



2023-2024

# ANNUAL REPORT

**Our Mission Statement:** To respectfully and compassionately empower persons and families who are in need of housing to become self-sustaining by providing shelter, needed services, and professional guidance.



# A Letter from the President of the Board



Dear Friends of PADS,

As President of the Board for PADS of Elgin, I am immensely proud of our accomplishments over the past year. Our team brings their years of experience to PADS. They are willing to collaborate and learn from each other for the betterment of our guests. Their strengths help to shape our organization while learning from each other in areas that may not be their strengths. I would like to highlight some of our team's accomplishments from the past year.

- Reworked our mission statement to more clearly articulate our organization's goals and objectives.
- 100% board engagement at PADS of Elgin functions.
- 90% board attendance at monthly Board meetings.
- Reestablished relationships with 25 community partners.
- Completely overhauled website and branding.
- Changed the community's perception of PADS of Elgin.
- Implemented a brand-new donor database.
- Increased bilingual team (receptionist, shelter care coordinator, and case manager).
- Increased the number of fundraising events and outreach efforts.

As always, the generous support of everyone has made a profound difference in the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. In the last fiscal year, we have seen a 50% increase in the number of guests served and a 500% increase in the number of outreach services. I am incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, employees, and partners. Your compassion and generosity fuel our mission to provide hope and opportunity for those experiencing homelessness.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to creating a future where homelessness is rare and brief. Your continued support is essential to achieving this goal. We invite you to learn more about our work and consider making a donation at [www.padsfelgin.org/donate](http://www.padsfelgin.org/donate).

Together, we can create a community where everyone has a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Kroiss".

Steven Kroiss  
President, Board of Directors  
PADS of Elgin



# Our Impact

\*Signifies a year-over-year increase



**16,425**

nights of shelter

\*50% increase



**49,275**

meals served

\*50% increase

**1,059**

outreach meals served

\*not previously tracked

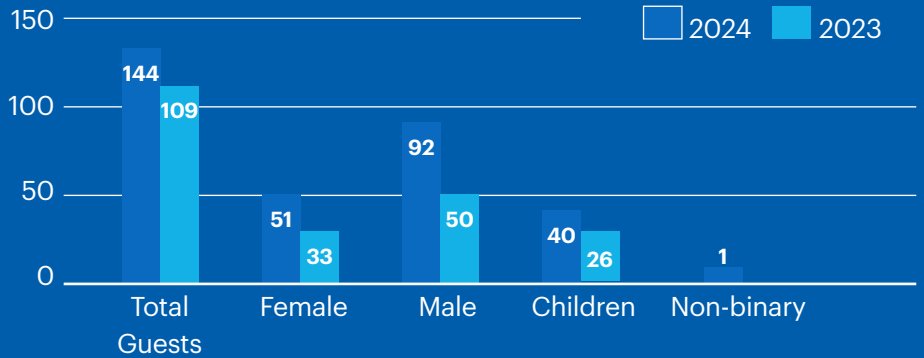


**59%**

successfully housed

\*no increase

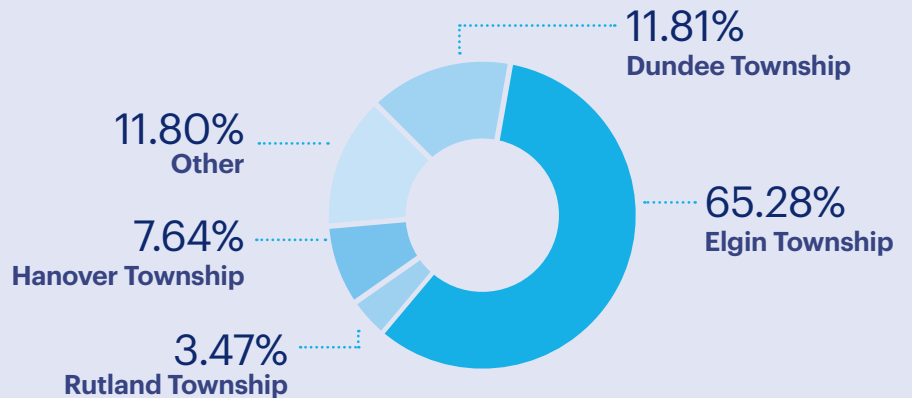
# 144 Total Guests



We served **22 survivors of domestic violence.**

175% increase\*

## Townships



**427** volunteers donated **913.75** hours  
total dollar value = **\$30,153.75**

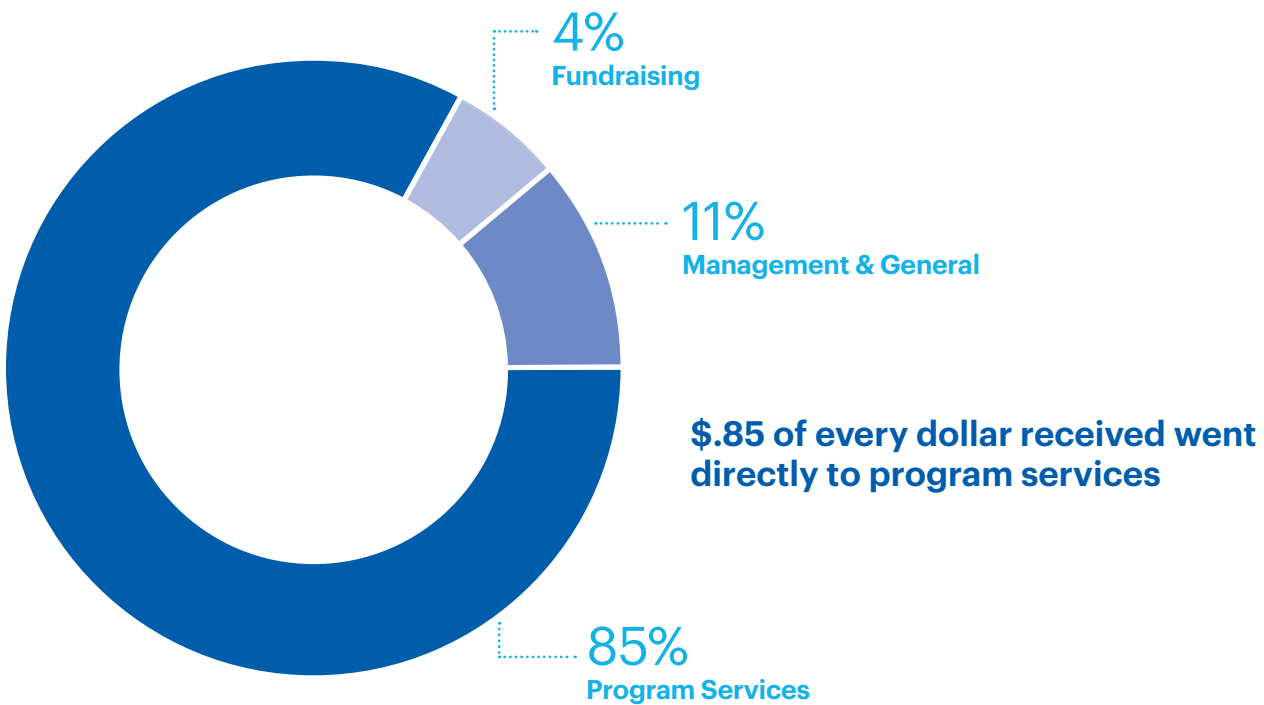
# Financial Activity

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

## PADS OF ELGIN

Grants .....	\$608,395
Contributions .....	\$196,136
Fundraising .....	\$84,513
In-Kind Contributions.....	\$108,188
Interest and Other Income .....	\$42,969
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Public Support .....</b>	<b>\$1,040,201</b>
Net Assets Beginning of Year .....	\$888,607
Net Assets End of Year .....	\$399,406
<b>Change in Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$(489,201)</b>

## HOW YOUR GIFTS WERE SPENT IN 2023-2024



## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS, ADVOCATES, PARTNERS, AND SPONSORS

### 2023 Par Tee Fore PADS Sponsors

79 Ratio  
Elgin State Bank  
Elgin Association of Firefighters IAFF 439  
Huddl Design  
James Harvey Photography  
Kane County Sheriff's Office  
Lamp, Incorporated  
Par Logistics  
State Farm, John Sutton  
Team Concept Printing  
The Arista Group  
WeatherGuard Roofing  
West Ridge Community Church



### 2023 Hops for Homes-Oktoberfest Sponsors

Brother 2 Brother	Huddl Design	RG Asphalt & Concrete
Early, Tousey, Wlodek, Wong & Early, LLP	James Harvey Photography	West Ridge Community Church
	Pastries with a Purpose	

### 2024 Stars Dance Winter Harvest Sponsors

#### Gold

Ascension St. Joseph  
Elgin State Bank  
IHC Construction

#### Silver

Advocate Sherman Hospital  
IHC Construction

#### Bronze

79 Ratio  
AID Elgin  
Bear Family Restaurants  
Elgin Lions Club  
Elgin United Civic Association  
Elks Lodge #737  
Middleby Corporation  
Representative Anna Moeller

#### Other

James Harvey Photography  
Pastries with a Purpose



## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS, ADVOCATES, PARTNERS, AND SPONSORS

### 2024 Home Run 5K Sponsors

Ambassador DJ  
Beaver Mulch  
Corporate America Family Credit Union  
Shared Harvest  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Vee's Music



146 people participated in the first-ever Home Run 5K.

### 2024 Barrels of Hope Sponsors

79 Ratio  
Huddl Design  
James Harvey Photography  
Lauderdale Electric  
Pastries with a Purpose



Volunteers Donna & Brad at Barrels of Hope



Huddl Design Team with the Huddl House at Barrels of Hope.

### New Annual Partner Program

We started a new sponsorship program this year for organizations that wish to sponsor three or more events throughout the year. We had three different companies participate this year and we look forward to adding more in the coming years. Each organization received a bespoke sponsorship plan to fit their donation goals and our event goals.



PADS Team accepting a donation from CAFUCU for an Annual Partnership.

## Meal Donors

PADS of Elgin provides dinner to its guests 365 days a year. We rely on the generous donations of individuals, organizations, and businesses throughout the community. We would like to thank the members of the community, who have provided meals throughout this fiscal year.

Aisha Kahn  
FCC West Dundee  
Fountain of Life Parish  
Ghazala Khanam  
Jen & Tom Keller  
Jeremy & Kat Romero  
Jim Hlavacek  
Journey of Hope  
JP Morgan Chase  
Katie Goodman  
Kay Sultana  
Knights of Columbus

Life Changers  
Love Foundation  
Love Revival  
Marian Oyerwande  
Midwest Sports Academy  
Our Savior United Methodist Church  
Pennies Feed Many (Arwa Baradawala)  
Ruthanne Bagwell  
Schaumburg Lions  
St. Paul United Church of Christ  
St. Thomas More

The DeRosa Family  
The Jabbar Family  
The Locascio Family  
The Patel Family  
TLC Church  
Virginia Gasber  
West Ridge Community Church  
West Ridge Community Church Men's Group

## Community Partners

PADS of Elgin has dedicated much of 2024 to reconnecting with our community partners. Our work relies on strong community connections, so the PADS of Elgin team has focused this year on updating our partners about our policies, programs, and procedures. We are grateful for our partnerships with the following organizations:

Advocate Sherman Hospital  
Carpentersville Police Department  
Centro de Información  
City of Elgin  
Community Crisis Center  
East Dundee Police Department  
Ecker Center for Behavioral Health  
Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce  
Elgin Community College  
Elgin Fire Department  
Elgin Police Department

Food for Greater Elgin  
Gail Borden Library  
Social Worker Team  
Golden Kiwanis  
Greater Family Health  
Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce  
South Elgin Police Department  
VNA Healthcare  
Well Child Center  
West Dundee Police Department



Elite Professional Career Institute Massage Therapists provide massages for guests and staff.

## Community Donation Drives on behalf of PADS of Elgin

PADS of Elgin depends on community generosity to maintain our warehouse and pantry year-round. Items not donated from our needs list must be purchased. We deeply appreciate the individuals, families, and groups that have organized donation drives for us. For our current needs list, visit [www.padsfelgin.org/donate/#current-needs](http://www.padsfelgin.org/donate/#current-needs).

- Blain's Farm & Fleet Elgin
- *For Prophet*
- CohnReznick, LLP
- MBC Aerosol Turkey Drive
- Seigle's (A Sims-Lohman Corporation)

## Community Events

Throughout the year, we strive to connect with individuals, families, and organizations to share the work we are doing at PADS of Elgin. In the last year, we have formed new connections and strengthened the partnerships we had already established.

- National Night Out events (Carpentersville and St. Charles).
- Second-annual Elgin PRIDE Parade.
- Hanover Township event "Just for the Health of It."
- Boo in the Park at Randall Oaks.
- Northern Kane County Chamber and Elgin Area Chamber Networking Events.
- The infamous Nightmare on Chicago Street.
- Red Carpet Premiere of the motion picture *For Prophet*.

## Charity Partnerships

We were the charity partners at the Red Carpet Premiere of the motion picture *For Prophet*. In addition to hosting an incredible donation drive at the premiere, the *For Prophet* team were tremendous advocates for the work we are doing at PADS of Elgin.



Blain's Farm & Fleet  
Donation Drive



Volunteers at Nightmare on  
Chicago Street



A guest receiving the  
keys to his new home



# Transforming PADS

PADS of Elgin has experienced significant transformations and improvements during this fiscal year. Here's how our commitment to enhancing the shelter's environment and operations has unfolded:

- **Commitment to Improvement:** We've partnered with a wonderful local handyman team to address various repairs throughout the shelter. Additionally, a former guest generously volunteered to paint the staff offices and conference room, further enhancing our shelter's appearance.
- **Respect and Dignity:** Our mission is to treat clients with the utmost dignity and offer hope during their toughest times. This core value drives all our efforts, ensuring our work always prioritizes respect for those we serve.
- **Aesthetic and Functional Enhancements:** We've made several practical changes to better use our space and promote interaction. We relocated our Shelter Care Coordinators to the front office to improve their service to guests and outreach clients, and we reconfigured the kitchen tables to encourage conversation and camaraderie among guests and staff. Our full-time staff offices have also been reorganized for greater efficiency.

- **Organizational Clean-Up:** Our Shelter Care Coordinators undertook the monumental task of reorganizing the clothing closet, warehouse, and pantry. We've also made considerable progress in purging and organizing files and items throughout the shelter.

- **Safety and Training:** We extend our gratitude to the Elgin Police Department for their Active Shooter Training, which has been crucial in ensuring the safety and preparedness of our team.

- **Rebranding Efforts:** This year, we've successfully rebranded the organization internally and externally, reflecting a comprehensive transformation that aligns with our mission and values. Our rebranding included a new logo, letterhead, brochures, and website.

- **Our Team is AWESOME!** The collective efforts of our staff have been instrumental in fostering a strong, supportive community environment. Their dedication and hard work have significantly enhanced both the physical environment of the shelter and its operational effectiveness.

These initiatives demonstrate our ongoing commitment to improving the shelter and ensuring that the needs of our clients remain at the forefront of our mission.

# Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is excited to announce the following changes to the Executive Board:

Steve Kroiss is the Board President and Cathy LeBlanc is Vice-President. Joanna Torres and Sue Welu are continuing their roles as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The following individuals served as general board members: Tia Agesen, Rita Corbett, Dan Fox, Dr. Doug Kramp, Beth Kruger, Debbie McGuire, Jennifer Sellers Wong, and Kristal Thompson. We welcomed Pastor Katie Shaw-Thompson as a general board member this year as well.



The PADS of Elgin Team is AWESOME!

# Donors & Grantors

## \$20,000+

Hanover Township Grant  
Grand Victoria Foundation  
Elgin Township  
Diamond Rigging Corporation

## \$10,000-\$19,999

Hoffer Foundation  
Huddl Design  
Corporate America Family  
Credit Union  
The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation

## \$5,000-\$9,999

St. Thomas More Church  
Johnson, Suzanne P.  
Berry, Kira  
Daeumer Foundation  
Meijer  
Nicor Gas Grant  
Robert A. Hoffer Jr. Charitable Fund

## \$2,500-\$4,999

Kaptain, David & Sandra  
Bagwell, Andy & Ruthanne  
Coulombe, D Eloise  
Locascio, Debbie  
Par Logistics  
Gorman Family Holdings, LLC  
Willrett, Richard & Joy  
Yoder Family Charitable Fund  
Life Changers International Church  
Chung, Samuel  
West Ridge Community Church

## \$1,500-\$2,499

Our Saviors United Methodist  
Church  
Simple Generosity - Target  
Warren, Julie

Farm & Fleet, Elgin  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
First Congregational Church  
Dundee  
PayPal Giving Fund  
Dundee Township Lion Clubs, Inc

## \$1,000-\$1,499

Gasber, Virginia A.  
Cohn Reznick Group  
Journey of Hope Church  
Fountain of Life Parish  
Bethlehem Luthern Church Women  
JPMorgan Chase  
United Methodist Church  
O'Neill, Monica  
Sugar & Rhyme Coffeehouse  
Sultana, Kay  
Barrington High School  
Unitarian Universal Church of Elgin  
Love Revival  
Donor Club of Elgin  
First United Methodist - Elgin  
The Blackbaud Giving Fund  
Ballard, Gerald  
Barrington United Methodist Church  
Blackwell, Royce & Mary  
Bradburn, John And Ruth  
Claussner Foundation  
Daly Family  
Davis, Michael A.  
First United Methodist Church  
West Dundee  
Frank's Concrete Company  
Grobe, Deborah Woodard  
Hoeft, Elizabeth  
Lill, Faith  
Quintenz, Adella  
Slater, James  
Waldau, Joe

## \$500-\$999

Jabbar Family  
TLC Church  
Pastries With A Purpose  
Chung, Robert  
Knights of Columbus  
The Benevity Community  
Impact Fund  
TT Entertainment/Tom Haley  
Starbucks-Elgin  
Bosely, David  
Smazik, David & Ann  
Midwest Sports Academy  
Fox, Dan & Karen  
Koester, Lowell & Deborah  
Nier, Beth  
Seigle's (A Sims-Lohman  
Corporation)  
Elgin Moose Lodge  
Five Below  
Gaines, Frank  
Richter, Norman & Regina  
Charities Aid Foundation  
Lopez, Salvador & Sally  
Patel Family  
West Ridge Community Church Men  
Elgin Public House  
Hernandez, Alejandra  
Schaumburg-Hoffman Lion's Club  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
West Dundee  
St. Hugh of Lincoln  
Episcopal Church  
Nauman, Keeley  
Adams, Christopher  
Albright, Cynthia  
Buck, Heather  
Catron, Jean & Hal  
Chicago Rising Stars  
Desantis Foundation

Elgin Golferettes  
Elgin Lions Club  
Gamboa, Cynthia  
Green, Tyler  
Harlos, Mary  
Highland Ave. Church  
of the Brethren  
Kuechler, Christina  
Lauderdale, William & Roxanna  
Maciejewski, Diane  
Mink, Steve  
Odd Fellows Elgin Lodge 12  
Rice, Mable  
Schmidt, Don & Barb  
United Methodist Women  
Waldau, Brian  
Wallace Academy  
Weatherguard Roofing Company

#### **\$250-\$499**

Elgin Chapter No. 610 Women  
of the Moose  
Sunshine's Cupcakery  
Cook, Ann Elizabeth  
Scherschel, Steven M.  
Dec, Michelle  
Wahl, Theresa  
Keller, Jen  
Starbucks-Hanover Park  
Schneider, Carrie  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #57  
Pokorny, Denise  
HD Plumbing  
Ambassador DJs  
Larkin High School  
South Elgin Police Dept  
Desai Family  
Lion's Club  
Welu, Suzanne  
Romero, Jeremy & Kat  
Adams, Reverend Roshawn  
Cassata, Craig

Flaks, Mary Ellen  
Flender Employees  
Golden "K" Kiwanis Club  
Latimer, Bonnie  
McGuire, Tom & Deborah  
Silberfine Chiropractic Center Inc  
The Learning Tree, Inc.  
Chinmaya Mission Chicago  
Khan, Rohail & Aisha  
Elgin United Civic Association  
Team Concept  
May, Jen  
Oyewande, Marian  
McKay, Michael & Kelly  
Aevo Technology  
Ahlman, Ronald  
Brother 2 Brother  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Funk, Patrick & JoAnn  
Girl Scout Troop #556  
Lacy, Sheri  
Marks, David  
Peterson, Terry & Susan  
Powell, Tom & Lorri  
Rauschenberger Partners, LLC  
Sahna Corporation  
Swetz, Thomas  
Target

#### **\$100-\$249**

Volkening, Dale  
Elgin Elks Lodge #737  
Trumbower, Cathy  
HSA  
Atlas Chicken Shack LLC  
St. Peter Lutheran Church & School  
Slinka, Susan  
Fast Signs of Carpentersville  
Candy Quest  
Anderson, Jane  
Becker, Kurt C.  
Corbett, James & Rita

Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund  
Frick, Sharlene  
Hearts for Hope  
Kuecker, Karolynn  
Montgomery, Michael  
Nowinski, Richard & Lynn  
Portillo, Emily  
Riley, Mike  
Slepski, Jonathon  
Urbanski Reporting  
Flores, Nancy  
Symonds-Madison Funeral Home  
Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc.  
Islamic Mission & Mosque  
Muffett, Heather  
Coffee Haus  
Advocate Sherman Hospital  
Dewey, Marjorie  
Girl Scouts of N IL Troop #625  
Hlavacek, James & Susan  
Living, Melody  
Mahoney, Tara  
Parrington, Jennifer  
St. Laurence Church  
Vega, Missael  
Wong, Michael & Jennifer

**Thank you to all the donors who  
have asked to remain anonymous.**

# Connect with Us

Scan below or visit [www.padsfelgin.org](http://www.padsfelgin.org) for more information.



## Shelter Hours

Open 24 Hours/7 Days a Week



## Outreach Hours

Daily 7:00 am to 9:30 pm

1730 Berkley Street  
Elgin, IL 60123  
Phone: 847-608-9744  
Fax: 847-608-9746

[info@padsfelgin.org](mailto:info@padsfelgin.org)  
[www.padsfelgin.org](http://www.padsfelgin.org)

## Editors Note

PADS of Elgin wishes to thank the many friends, volunteers and donors who have graciously given their time and support during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Because we truly value and appreciate your support, every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this report. If we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, please accept our sincere apologies and contact us with the correct information at: 847-608-9744.

