswald and Barbara Holmes of Trinity Episcopal Church in Wheaton who are retiring after many years of service—Welcome Randy Barnett, a new volunteer mentor for Transitional Housing.

PADS Partners: Giving Program Supports Growing Agency Needs

"As a PADS Partner, my gift has a tremendous impact on the future of PADS programs and services offered to people in crisis. Just as important are the talent and energy that Partners bring to the agency as ambassadors for our mission to end and prevent homelessness in DuPage County," comments Ron Davidson, Vice President for Business Banking at Harris Naperville, PADS Partner, and Board of Directors member. The PADS Partner program provides the operational support that keeps our programs and services innovative and effective. Our goal this year is 300 individuals, corporations, congregations, and service organizations supporting this program. Partners commit to leadership giving at a \$500-or-higher level annually to help meet the demanding operational needs of the agency and ensure continued effective programming. Partners complete their pledges by December 31 of each year.

Visit www.dupagepads.org or call Kathleen at 630.682.3846 x222.

We acknowledge the existing 281 partners who stand with us to end and prevent homelessness in DuPage County and welcome the following new partners:

Steve & Sue Anderson	Thomas Pisarczyk
Kris Bachtell	James Relihan
Thomas Cleland	Albert & Susan Rot
Excelerated Learning Systems	Mina & Ali Setork
Louis Flinker	Randy & Kate Sidio
James & Margaret Gerstle	Jerry Souta
Charles & Mary Kay Graber	St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
Robert & Durema Kohl	St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Notre Dame Parish	St. Matthew United Church of Christ
Gary & Peggy Nowak	Bob & Nancy Stewart
Charles & Victoria Pardee	Andrew Wood & Laura Temple
Thomas & Janene Parisi	Michael & Nancy Trattner
Ross & Grace Pillari	Michael & Cyndi Vivoda



Volunteer Opportunities

Interim Housing (overnight)
Congregations/organizations and individual volunteers are needed to expand the Interim Housing Program and help us reach our goal of providing shelter 365 days a year. We are close to reaching our goal – with your help, we'll have a site open every day this year!

Support Center -
Groups or individuals are needed to donate and serve lunch for 20-25 people once a month, Mondays through Fridays, at the Support Center.

Computer Resource Center -
Volunteers are needed to assist with the maintenance of our computers and work with participants as they use the computers to seek employment.

Administrative -
Assistance is needed for database records, filing systems, and mailing projects.

Speakers Bureau -
Become an ambassador for DuPage PADS. Volunteers are needed to speak to groups about our mission and the impact of DuPage PADS programs.

Special Events Committee -
Energetic people are needed to plan/coordinate fundraising events. Call Jen Williams at 630.682.3846 x242.

Marketing Communications -
Assistance is needed to prepare publications and develop Public Relations projects. Call Cheryl Bohm at 630.682.3846 x252.

Donations -
Call Ann Rowland at 630.682.3846 x234 for a Wish List or visit our website: www.dupagepads.org.

You can make a difference by volunteering with DuPage PADS!

Call Ann Rowland at 630.682.3846 x234.

Special Events

A Taste of Hope: Chefs Uniting to End Homelessness

Drawing a sell-out crowd, the 2nd annual "A Taste of Hope," held on February 28 at the Abbington Distinctive Banquets in Glen Ellyn was a delicious success. Special thanks to our 21 generous restaurants, including Abbington Banquets, Augustino's Rock and Roll Subs, The Bank Restaurant and Bar, Braxton's, Carlucci, Egg Harbor Café in Wheaton, Heaven on Seven, Indian Harvest, LeChocolat Bar, Maggiano's Little Italy, Meson Sabika, My Chef Catering, Parker's Ocean Grill, Raffi's, Redstone Grill, Saffron, Starbucks in Wheaton, Suzette's Creperie and Bistro, Trader Joe's in Glen Ellyn, Whole Foods Market in Wheaton, and Wolfgang Puck Catering. A record 535 guests sampled signature dishes, enjoyed live music by the Tom Hays Quartet, and bid on silent and live auction items, generating over \$100,000. Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsor, Continental Acura and Audi of Naperville. We are grateful to all our sponsors, including West Suburban Bank, ASTA, Apex Insurance Managers LLC, Illinois Tool Works, JPMorgan of Naperville, Just Rite Acoustics, Tom & Kathy Hansen, and Henricksen's. We also want to acknowledge our creative committee: Co-Chairs Valerie Jungels and Kathy Hansen, Julee Bartel, Elisa Carter, Lori Domeracki, Carol Focht, Martha Heisinger, Laura Hernandez, Elise Kramer, Diana Newby, Irene Rundblom, Diane Sala, Barbara Surdan, Lynn Torre, Peggy Tracy, and Jan Waichunas.

Plans for our 3rd "A Taste of Hope" begin in June. Call Jen at 630.682.3846 x242 for more info.

6th Annual DuPage PADS Bowl-A-Rama

Fox Bowl in Wheaton was once again the scene for an afternoon of fun and fundraising, benefiting the programs and services of DuPage PADS. Many bowlers returned for their sixth year



Thank you to 21 generous restaurants for making the Taste of Hope a huge success.

One of the top winners gets a pat on the back from Carol Simler, Executive Director, for bowling a great game.



and vied for bowling trophies and raffle prizes while enjoying award-winning pizza.

Special thanks to our event sponsor, Sternberg Lighting in Roselle.

Prizes were awarded to our top fundraisers: David and Kelly Mulkerin, Anna Sarovich, Steve and Janice Zink

Congratulations to our winning teams: Liberty Mutual Team Two, West Suburban Bank Team, Liberty Mutual Team One.

PADS Run/Walk 2008

Reserve September 6 for the PADS Run/Walk 2008. This 10k/5k run and 3k walk promises to be bigger and better than ever. The CARA-approved course will appeal to serious runners and will be equally appealing to casual joggers and families. Walkers will enjoy strolling on the Prairie Path before joining the runners for music, refreshments, and prizes back at DuPage PADS. Ask about Walk Team opportunities: collect \$125 or more in donations, and we will waive your registration fee! The course starts and ends at the DuPage PADS Support Center, 703 W. Liberty. Thank you to our 2008 sponsors: Powershares, Ray & Mary Schulte—The Schulte Group, Dills Family Fund, and Jim & Kathy Schlessler. Visit www.dupagepads.org or call Jen at 630-682-3846 x242.

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Don't miss our 4th Annual PADS Run/Walk
September 6, 2008
(See Save the Date)

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Save the Date

Thursday, July 3 – Sunday, July 6

Naperville Exchange Club's Ribfest - Knoch Park, Naperville
Voted the Best Festival in the Midwest, RIBFEST ushers in the July 4 weekend each year with 2 music stages, 17 world-class rib vendors, a family area and carnival. DuPage PADS is one of a fortunate group of agencies that benefits from this event. In return, we provide volunteers to work at the event. For more info about volunteer opportunities and to register, call Ann at 630.682.3846 x234. Visit www.ribfest.net for event details.

Sunday, August 3, 2008, Starting Time 6:30 a.m.

Naperville Sunrise Rotary Century/Carmen DiGiovine Memorial Bike Ride

Crone Middle School, Naperville (111th Street & 248th Street)

We remember Carmen DiGiovine as a Rotarian and a PADS Volunteer and Partner. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to DuPage PADS. Depending on your stamina, choose a 20-, 40-, 55-, 85-, or 100-mile biking distance. Ride for a cause and collect sponsor donations. Register at www.napervillesunrise.com. We also need volunteers to help at the event. Contact Ann at 630.682.3846 x234 for more information

Saturday, September 6, 2008, Starting time 8:00 a.m.

PADS Run/Walk 2008 10K/5K Run & 3K Walk

DuPage PADS Support Center, Wheaton

Volunteers are needed to prepare for PADS Run/Walk 2008. Run or walk this road course through picturesque Wheaton to raise funds to benefit DuPage PADS' programs. Call Jen at 630.682.3846 x242.

Wednesday, November 5, 2007, 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

"Wake Up Your Spirit" Breakfast - Benedictine University, Lisle

The sixth annual "Wake Up Your Spirit" Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, November 5, 2007, from 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. at the Krasa Center at Benedictine University in Lisle. Join us for a morning of inspiration and motivation. Keynote speaker to be announced. Visit www.dupagepads.org for more information.

New Developments

Transitions

We wish to acknowledge three outstanding Board Members who completed their terms in April. They have been ambassadors for our mission in the county and have helped shape our future vision. Thank you for your leadership, commitment, and support.

Bill Hassett, Board President, RSM McGladrey, Managing Director
Mary Stapleton, The Avery Coonley School, Assistant to the Head of School
Peggy Tracy, Priority Planning, Owner

We are pleased to welcome the following new Board Members:

Doug Lellbach, Lellbach Builders, Owner
Reverend Thomas Ostrander, First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove, Senior Pastor
Mina Setork, DynaCom Management, Owner/Business Director
Cheryle Wittert, Harris Hinsdale N.A., Senior Vice President, Commercial Mid-Market Banking

Project 365 (providing shelter every day of the year)

To meet our goal, we need support teams of volunteers to staff the overnight sites. We have an urgent need for volunteers to work overnight shifts. Call Ann at 630.682.3846 x234.

Special Event Planning

Take part in an opportunity to exercise your creative muscles, meet new people, be part of a great organization, and have fun! DuPage PADS is looking for enthusiastic people to join our special event committees. We host four diverse fundraising events annually, reaching people in the community who have a wide variety of interests. If you are interested in joining a planning committee for our upcoming events, please call Jen at 630.682.3846 x242.

September 6 – 4th Annual PADS Run/Walk, Wheaton
November 5 – "Wake Up Your Spirit" Breakfast, Benedictine University

Visit our website for more information. www.dupagepads.org