



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.



**JULY/AUGUST
2026**

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EVENTS**

39 New Beginnings: Celebrating the Impact of FY2026

From July 2025 through June 2026, PADS of Elgin remained open around the clock, providing shelter, meals, practical assistance, and housing-focused support to neighbors experiencing homelessness. These numbers represent much more than services delivered.

They reflect thousands of moments when someone found a safe place to sleep, received a warm meal, met with a case manager, replaced a missing identification document,

attended an apartment viewing, or took another step toward stability.

**2026
impact**

106
guests sheltered
including children



11,393
nights of
shelter



40,000
meals
served



39
guests
housed



3,129
outreach
visits

That progress was possible because of determined guests, dedicated staff, generous volunteers, collaborative community partners, and supporters who believe everyone deserves safety, dignity, and a place to call home.

The Best Kind of Goodbye

One of the most meaningful moments at PADS is saying goodbye to a guest because they are moving into a home of their own.

Recently, several PADS guests reached that milestone. Each journey was different, but every move represented perseverance, individualized case management, community partnership, and hope.

Moving into housing is not the end of a story. It is the beginning of a new chapter—and we are honored to celebrate alongside our guests as they open the door to what comes next.



Please join us in saying congratulations to all of our recently housed guests!



All photos and stories are shared with permission.

Small Change. Big Impact.

PADS of Elgin is now verified on RoundUp.org.



Supporters can automatically round their everyday purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the difference to PADS. Those small amounts combine into dependable monthly support for shelter, meals, outreach, and housing-focused services.

For a limited time, RoundUp.org will also donate an additional \$25 for every qualifying new donor who supports PADS and remains active for three consecutive donations.

Search for P A D S on RoundUp.org to get started.



This is Community in Action

Earlier this month, we welcomed neighbors, community partners, local law enforcement, friends – and even a few four-legged visitors – to PADS of Elgin for our National Night Out Pre-Party.

It was an afternoon filled with food, games, conversation, laughter, resources, and opportunities to get to know one another.

But National Night Out gives our neighbors an opportunity to see PADS as more than a building or a shelter and learn more about the people we serve, the work happening here every day, and the many organizations and individuals working alongside us.

THANK YOU TO:

Catering Made Simple for providing hot dogs and hamburgers

Dairy Queen for providing ice cream

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for bringing fresh fruit, health education resources, and giveaways

John Sutton State Farm for providing yard games

Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling for keeping everyone refreshed

Nick's Pizza & Pub for lending us a very special moose-scot for the afternoon

And thank you to Elgin Police Department Community Engagement Specialist Christy Schmidt and all of the first responders, organizations, volunteers, neighbors, and friends who spent part of their day with us.

This is what community looks like.

It is businesses sharing what they have. It is organizations bringing resources outside their own walls. It is neighbors getting to know neighbors. And it is a community choosing, again and again, to show up for one another.

Thank you for showing up for PADS of Elgin and for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.



Raise a Glass. Help Someone Find Home.



Your \$50 ticket includes:

- Two half-liter Hofbräuhaus pours
- A curated charcuterie selection
- A classic pretzel
- Access to raffles, contests, and event activities



Most importantly, every ticket helps support the shelter, meals, basic necessities, transportation, case management, and housing-focused services PADS provides every day of the year.

Special Thanks to our Barrel Sponsor:



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

We are incredibly grateful to the businesses and community partners that have already committed to supporting Hops for Homes, including:



Their support helps more of what we raise go directly toward the mission of PADS of Elgin.

There's still time to get involved! We're welcoming additional event sponsors and raffle prize donations, including gift cards, tickets, dining experiences, activities, and other unique items.

Click below for more info, buy a ticket, become a sponsor, donate a raffle prize, or help spread the word — every bit of support helps.

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