



The Way Home Newsletter

To respectfully and compassionately empower persons and families in need of housing to become self-sustaining by providing shelter, needed services, and professional guidance.

How much do you know about PADS of Elgin?

During a recent meeting, we realized there might still be some misinformation about our organization and we wondered if you, our most dedicated community members, could help us spread the word.



All PADS organizations are the same.



PADS of Elgin kicks guests out after eight weeks.



PADS of Elgin only helps their clients who are staying in the shelter.



PADS of Elgin doesn't use volunteers.



No one at PADS of Elgin has a job.



PADS is an acronym (**P**ublic **A**ction to **D**eliver **S**helter) and the different organizations are not affiliated with each other.

Our goal is for guests to be in our program for **90-120 days**, but as long as they are meeting case management goals, they will continue to receive services.

Outreach services (food, clothing, & hygiene products) are offered **daily from 7:00 AM - 9:30 PM**.

PADS of Elgin **utilizes a variety of volunteers** for all meal donations, various shelter projects, and events throughout the year.

65-70% of guests of working age have at least one job.

Do you have a question about PADS of Elgin?

Are you interested in setting up a meeting to get more information?

Are you part of a group or an organization that would be interested in helping PADS of Elgin serve our community?

Contact our Office Manager at



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Thank you for joining us for



**Not Your Typical Golf Outing*

Annual Partner and Title Sponsor
HUDDL DESIGN

What an incredible day we had at our golf outing on Friday, June 6th! **THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to support PADS of Elgin and a **HUGE** thank you to our Title Partners at **HUDDL DESIGN** and everyone over at **Whisper Creek Golf Club** for everything you did to make the day so unforgettable. We're already looking forward to next year! We're already looking forward to next year! Thank you to our Photography Sponsor, **James Harvey Photography** for all of these wonderful photos, and to all of our sponsors who made the event possible. We couldn't do this work without you!





Eagle Scout Joey Valus contacted us in August to organize a donation drive, and WOW - the community response was incredible! \$2,879 worth of toilet paper, paper towels, K-cups, coffee creamer, paper plates, paper bowls, napkins, soap, kleenex, tuna, ramen, etc. donations later, we're reminded of how generous our neighbors truly are. We never could have imagined such an incredible outpouring of support. Thank you, thank you, thank you Joey and every single person who contributed!



On Monday, we celebrated another one of our guests* finding sustainable housing and moving into their new home!

**Pictures of our guests are only shared with their explicit written permission.*



Can you help?

We're facing an unexpected \$20,400 funding gap due to recent Emergency Food and Shelter grant cuts. This shortfall directly impacts our ability to provide shelter, food, and essential services to our unhoused neighbors in the Elgin area. Every single day, families and individuals in our community depend on PADS for:

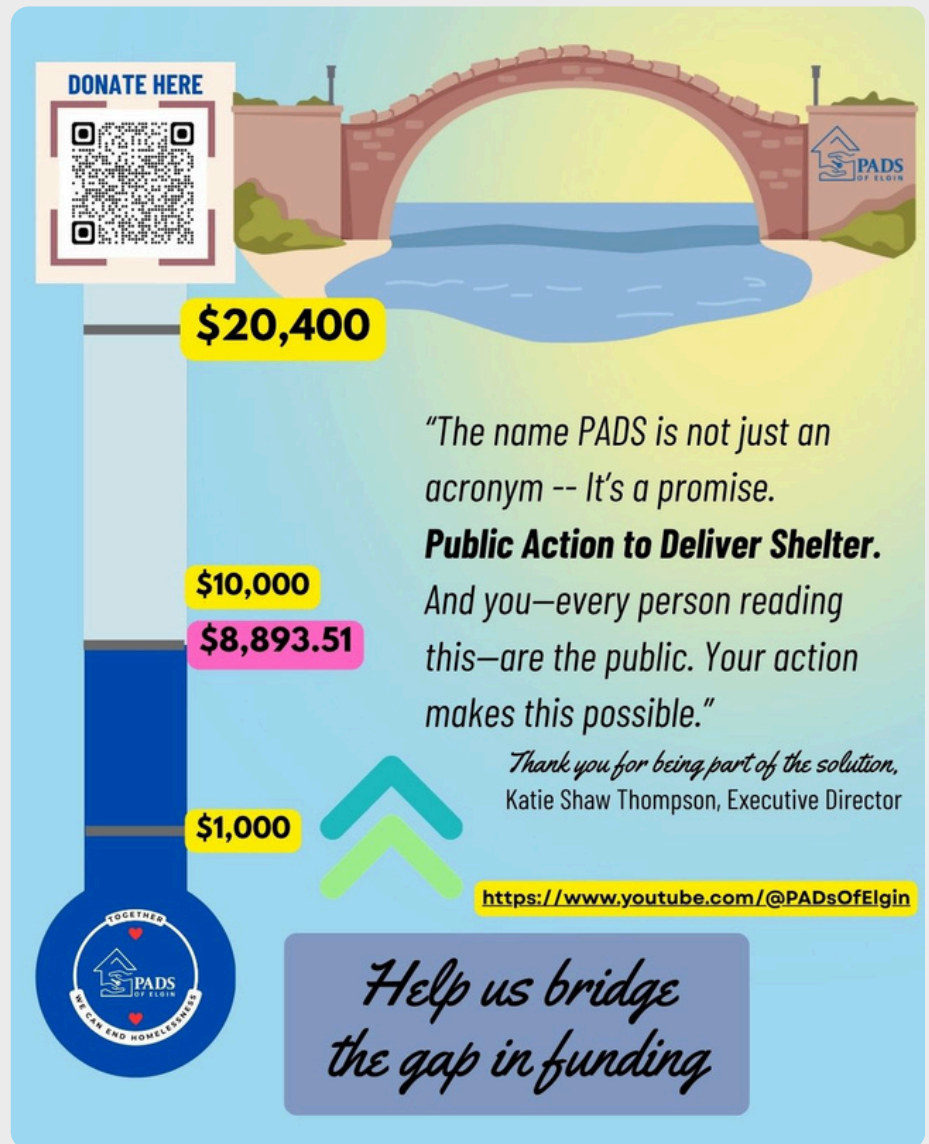
- Safe shelter
- Nutritious meals
- Supportive services
- A path toward stability

Your community needs you now more than ever. Together, we can ensure no one in our community goes without shelter or food. Because everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

To donate,



Want more information? Check out our video with PADS of Elgin Executive Director, Katie Shaw Thompson, and PADS of Elgin Board Member, Kristal Thompson here:



WATCH VIDEO



Coming soon!



Click here

for tickets!



Sponsorship opportunities available!
Click the link above for more information!



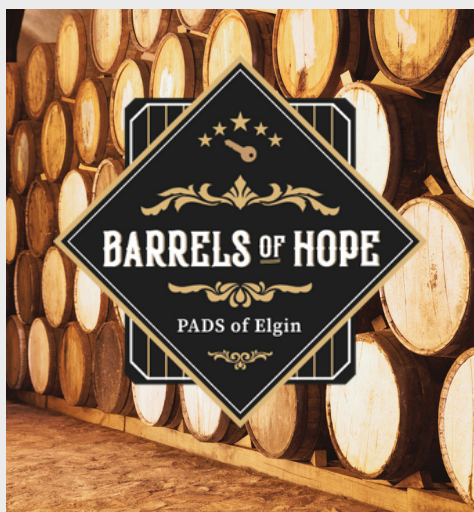
Hops for Homes Oktoberfest

Thursday, September 18
Plank Road Tap Room, Elgin
Sample 20+ different local craft
brews & enjoy German finger foods.



Please join us for our third annual Hops for Homes Oktoberfest on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 6–9 PM at [Plank Road Tap Room](#) in Elgin.

Come enjoy 20+ craft brew samples from a variety of different local microbreweries as well as delicious German food. There will also be opportunities for raffle prizes and much more!



Tuesday, November 11th
*Sample 12–15 different
Bourbons from a variety
of distributors*



Please join us for our second-annual Barrels of Hope Bourbon Tasting on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 from 6–9 PM at [The Distance Social](#) in East Dundee.

Enjoy 12–15 unique bourbon selections as well as delicious heavy appetizers. Raffle prizes will also be available.