

November, 2021



With Thanksgiving In Our Hearts



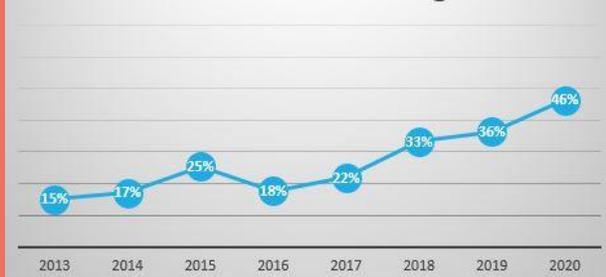
Despite challenges, IV PADS remains as committed as ever to our mission to provide shelter, food, and services to people in need.

We are holding fast to our core values and thank our local community for helping us to continue to serve.

Core Values

- Value human dignity and worth
- Serve with compassion and generosity
- Partner with communities for local resources
- Empower people to be self-sufficient

Percentage of Clients Entering With Mental Health Challenges



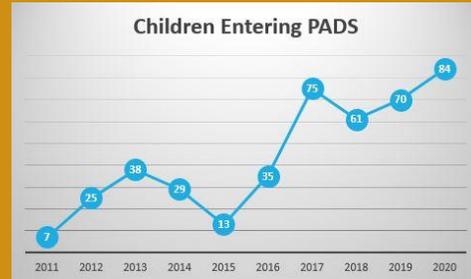
Mental Health Challenges Are On the Rise

IV PADS has successfully registered **173 clients** from August 15 - October 31, 2021 in our 30th season of serving the homeless.

Mental Health issues have escalated across the nation and the shelters have been no exception. Our data reflects that mental health concerns have increased in 2020 to 46% within our client group.



Families with children entering our Peru and Ottawa shelters is also on the rise. Did you know that IV PADS provides shelter, food, and case management services for every age client - newborns through seniors?



Since 2017 we have served on average 32,500 meals per season (the season is 9 months). Since the COVID-19 pandemic IV PADS has expanded its hours to 24-hours per day increasing the number of meals we provide.

November Marks National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

Nationally, the week is recognized November 13-21st, 2021. This is a great week to contact IV PADS or one of the local food pantries to find out how YOU or your group can make an impact in lessening the effects of hunger and homelessness in the community.

To make a financial impact, please consider making a donation on Giving Tuesday, November 30th. A safe, online donation can be at www.ivpads.com. Further questions can be directed to IV PADS Outreach Coordinator @ 815-224-3047.



Holiday Shopping at Lily Pads

Remember to visit our two Lily Pads Resale Boutiques in Ottawa & Peru for all your holiday shopping needs! Find unique and special gifts for each person on your list at resale prices. Every dollar spent in our boutiques goes directly back to IV PADS to continue to help us fulfill our mission.

**Ask at the counter on how you can be added to our text clubs! Be the first to find out all our upcoming SALES!*



Volunteers Needed at All IV PADS Locations

Even during such uncertain times IV PADS is greatly in need of volunteers. Just some of the ways that volunteers are utilized is through lunch and dinner preparation and serving, cleaning, sorting donations, and much more. Volunteers must be 18 years old. COVID-19 precautions are implemented and masks are strongly recommended.



We are so excited to see youth groups from within our communities participating as volunteers and raising awareness by participating in donation drives. Shout out to **Central Church of Christ in Streator** as their youth came out to prepare our Ottawa shelter for clients in August!



Thank you to **Somonauk Boy scout Troop 5** for participating in an outreach session in September to learn more about our Mission. It is always a pleasure to educate our future leaders. The troop is planning a Spring food drive. What a great way to pay it forward, Troop 5!!



Estate Planning Leaves a Legacy

Have you ever considered donating to IV PADS when discussing your estate planning?

Here are just a few reasons to think about estate planning:

- Ensuring your generosity will continue beyond your life time
- Potential Tax benefits achieved for your heirs
- Inspire others to follow in your footsteps
- Charitable Trusts, Stocks, Real Estate, Retirement Gifts

Please reach out to our Outreach office to discuss future donations. (815) 224-3047

From the Executive Director

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!! It is a wonderful season and I am thankful that we have made it through this pandemic. There are still some concerns. It is the season to look forward to family, friends and a new year that hopefully brings better times.

As we anticipated, the shelters are fuller than ever before. It has been busy with many homeless individuals we have never served before. Both shelters are almost full with lots of children in each. The poor economy, evictions and inflation will continue to result in this outcome for many.

We are thankful for the support we receive in volunteer hours, financial gifts, material and food items and prayers for our mission. All of these gifts of support make it possible for us to exist to help those in need. Many of our clients have already this year found employment and housing.

Enjoy your families. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas looking forward to a most Happy New Year in 2022. Thanks again.

Carol Alcorn

