

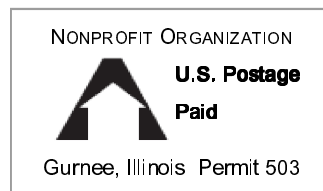
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Dear friends,

This past year PADS has struggled with the rising price of just about everything and we have seen our operating budget overwhelmed by additional clients as landlords continue to be foreclosed upon and scores of their tenants, through no fault of their own, find themselves homeless.

If all that wasn't enough, we are now seeing clients who are veterans from the current conflicts overseas who are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on top of the typical causes of homelessness. Through it all PADS has been able, not only to keep its doors open but maintain the high level of dignity for our clients that we have found plays such an invaluable role in their journey to self-sufficiency.

As our elected officials do their very best to revive our economy with emergency economic stabilization plans and stimulus packages, we here at PADS see our ever dwindling government resources becoming even scarcer. During this time of national crisis our forgotten neighbors need your help but, we cannot count on it coming from the government.

You have helped before, when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast we as a community rallied to welcome evacuees. Just last June when this whole mortgage crisis was beginning in earnest you stepped up and responded as one.

PADS is on the front lines again. Our elected leaders are doing their very best, and each and every one of us is doing our very best for our own families. But, as before, we cannot forget those at the epicenter of the storm – the homeless in the midst of Lake County's many blessings.

Please give . . . *thank you!*

Cathy Curran
Executive Director

PADS WELCOMES THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND NEW BRAND

PADS extends a warm welcome to Randall C. Rossi, Tom Ritter and Stephen A. Sullivan, the most recent additions to the PADS Board of Directors.

Mr. Rossi, who joined the board in June, hails from Grayslake. He recently retired from his most recent position as Group President of Enodis Ice Group of the Americas and was responsible for one of the most successful corporate United Way campaigns for companies with less than one-hundred employees in Lake County. Mr. Ritter, a twenty-two year resident of Lake Forest, is a private commodities trader and joined the board this past July. For the previous two years, Mr. Ritter volunteered as the PADS Emergency Shelter site leader at Wesley Church in Waukegan. While Mr. Sullivan, a resident of Winnetka and a Vice President of NAI Hiffman Commercial Real Estate Services Worldwide, has spent the past two years as a Director with the Right Angle Educational Foundation.

As PADS evolves to meet the needs of our clients we must also communicate those effectively with our donors, volunteers, clients and the general public. PADS has adopted a new acronym and logo for PADS. While we will continue to be known as "PADS Crisis Services" PADS now means "Providing Advocacy Dignity and Shelter". Additionally, to coincide with the new acronym, PADS has adopted an updated logo with the dual image of a house and the up-pointing arrow, symbolic of our dual mission of emergency shelter and self-sufficiency. Our new logo was designed by Marcus Norman of Lake Bluff. Professionally, Marcus works for SGDP, a Chicago based communications design agency. His work with PADS and design of our new logo was as a nighttime and weekend volunteer.

"I cannot thank Mr. Norman enough for his help on this project, as you can see from the final product he did an outstanding job," said John Wineman, President of the PADS Board of Directors. Additionally, while discussing the new logo and acronym Mr. Wineman stated, "This change from the previous acronym and logo is part of our overall goal to help raise our public profile to match the high level of service already provided to our clients,"

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FROM WALL STREET TO MAIN STREET TO OUR STREET:
A Special Message from PADS Executive Director in a Time of National Crisis

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Please visit us on the web at www.lakecountypads.org to make your gift today!

TRIBUTES

There is no better way to honor or celebrate a special occasion than by making a contribution to PADS. After a tribute gift is made, PADS sends a card to the person or family for you.

MATCHING GIFTS

If you work for a company with a matching gift program, your gift could be doubled or even tripled! Ask your employer if they offer a matching gift program.



WINTER SHELTER SEASON BEGINS WITH PADS AT CAPACITY

Here it is Thanksgiving and the PADS winter shelter season is in full gear. We are pleased to welcome Christian Assembly of God in Zion as our newest emergency shelter site. Unfortunately demand has yet again been so high that each “pad” is filled each night at all of our winter shelter sites.



With our ten year-old bus shuttling clients night-to-night between our thirteen winter shelter sites we are grateful to all of our sites. We also remain grateful to our dedicated corps of volunteers and donors for helping to keep PADS’ doors open during these very difficult times. As our state, federal and local government funding decline and the number of new individual women and men, families with children and veterans who walk through our door in need of help increases, each day is a struggle to help our clients “find their way home.”

This year we have seen many new clients who are victims of landlords who did not tell them that their apartment was in foreclosure. To add to our full plate, we have begun to see returning veterans finding their way to our front door. Many have returned stateside only to become homeless, in large part, because of untreated Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

For PADS and our clients, *winter is already here!*

PADS VETERANS HOUSE GOES GREEN

With the generous support of HSBC Bank, and a partnership with *Rebuilding Together*, a national not-for-profit whose mission is to preserve affordable housing by bringing volunteers and communities together, PADS embarked on an effort to create a more “green” building for our veterans who live at Veterans House. Veterans House is a year-round supportive housing program for twelve formerly homeless adult senior male veterans.

Improvements included a new state-of-the-art tankless hot water heater, new Energy Star appliances, attic fans to reduce heating and cooling expenses, new carpeting made from recycled fibers and low flow water fixtures. Volunteers and residents assisted tradesmen with these projects to help offset costs in



addition to planting an indigenous prairie garden which also serves as a community garden where the residents alongside their neighbors in the area can grow vegetables for their own consumption.

Local funders, volunteers and PADS clients all worked in partnership to help better our community and the environment. They by their deeds that acting locally can have a global impact.

VOLUNTEER CHEF TEACHES HEALTHY COOKING

As part of PADS mission to provide emergency shelter to the homeless we also work each day to provide the tools necessary to break the cycle of homelessness by addressing its root causes. We frequently encounter two reoccurring themes, the lack of strong parent/child relationships and poor nutritional choices.

A little while back Monica O’Brien, a PADS volunteer, approached us and asked if she could help even more. She wanted to share her love of healthy foods and healthy cooking with PADS clients. Viola! Chef Monica was born! On a regular basis Chef Monica, as the children at The Family Center at PADS call her, comes over and teaches the benefits, both physical and familial, of cooking and eating together. Particular attention is paid the ethnic preferences of our families which also allows them to learn about each others cultures and the stories behind the foods.

Before Chef Monica arrives she sends a proposed meal plan. The families get together with a Family Advocate in advance of Chef Monica’s visit to plan what they will be purchasing and how each meal works with their overall nutrition plan. Their visits to the grocery store, and all of PADS hunger/nutrition programs, are funded by the Kraft Employee Fund which generously granted PADS \$40,000 this year for healthy meals and snacks as part of their effort to help organizations who work to reduce hunger.



LOCAL YOUTH STEPS UP FOR PADS



“What can I do?” “But, I’m just one person. Whatever I do won’t make a difference.”

Does this sound familiar? Some of us may have said this before. Most of us have heard someone say something like this during a time of frustration. But Carson Goldman of Lake Forest, now a sophomore at Lake Forest High School, decided that he could make a difference last June.

For Carson, helping others is not some sort of whim. By early last June, Carson had begun his “summer of service” by volunteering at a local senior center to help residents with memory disorders. He also volunteered on a local political campaign and continued his regular routine of making sack lunches for PADS clients which had numbered 500 in the previous six months. His summer was not all volunteerism. Carson also worked four twelve hour days as a caddy at a local golf club each week.

In mid-June Carson read an article in the local paper about the housing crisis and the strain it had placed on PADS’ finances. Without contacting PADS, Carson wrote a letter to everyone he knew in his neighborhood explaining his involvement with PADS and asked for a few dollars to help PADS. He attached to his letter the newspaper article he had read, a return envelope and a plain brown lunch bag to show how even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference. Carson hand delivered each letter. Four weeks later and with \$1,500 in donations for PADS to show for his efforts Carson Goldman, just one person, just one high school sophomore had made a big difference.

Would anyone else like to follow this high school sophomore's example?

WISH LIST

If you would like to prepare and deliver a meal for seventeen people at our Safe Haven program please call Lynn at 847-689-4357, ext. 121.

Dinner is needed at the Safe Haven every night so if Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are already taken please select another date anytime during the holiday season or throughout the New Year.

If you would like to donate GIFT ITEMS for the clients during the holidays our clients need NEW underpants, socks, bras, undershirts, long underwear and sweat suits — all sizes from infant to 3X. Please do not wrap anything. Thank you.

We can always use WARM GLOVES for men and women, especially in large sizes and the items below:

- Gas Cards
- All-purpose cleanser (such as Fantastik or Pine-Sol)
- Powdered Laundry Soap
- Bleach
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- 20# white copy paper
- Disposable latex gloves
- Garbage bags (55, 33, or 13 gallon)
- Foam plates (large and small)
- Foam bowls
- Foam cups
- Plastic utensils (no knives)
- Baby diapers
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- PACE bus passes
- Backpacks for adults and children
- Gift certificates for local food stores
- Gift Cards to Wal-mart, Target, K-mart or Kohls.

If your group or organization would like to do a holiday drive for us, Please contact Lynn 847-689-4357 ext. 121 first to see what we are most in need of.

Your generosity is overwhelming. Thank you for thinking of PADS. We could not do it without you.