

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.



2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Board of Directors

Executive Board: President, Steve Kroiss, Vice-President, Cathy LeBlanc, Secretary, Sue Welu

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A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

Fiscal Year 2025 marked a pivotal moment for PADS of Elgin.

As the year closed, the COVID-era federal funding that had supported emergency shelter and outreach efforts ended, without comparable replacement funding. At the same time, the need in our community did not diminish. More individuals and families remained unsheltered, and the complexity of their needs continued to grow.

In response, PADS made a necessary pivot toward our local community.

Throughout FY25, individuals, donors, partners, and advocates stepped forward in generous and meaningful ways. This collective response affirmed something we have long known: this community understands the importance of meeting people with dignity, safety, and care, even when broader systems fall short.

The end of FY25 also brought significant staff transition. While change is never easy, this period ultimately strengthened the organization. New leadership and refined roles contributed to improved outcomes for shelter guests, clearer operational accountability, and more consistent service delivery. At the same time, we strengthened bookkeeping and financial oversight, improving our ability to plan responsibly and steward public and private funds.

This work is carried out daily by staff who answer difficult calls, navigate complex situations, and uphold standards of safety and compassion under real pressure. Their professionalism is the foundation of everything we do.

FY25 reminded us that emergency services cannot rely on temporary solutions. They require durable systems, transparent stewardship, and a community willing to show up when higher-level support disappears.

Because of you, PADS remains a place of stability where people are met as human beings first, and where the path from crisis to possibility remains open.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Shaw Thompson'.

Katie Shaw Thompson
Executive Director, PADS of Elgin

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We were thrilled to welcome Katie to the team in 2025. We have appreciated her ability to strengthen partnerships and improve our internal systems. We look forward to enhanced organizational health in 2026.
– Board President, Steve Kroiss

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OUR IMPACT



137

guests sheltered
including **21** children



12,397

nights of shelter



37,190

meals served



38

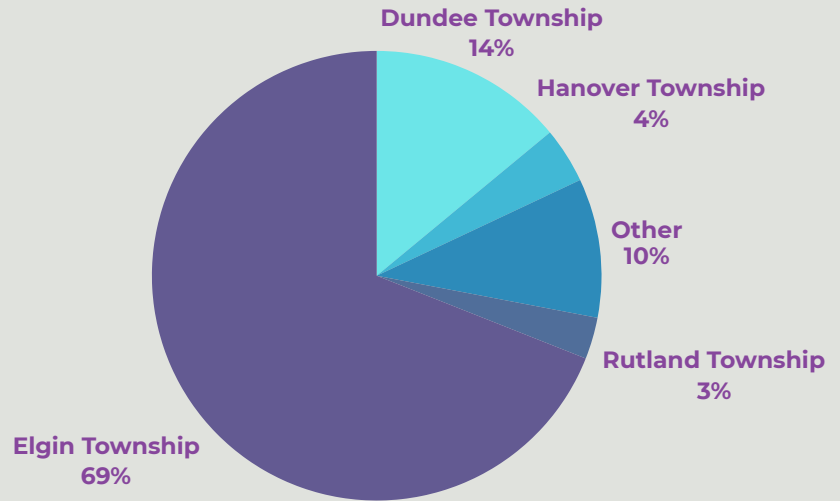
guests housed



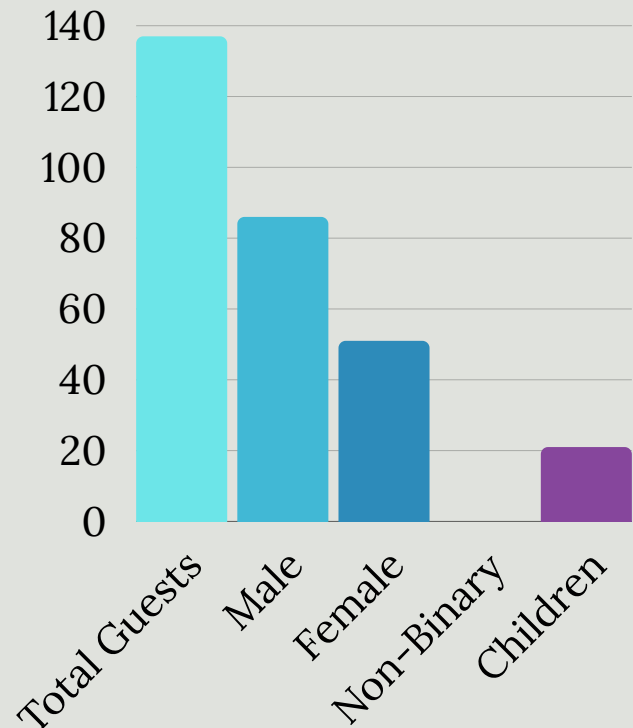
3,205

outreach meals
served

OUR SERVICE AREA



OUR DEMOGRAPHICS



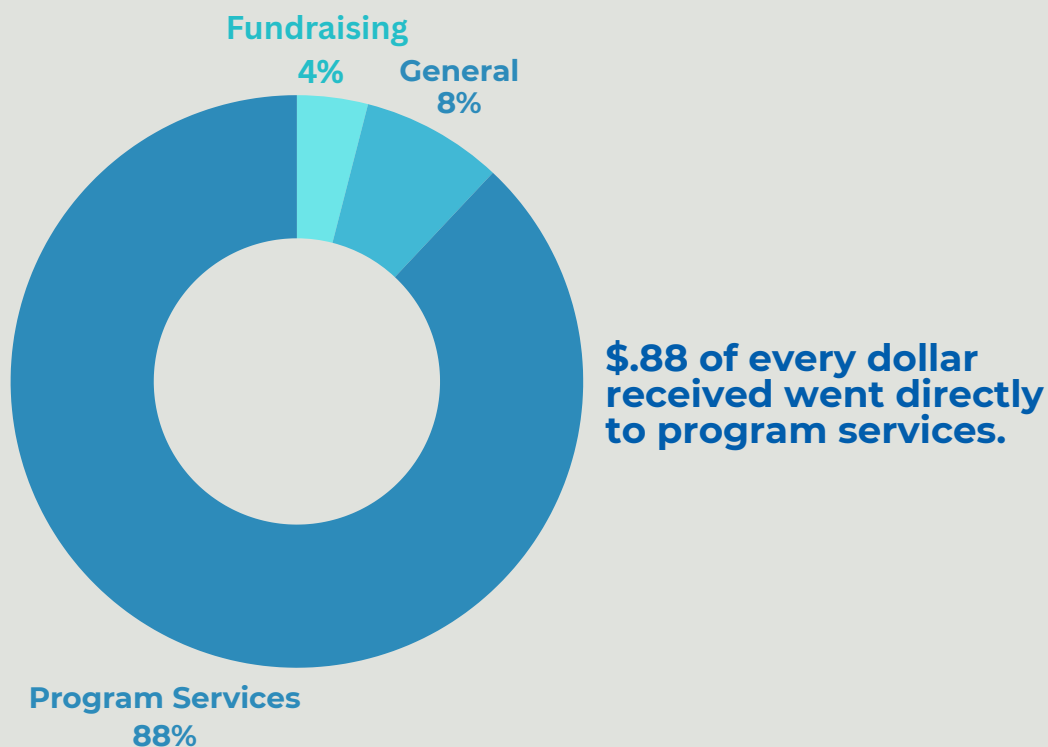
537 volunteers donated **1130.75** hours for a total dollar value of **\$37,868.82**.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

PADS of Elgin

Grants	\$1,025,507
Contributions	\$301,353
Fundraising	\$139,672
In-Kind Contributions	\$125,652
Interest and Other Income	\$5,519
Total Revenue & Public Support	\$1,597,703
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$399,406
Net Assets End of Year	\$321,686
Change in Net Assets	\$(77,720)



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

In FY2025, events were a core part of our fundraising efforts, bringing together our community to celebrate our mission and impact. These events would not have been as successful without the generous support of our incredible sponsors, whose partnership made it possible to continue our mission. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to our work.

2024 Par Tee Fore PADS Sponsors

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Bear Family Restaurants

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2024 Hops for Homes Oktoberfest Sponsors

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Jennifer Sellers Wong & Meghan Early Attorneys at Law

Main Event

Pastries with a Purpose



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2025 Stars Dance Winter Harvest Sponsors

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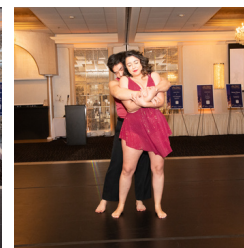
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Pastries With A Purpose

Solarium Dance Company

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2025 Home Run 5K Sponsors

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Whisper Creek Golf Club
Talatrans Worldwide



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ANNUAL PARTNER PROGRAM

In 2024, we started a new sponsorship program for organizations that wish to sponsor three or more events throughout the year with a \$1,500 minimum commitment. This program expanded in 2025 to include four companies. Each organization received a custom sponsorship plan to fit their donation goals and our event goals.

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THANK YOU TO OUR MONTHLY 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. If you are interested in becoming a monthly meal donor, please email Angie DeLeon at adeleon@padsofelgin.org.

Andy & Ruthanne Bagwell • Aquila Jabbar & Family • Cross Kicks Fitness • Debbie Locasio • Donna Lake • Dotty Carringi • Elgin Moose • First Congregational Church-Dundee • Fountain of Life Parish • Journey of Hope • JP Morgan Chase • Kat & Jeremy Romero • Kay Sultana • Knights of Columbus • Lasagna Love • Life Changers • Love Revival • Marian Oyewande • Monica O'Neill • Our Savior United Methodist Church • Pillars of Hope • St. Paul's United Church of Christ • St. Thomas More • Susan Patel & Family • Testament of Love Church • Virginia Gasber • West Ridge Community Church - Men's Group • West Ridge Community Church - Women's Group

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We cannot do the work we do without the incredible support of our community partners. Thank you to the organizations who continue to support the work we do.

Good Works Results LLC • Representative Anna Moeller • Ascencion Center for Mental Health • Association for Individual Development • Bartlett Police • Centro De Información • Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County • Karina Nava (City of Elgin) • Community Crisis Center • Corinne Pierog (Kane County Board) • David Esposito (IDHS) • Dist. 300 McKinney Vento Department • Dundee Township • East Dundee Police • Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley • Ecker Center for Behavioral Health • Elgin Community College (CRSS) • Elgin Human Services Council • Elgin Mental Health Center • Elgin Police • Elgin Township Elite PCI • Fellowship Housing • Fish Food Pantry • Food for Greater Elgin • Fox River Valley Initiative • Good Shepard Prime Timers • Greater Family Health • Hanover Park Police • Hanover Township • Hanover Township Youth & Family Services • ISC Housing Navigator • Julia the Comfort Dog • Kane County Sheriff's Office • Kane County Collaborative • Kane County Mental Health Board • Kenneth Young Center • Maryville Academy • Mayor Kaptain (City of Elgin) • Jenna Hencin (City of Elgin) • Northwest CASA • One Collective • Pingree Grove Police • Project Access U-46 • Senior Services • Streamwood Police • Representative Suzanne Ness • Tricoci University of Beauty Culture Elgin • West Dundee Police • Willow Creek Care Center • Happy Cleaning Services • 77 Property Services, Inc.



A visit from Representative Suzanne Ness and her team



A visit from Elgin City Councilman Corey Dixon



A visit from David Esposito of IDHS

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 organizations that have organized donation drives for us. If you are interested in hosting a donation drive, please send an email to info@padsofelgin.org.

- High Haven Dispensary
- Encore Cares
- Eagle Scout, Joey Valus
- Sims-Lohman
- Cups Bra Drive
- St. Paul's United Church of Christ
- Ronda Feller's 75th Birthday Celebration
- Larkin High School National Honor Society
- Paul's Restaurant
- Ortho Illinois
- Plante Moran
- First United Methodist Church-Elgin
- Blaine's Farm & Fleet Elgin
- Judson Bike Shop

Charity Partnerships

We were the charity partner for various organizations over the past year. We are incredibly grateful for the support of these generous organizations.

- Windy City Cannabis
- Elgin Sing Along Messiah
- Danny's Pizza-No Cook Night
- Lords Park Elementary School Penny Drive
- Target Circle
- Enterrium Flip Back Charity Pinball Tournament
- Phil Collins Experience
- Gnomes For Homes
- Nightmare on Chicago Street
- Chicago Steel Hockey
- Chicago Rising Stars Musical Event



Eagle Scout, Joey Valus and his fellow Scouts dropping off his donation of pantry items. The items donated totaled \$2,879.84!

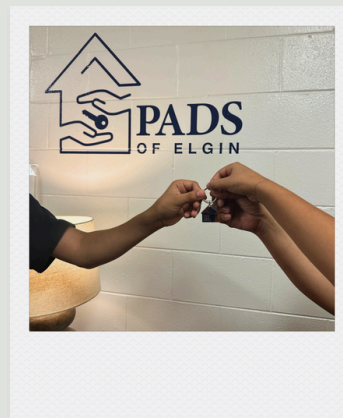


Donation Drive from Judson Bike Shop



Andy & Ruthanne Bagwell at the Flip Back Charity Pinball Tournament

SHELTER PROGRAM & HOUSING SUCCESSES



The Shelter Program operates 365 days and nights, providing 24/7 safety and security to men, women, and children. In a single congregate facility, separate sleeping quarters are designated for men, women, and families equipped with mattresses and fresh linens. Guests have access to showers and laundry facilities, clothing and hygiene products, as well as three daily meals. In addition to overnight and day shelter, PADS provides case management service to individuals and families. Case managers work with each guest to create an action plan that addresses their individual needs. Case managers work with guests to connect them with necessary services such as money management and financial literacy, life skills, counseling, housing referrals, mental health assessments, substance abuse support, advocacy, employment, and educational opportunities.

Throughout the year, PADS of Elgin takes pride in celebrating one of our most meaningful milestones: when our guests secure sustainable housing. These moments represent the culmination of hard work, perseverance, and collaborative support between our guests and staff. To honor these achievements, we present each guest with a commemorative keychain as a tangible reminder of their strength and progress, capture photos to mark this pivotal moment in their journey, and send them forward with our heartfelt wishes for continued success. These celebrations embody the hope and transformation that lie at the heart of our mission, as we witness individuals transition from temporary shelter to the stability and dignity of their own homes.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF BOARD MEMBERS



The Board of Directors would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Dan Fox** for his 15 years of service. Dan was best known for his exceptional coordination of the Stars Dance Winter Harvest competition. We also want to give special recognition to **Beth Krueger** for her 14 years of dedicated service as a vital member of the Executive Board. Dan and Beth, thank you both for your unwavering commitment to our mission.

THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS

PADS of Elgin is incredibly grateful for the support of the grantors and foundations who have contributed generously to our mission over the last fiscal year.

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EVENTS



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Open 24/7 daily



Outreach Hours

Daily 7:00 AM - 9:30 PM

All members of our community are eligible to drop in for a meal, clothing, and/or hygiene products.

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Editor's Note

PADS of Elgin wishes to thank the many friends, volunteers, and donors who have graciously given their time and support during the 2024-2025 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.

