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To: Editor
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Would you please be so kind to print the following message that celebrates this year's National Volunteer Week. April 27-May 3, 2008

Dear Editor:

Volunteers are one of the nation's most valuable resources who work tirelessly to improve our community. During National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3, thousands of these dedicated men, women, and young people here in DuPage County will be recognized for their efforts and their commitment to serve others. The week's theme, "Volunteer to Change the World" reflects the power volunteers have to create positive change in the lives of those they serve!

On behalf of all of us at DuPage PADS, I want to say a special thank you to the many volunteers here in DuPage County who are part of the solution to end homelessness everyday in our communities and in the lives of many of our neighbors.

Over 4,000 volunteers make a difference in the lives of more than 1200 men, women, and children who are homeless or living at risk of becoming homeless in DuPage County. Because of the willingness of people who said, "Yes" to providing food, shelter, and support, we continue to provide critical Interim Overnight Housing, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Support Services to move people from homelessness into housing.

Volunteers create a sense of hope and shared responsibility for people's future. They are the heart and soul of our work and help 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!

Sincerely,

Carol Simler, Executive Director
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