



# Stories of Impact: Investing in Relationships That Move People Forward

# Dear PADS of Elgin Family,

Over the past several weeks, we've shared a series of stories that reflect the heart of our work at PADS of Elgin. Each one offers a glimpse into what it truly means to invest in relationships—and how those relationships help people move from uncertainty toward stability, dignity, and home.

Together, these stories remind us that shelter is more than a bed. It's trust built over time. It's community showing up. It's people walking beside one another through moments both ordinary and extraordinary.

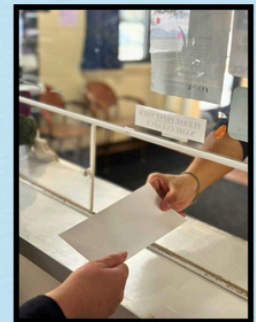
In case you missed any of them—or would like to revisit a story that resonated—we wanted to share the full collection with you. Click on any of the pictures below to be redirected to our website where you can read each story in their entirety:



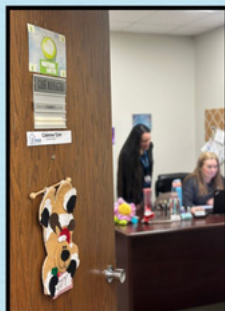
**From Shelter to Home:  
The Bonds That Last Beyond  
Our Doors**



**Tilting Towards Change:  
How the Bagwells Used Flip Back  
to Help Others Move Forward**



**The Man at the Window:  
A Story of Quiet Generosity**



**Investing in Relationships:  
The Work You Make Possible**



**From Concrete Steps to a  
Place Called Home:  
How Community Partnership  
Changed Thomas's Life**

Each story is different, but they all point to the same truth: transformation happens through relationships—between guests and staff, donors and neighbors, partners and community members like you.

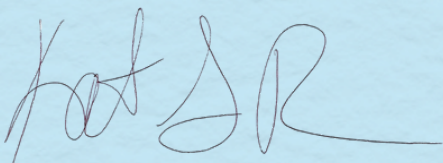
As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to consider making a gift to PADS of Elgin. If you've already given, thank you—your generosity is already at work in these stories. If you're still considering a year-end contribution, your support helps sustain the relationships at the core of this work—ensuring our doors remain open, our staff remain present, and our guests are supported as they work toward a place to call home.

Give before December 31 → [www.padsfelgin.org/donate](http://www.padsfelgin.org/donate)

Thank you for being part of these stories and for believing in the power of connection. Your support—at any level—continues to make transformation possible.

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Happy Holidays,



**Katie Shaw Thompson, Executive Director**

P.S. Gifts made by December 31 are tax-deductible for this year and help ensure we can continue investing in the relationships that carry this work forward into the new year.

