

August, 2021



## IV PADS Entering 30th Season!

We successfully completed our 29th season at both shelters. It was a challenging season on many fronts, however kudos to our staff, volunteers and donors for continually supporting our clients with such compassion and dedication throughout the entire season.

We are so very blessed for all of our volunteers and donors that continued to support our mission during such an unusual climate in our country. Every client had a safe place to transition to before 9:00A.M. on the morning of May 31, 2021, the last day of our season.

### Stats from 8/15/2020-7/31/2021

IVPADS staff & volunteers served 32,956 meals in 10 months  
Clients stayed in a bed a total of 10,895 times during the season  
116 new jobs were obtained  
41 children were served this season  
38 new homes were found



- Covid-19 testing will be done on site weekly and as needed
- Health screening and Covid-19 testing screening done upon registration
- Social distancing as possible
- Cleaning protocols are in place
- Masks will be available for use



We are an Emergency Shelter providing services from Aug 15- May 31<sup>st</sup> and since COVID we have **now become a 24- hour shelter**. IVPADS will be opening its doors to overnight guests on **Aug 15, 2021 for our 30<sup>th</sup> Season!**

## In the summertime we don't just sit around



When summer approaches our shelters tackle our list of chores to wrap up the season, closing our files, deep cleaning, painting, repairing, organizing to better serve our clients for the upcoming season here at IV PADS. It takes a village. We may close but we continue to support those in need on a daily basis.

### This summer's focus:

- Building & Incorporating More Educational Programs & Activities
- Expanding & Organizing the Case Management Program
- Developing an Updated Resource Manual
- Reaching Out for Additional Community Support

## Celebrating Lily Pads

**Lily Pads Too Resale Boutique celebrated its 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday in July!**  
**Lily Pads Peru Resale Boutique celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday in August!!**  
**Voted #1 by Readers Choice as best Resale Boutiques 3 years running!!!**



As both the Peru and Ottawa shelters closed to regroup, repair, and prepare for our upcoming 30th season, our 2 Resale Boutiques kicked into high gear! Donations roll in from local sales and donors who are having seasonal clean outs. It's such an exciting and busy time for our staff and volunteers. Please remember to visit our Boutiques that provide an amazing shopping experience while supporting our mission of IV PADS.

With school just around the corner don't forget to check out our selection of back-to-school styles. We have a weekly 50% off color sale!!



To start our 30th season, we are always looking for great volunteers for all 4 locations - Peru PADS Shelter, Lily Pads Resale Boutique, Ottawa PADS Shelter, and Lily Pads Too Resale Boutique.

Our Ottawa shelter has a specific need - ongoing volunteers to prepare and or serve meals to support the season Aug 15<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>. Do you have a group of friends, family or church family that would be willing to help make a meal? You can even use items from our pantry or freezer.

It is so rewarding to help others knowing that your kindness will be a helping provide a hand up to another in need. We rise by lifting others!

**For questions or additional information please call either shelter.**

**Peru PADS: (815) 224-3047**

**Ottawa PADS: (815) 433-1292**

## Many Thanks

THANK YOU for making a difference during COVID-19! 2020-2021 was such a challenging season, but your support and compassion helped IV PADS mission provide our homeless clients the opportunity to have a safe shelter, food and case management services to help them get back on their feet. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU!!!

THANK YOU to our area businesses who have partnered with us in the last year to help provide financial donations, credit with their businesses or by donating either labor or material to keep us functioning. You are the angels that help us keep our homeless community safe in their time of need!

THANK YOU to Sandi Kurtz! After dedicating 43 years of her life to the Wallace Grade School, Sandi has decided to retire. Instead of asking for gifts from her colleagues, Sandi asked for a collection of donations to be taken up for the guests of IV PADS. We cannot thank her enough for choosing us at Ottawa PADS to benefit from her special day. We wish her well in her next adventure and congratulate her on this astounding milestone. (Sandi is pictured below with her donation.)

THANK YOU to Dr. Dina Lunken! Dr. Lunken supplied a new water fountain to Peru PADS along with reusable water bottles. This allows us to recycle and to protect our environment by minimizing use of plastic bottles in our landfills.



## Open for Tours

When opportunity knocks, we will answer, come witness your gifts in action! Schedule a tour of IV PADS shelters in Ottawa or Peru today and see for yourself how your contribution helps our mission! Call (815) 224- 3047 or email [ivpads.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:ivpads.outreach@gmail.com)

## From the Executive Director

The sun is shining and the weather is very pleasant today. This summer has gone quickly and we are ready to begin our 30th year of service to the homeless in our area on August 15th. July 31st was the end of our fiscal year and IV PADS has made it another year with the support of so many. We are so grateful.

Our summer staff has helped many individuals this summer with gas, food, and transportation. The phones are already ringing at the shelters and we anticipate that an outcome of this pandemic will be many more homeless individuals using our services in the coming year. The shelters will be open 24-hours each day this year with staffing and assistance.

The Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and now re-instated so we are working on how to keep everyone safe. Every volunteer's gift of time is valuable to us.

The stores have been very busy helping support the programs at the shelters. There is heart-felt appreciation for those who are working so hard to run the stores with such short staffing. The Peru Lily Pads Boutique has a resurfaced parking lot so cars will not fall into potholes this winter. The Ottawa Lily Pads Too Boutique is growing and helping support our mission as well. Thank you for your donations and shopping at these resale stores.

We never know what the future holds but we know that with God's, donor's and volunteer's help, we are and will be making a positive difference. We are looking forward to the opportunities to give hope and a hand-up to families, men and women who are in need. That is our mission.

**Carol Alcorn**

