

PADS OF ELGIN
 THE JOURNEY TOWARDS
 HOME



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TRICK OR TREAT FOR PADS

It is officially autumn here at the PADS shelter, and as temperatures and leaves start to fall, the number of guests in our shelter begin to rise. Trick or Treat for PADS is our yearly initiative during the month of October designed to collect the most desperately needed items for running our shelter. Back this year is our convenient "Clip & Carry Shopping List" to make it easy for those who wish to donate to shop for the most needed items.

Items can be donated by either dropping them off directly at the PADS office at 1730 Berkley St. or at many local churches (For a list of churches please

call PADS office.)

Another way to participate in the needs drive is by shopping at the Elgin Wal-Mart on Randall Road, on Saturday, October 23rd from 12:00pm-4:00pm. That day PADS volunteers and realtors from Baird & Warner's North Randall Office will be handing needs lists out to shoppers wishing to pick up a few treats for PADS while they do their shopping.

Thank you so much to everyone who helps to support PADS each year through the Trick or Treat drive! With your help we know we can kick off our 21st shelter season right!

Clip & Carry Shopping List:

- Liquid & Powder Laundry Soap**
- Foam Bowls & Paper Plates**
- Peanut Butter, Jam or Jelly**
- Napkins and Toilet Paper**
- Sugarless Kool-Aid Packets and Bulk Sugar**
- Plastic Forks and Spoons**
- Trash Bags (13 and 39 gal)**
- Sleep Pants (L, XL, XXL)**
- Sweat Pants (L, XL, XXL)**
- Sweat Shirts (3XL, 4XL, & 5XL)**
- Men's Work Boots (10-12 1/2)**
- Gift Cards in Small Denominations (Meijer, Walmart, Target)**

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BIG SMILES FOR DENTAL DAY!

This fall everyone at PADS will smile a bit brighter, thanks to a special dental day donated by local dentist office, David Rice, DDS.

Dr. Rice's office will be doing extractions and cleanings for guests of the PADS shelter.

"Getting this kind of medical attention for our guests is fabulous," says case manger Rachael Johnson. When left untreated, relatively minor afflictions can turn into major dental problems, so to be able to have this preventative care is wonderful. This is

especially true for those who wouldn't usually have access to something as basic as dental care because they don't have insurance."

Thank you so much to David Rice, DDS for their generosity. Today we raise our toothbrushes to you!



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Recently, social services have been bombarded with complaints such as “Why should I be expected to help **THOSE** people? What are they doing to help themselves? Let them work like everyone else.” These unfair comments from uncaring individuals often cause already unhealthy, laid off, and depressed individuals to see even less value in themselves and loss of self worth is the cause of numerous mental and physical problems among our shelter guests. Therefore, it was a pleasure to see how willingly a large number of our guests volunteered and skillfully helped with many of our spring and

summer fundraising projects.

PADS of Elgin participated in 6 different efforts to raise funds for our emergency shelter operation over the past few months. Each required different skills and responsibilities. With the large number of new shelter guests that arrived over the summer, we were honestly unsure of the value and quantity of the new potential labor force. However, we were pleased to experience the best outpouring of quality support ever experienced from our client base. Because of their participation, our summer fundraising efforts were

sufficient to maintain our program. Without their effort, things could have been difficult.

I honestly feel that once again the negative dissenters have been proven wrong. We have seen that “Homeless doesn’t have mean Hopeless” and that even in this impossible job market, our clients have proven that they have value to those who support them. We at PADS are both proud and grateful for the way that our client base has aided us this past summer and would like to commend them for their efforts.

-Dennis Hewitt,
Executive Director

A Toe Tappingly Terrific Time!



Save the date, Saturday January 29th 2011, for the Winter Harvest for the Homeless! Watch as 6 new couples take the stage to compete for your votes and to raise money for PADS. Join us on January 29th at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake for all the food, dancing, auctions and fun!

Summer Fun!



Lots of fun was had this summer by volunteers as we raised support for the PADS shelter. Here is a look back at a couple of our favorite events: The Ride for PADS and Day Out With Thomas the Train.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I would like more information on:

- ◇ Upcoming events
- ◇ Volunteering in the shelter
- ◇ Volunteering for special events or in the PADS office



I would like to donate to PADS of Elgin to help fight homelessness in my community, please accept my gift of:

___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$75 ___\$100 ___\$200 ___Other

Please make all checks payable to PADS of Elgin

Please fill out this form and return to:

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You're happiest while you're making the
greatest contribution.

-Robert F. Kennedy

PADS of Elgin, Inc. is committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness by addressing the needs of the local homeless population. PADS provides temporary overnight shelter and counseling services to individuals in need.

PADS has been the catalyst in fostering community and social service agency partnerships that effectively and efficiently provide coordinated services in support of short-term as well as longer-term customized care targeting client growth, development, and self sufficiency.

GET INVOLVED WITH PADS OF ELGIN

There are many different ways to volunteer with PADS.

Individuals are needed to help at shelter sites. Volunteers check in the guests, distribute blankets and sleeping pads, and assist serving coffee and snacks.

Volunteers are also encouraged to assist with organizing and operating fundraisers and special events. PADS operates several such events a year, including The Illinois Railway Museum's Thomas The Tank Engine Event, and The Winter Harvest Dinner

Dance and Auction.

Finally, PADS accepts donations of food supplies and personal items. These items are distributed to our guests to help fill basic needs. Some examples of required items are listed to the right. For details and sizes needed for clothing items please contact the PADS Office.

To Volunteer in any way please contact the PADS Office at 847-608-9744.

PADS Ongoing Needs

Toilet Paper
Creamer
Coffee
Peanut Butter
Jam or Jelly
Sugar (Packets or Bulk)
Sugar Substitute Packets
8oz Foam Coffee Cups
Plastic Spoons
Plastic Forks
Napkins
Foam Cereal Bowls

Luncheon Plates
Powder Laundry Soap
Kool Aide Packets
Large Plastic Garbage Bags
Disposable Razors
Travel Size Foot Powder*
Travel Size Kleenex*
Backpacks
Men's Work Boots
Men's Sneakers
Men's Hooded Sweatshirts
*Personal hygiene products in travel size only, please