

2022 Report to the Community

(This data is for the year beginning August 1 and ending July 31 for each year)

Mission Statement:

Illinois Valley PADS (IV PADS) exists to provide shelter, food, and services to people in need.

We rely on financial support from individuals, businesses, churches and schools within our local communities.

Core Values

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

Faithfully Serving LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam Counties

Providing **SHELTER**
 Providing **FOOD**
 Providing **SERVICES**

Illinois Valley PADS (IV PADS) is a place that provides shelter, food, and service to people in need.

IV PADS includes:

- Peru – 66 shelter beds
- Ottawa – 55 shelter beds
- Lily PADS Resale Boutique – Peru
- Lily PADS Too Resale Boutique - Ottawa

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LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Carol Alcorn



I would like to welcome each reader to the mission of **Illinois Valley PADS** by demonstrating the services being offered in our Ottawa and Peru Shelters.

Providing for and increasing the level of services to the vulnerable population in our counties has been both a challenging and rewarding opportunity. One area of increasing our service is to establish an individual assessment questionnaire to ascertain the level of assistance needed for each homeless individual. From those results, we are able to develop an individual Service Plan. This individual approach has provided a positive and effective tool for our case managers.

As you review this report, you will see how we identify homelessness, measure, and prepare to meet the needs of our clients. But, most importantly to our mission, how we assist and collaborate in order to provide the services to get our clients out of this temporary, emergency shelters situation. Our goals are placements to permanent jobs and housing thereby allowing our clients to become contributing members of the very community that served them during their need.

*“My hope is that you will come to understand that we are **“More than just a bed”**. Every homeless person who enters our doors finds new hope. The program exists to provide not only a safe, comfortable shelter, showers, food, and comprehensive services, but also ... and equally important ... dignity and compassion in addressing the unique stressors and stigmas experienced when living on the streets in our communities.”*

Our Resale Stores

Our self-sustaining and successful fundraising projects are our two **Lily PADS** resale stores which are located in Ottawa and Peru. They provide quality used items at affordable prices as well as a place to donate and recycle used items in good condition. Net profits from these stores directly support the services in the shelters while also providing clothing for clients and furnishings for housing they obtained.

Our Heartfelt Thank You

Our entire PADS family would like to thank each person who has: volunteered at one of the facilities; been one of the thousands giving financial or material donations; or has remembered us in your prayers. **Together** we can serve and provide services to our homeless clients in our own community.

Ottawa Build

There is a new project you will be hearing more about in the near future which is the construction of a new facility replacing the Ottawa Shelter. Stay tuned as we make progress on this very important and exciting building.

I am confident that we are building a supportive and much needed service for our region benefitting those who are currently homeless and at risk individuals, children, families and veterans.

Blessings,

Carol



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Executive Director

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Peru Shelter Director

Our Lily PADS

Jennifer Ringhofer

Kelly Baird

Peru Store Managers

Anna Jefferson

Ottawa Store Manager

Providing SHELTER; Providing FOOD; Providing SERVICES

Providing SHELTER

The need

Last season, IV PADS reached a sad milestone.

Emergency shelter needs increased as we served the most clients since opening our doors – a number that reached a staggering **371**. This number included **56** children.

Regretfully, this year, we are on track to significantly increase these numbers. The first forty-six days into this year’s 350-day season, we have already served 106 individuals of which 38 were children and 14 families.

Reasons ... the top four reasons for homelessness in 2022 were:

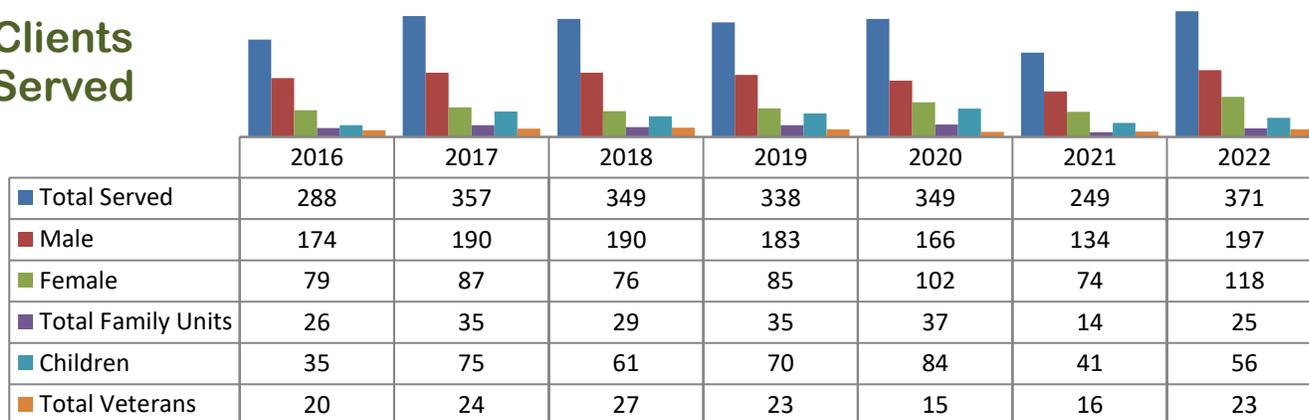
- loss of job/insufficient income;
- family disputes;
- no affordable housing;
- eviction/overcrowding.

Illinois Valley barriers also add to the mix due to:

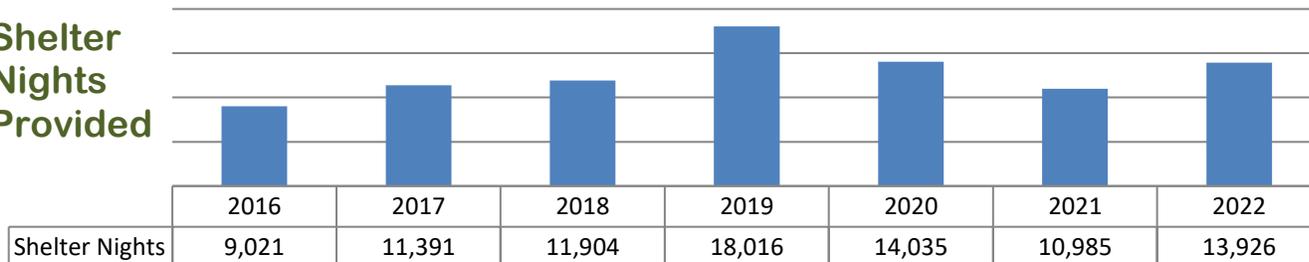
- few mental health and rehab inpatient services;
- lack of income for housing and medical care;
- high poverty levels – in our three counties 12% of the population are living at severe poverty levels; and
- transportation limitations

How IV PADS has served

Clients Served



Shelter Nights Provided



Providing SHELTER

Our stories



Life after PADS for one of our Army veterans

Roy, a 67-year old veteran, showed up at the Ottawa shelter on September 4th. Roy and the **Ottawa PADS** staff got right to work. In less than 30 days, among other things, he was able to obtain a social security card, driver's license, sign-up for benefits, attend classes to acquire new life skills, and save up funds to purchase a car. Most importantly, on September 27th less than 30 days later, Roy signed the lease to his very own apartment.

Roy was quite busy moving a box truck of furniture for his new home. Moving furniture that was provided by **Lily PADS Too**.

Welcome home Roy and thank you for your service!

Thank you for visiting. Former client, Bob, who is pictured to the right, stopped by with Smokey and the Bandit this past month to spend some time interacting with our shelter guests. Bob is currently caring for these two furry companions for his **landlord**. He shared that taking care of Smokey and the Bandit has given him more of a purpose, and he looks forward to his time with them every day. The reason for their visit was to share the happiness that Smokey and the Bandit naturally bring to everyone they meet. Our clients flooded the porch to give their attention to these two pups right away. For even the briefest moment, while engaging with Smokey and the Bandit, our shelter guests were able to set their stressors and worries aside. **Thank you, Bob, Smokey, and the Bandit, for bringing this gift of peace to our clients.**



A mother's survival. We had the privilege of delivering household furnishings to a single mother and her five children. We are so proud of this family's efforts, perseverance and witnessing the mother's strength. She is so proud showing us the keys to her new home. We are humbled by our community donors who directly helped furnish their new home. We are blessed to be a part of their story.

Welcome home, dear friends. Welcome home.

Providing FOOD

The need

We provide three meals a day for our shelter clients. **During our 2022 season**, we have served an amazing **41,072 meals** at our two shelters – Ottawa and Peru.

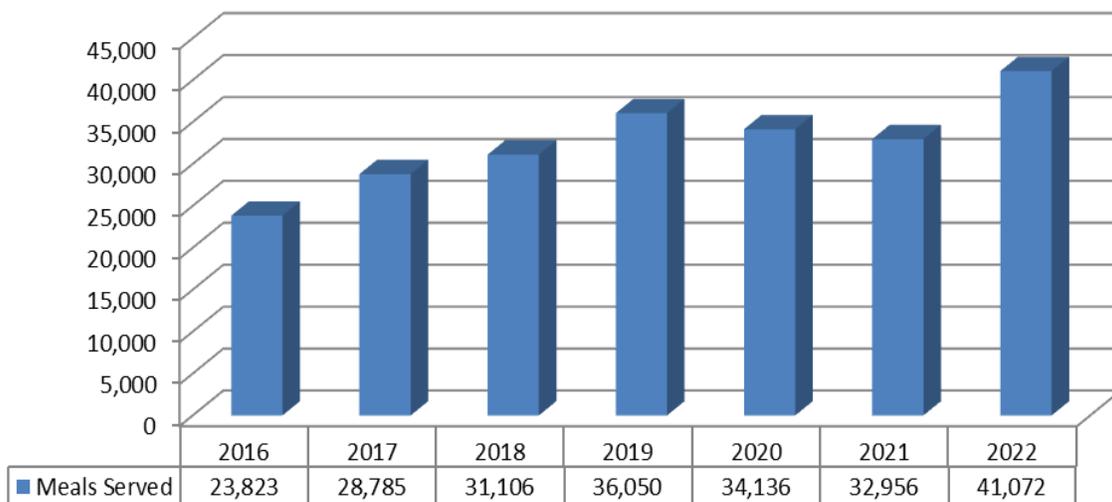
This could not have been done without our hardworking staff and through the kind heart and generosity of the volunteers and meal sponsors.

Volunteers and meal sponsors are always needed and can provide meals by calling our shelters.



How IV PADS has served

Meals Served



Providing FOOD

Our stories



Just before opening for the season, our Executive Director and our Peru Shelter Director, were busy with serving tray preparations.

Photo provided by Scott Anderson - Shaw Media



Donations of fresh corn right from the farms. Everyone was put to work – volunteers and our clients alike. A busy time – shucking and preparing in packets for many more future meals.

We are always looking for dinner providers – come on out and celebrate a special occasion ... make a memory ... show kindness ... show your latest culinary skill! Make a call to our shelters to reserve your space.

Pictured is our own Ottawa PADS director as she creates a tradition. Her family will be celebrating their daughter's birthdays as they share a meal with all our PADS clients.

Happy Birthday, and we'll see you again next year!!



Providing SERVICES

The need

We are more than just a bed. We serve with generosity and empower people to become self-sufficient and to personally acquire the tools needed to break the cycle of homelessness.

Among other serves, we provide:

- ♥ **Assessment:** Case management with individual service plans
- ♥ **Educational classes** such as seeking employment, preparing and maintaining a budget and parenting
- ♥ **Support groups** for help with managing mental health conditions
- ♥ **Rooms for family** units to stay together
- ♥ **Resources with other agencies** to secure housing
- ♥ **Life skills training** to teach clients self-sufficiency
- ♥ **Bible centered groups** to those interested

How IV PADS has served

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Obtained employment	45	93	84	177	60	114	145
Obtained housing	71	87	82	99	104	38	65
Class attendance	-	-	2,799	6,498	9,347	7,129	6,313
Time management, chores assignment, case management cooperation, completing personal goals, improving social skills, medical care accountability							
<i>Additional client assistance provided:</i>							
Provided clothing	1,108	1,954	2,104	2,461	2,121	1,683	1,069
Eyecare/glasses	1	16	26	13	4	7	1
Prescriptions	116	138	76	92	83	336	72
Dental care	6	28	34	7	19	26	13
State ID, birth certificate, driver's license	30	96	39	59	56	79	73
Transporting clients	511	724	471	668	470	797	403
Medical treatment	122	24	134	125	81	339	417
Train, bus transportation	14	15	7	8	11	11	15
SSI/SSDI obtained	7	12	-	5	17	33	24
Phones	4	56	48	25	15	26	24
Rehab	-	11	11	1	8	1	2
Mental health	-	-	-	31	27	183	15

In 2022 –

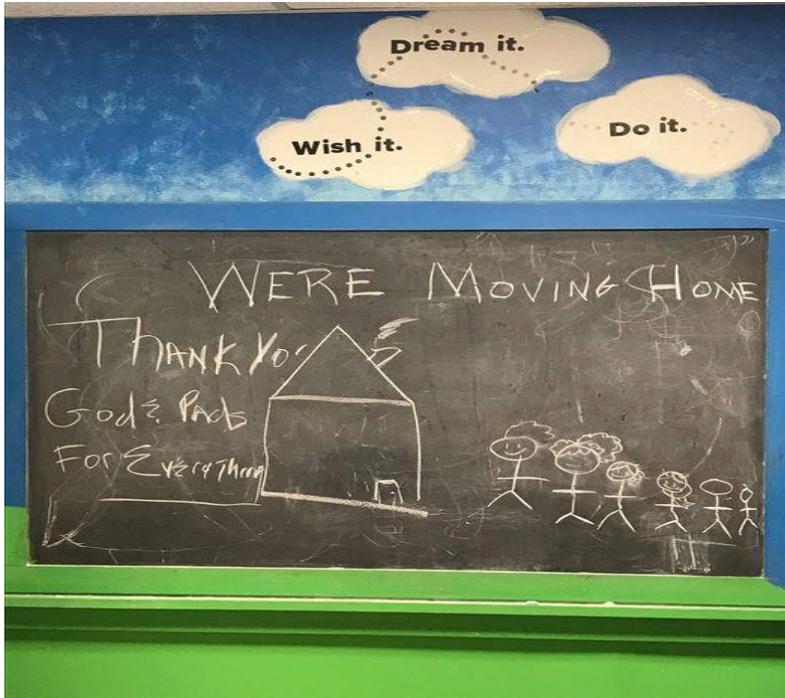
Money management, job seekers, computer 101, and reflections classes were attended **288** times.

Staff worked on life skills to help clients achieve self-sufficiency a total of **6,313** times.

Success: **145** new jobs were obtained.

Providing SERVICES

Our stories



A THANK YOU.

Share in this joy!

As together ...
we make this happen.

And the doors opened



The work started well before the August 15, 2022 start of the season with some of our many make-ready summer projects that included:

- ♥ Staff from both shelters attending six different types of trainings - CPR/First Aid, Narcan, Mental Health First Aid, Active Shooter, SOAR and Case Manager Training.
- ♥ Ottawa playroom received a festive facelift to include orange and slime green colored 90's cartoon scenes. Thank you to our staff and a Streator local youth group.
- ♥ Giving some much-needed love and attention to our shelter van.
- ♥ Attending to our washer/dryer repairs/replacement needs.
- ♥ Reaching out for replacement stoves as we recover from last year's 41,072 meals served.

Photo and caption provided by Shaw Local – Tom Collins – 8/16/2022 article - Lots of mouths to feed at the PADS shelter this year. Peru PADS Program Director, Brenda Salas-Cisco, seen here sorting at the Peru shelter, and worrying that last year's record 371 clients could be broken this season. Inflation and skyrocketing rents have blown up the phones at the shelters. (photos - Scott Anderson - sanderson@shawmedia.com)

IV PADS and Our Community

Sharing in just a very few of our “feel-good” stories provided by generous donors and our community. We are thankful for each and every donation that makes our mission possible.

Together ... we provide shelter, food, and services to the homeless.
Together ... we provide HOPE.



The **UAW** has been a giving and consistent friend of **IV PADS**. We have again been blessed to be a beneficiary of their golf outing. Much work and support from their members go into the raising of funds.

“... The sense of brotherhood and sisterhood is not only about working conditions, fair wages and benefits for UAW members — it’s about supporting the whole community, ensuring healthy lives and doing our part as a family of people creating rewarding lives in this country and around the world.”

Sunrise Rotary called Carol Alcorn, our executive director, to ask her for an **IV PADS** donation wish list. After much consideration, Rotary provided the funds for a new stove, locking filing cabinets for safe medical storage, and a computer for client



Kids kindness put in action! Wanting to help, Payton Etscheid and Raegan Rodriguez took it upon themselves to set up a lemonade stand, where they sold lemonade and their homemade bracelets to benefit our **Ottawa PADS**. After working hard and raising some funds, they decided to use the money to throw a pizza party for our shelter guests.

IV PADS proudly received the **2022 Commitment to the Community Award** as presented at the **Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development’s 110th Annual Dinner**.

THANK YOU for this recognition and **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in the **PADS** mission.



IV PADS and Our Community



After learning of the unsafe condition of the Ottawa shelter's oven, the **Ottawa Knights of Columbus** immediately took up a collection and raised funds to have a new oven delivered right to our shelter. Thank you for providing a much-needed new oven as we serve three meals a day for our shelter clients.



Thank you **Elks Oglesby Lodge 2360**. They quickly responded to our need for a new washer.

Community gives, and we are THANKFUL

IV PADS has an account with Handy Foods in Ottawa which we use for emergency food and supplies.

Amazingly, we have not had to pay on that account in the past two years in spite of numerous purchases.

Our **Handy Foods account has been continually and anonymously funded**. All purchases have been paid ... and we are sitting comfortably with over \$700 of credit on this account.



Thank you to all the friends of **Chelsea Gives Back!** This was an amazing donation of over 450 pairs of socks. There were socks for everyone and every size.

Chelsea, thank you again for all your kindness and community fundraising. And, thank you to the friends of **Chelsea Gives Back**. A real warmth was brought to our Illinois Valley PADS shelters!

Like so many donors from our generous community - we answered our doors and this time was greeted by a donation of much-needed new coats, hats, and gloves – in men, women and children sizes.

Thank you to the **Utica Knights of Columbus #1775** as you continue to support and serve our community.



THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE STORIES OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS. Please check out our social media pages as we get a chance to recognize and thank the many friends of Illinois Valley PADS. We are truly thankful and blessed to be in such a kind and generous community. Thank you to all the friends of IV PADS.

Our Resale Shops



Our resale boutiques (**Lily PADS-Peru** and **Lily PADS Too-Ottawa**) help to fund our mission. They supply a treasure chest of shopping opportunities with items like clothing, home décor, furniture, shoes, accessories, book, games, and so much more.

Sustainability, affordability, and creativity ... and the best thing about our resale boutiques is that **100% of the proceeds help to fund our IV PADS mission. SHOP ... VOLUNTEER ... DONATE**

These resale shops successfully provide approximately 65% of the funding for our budget each year.

Lily Pads

Lily PADS Resale Boutique

4471 Progress Boulevard – PERU



	2019	2020	2021	2022
Donations	66,774	50,039	49,233	57,559
Customers	58,120	45,264	44,955	47,647
Items sold	335,685	249,887	277,404	312,006
Move out (furnishings)	489	258	179	691
No. of clients assisted	83	94	58	135

Lily Pads Too

Lily PADS TOO Resale Boutique

411 E Stevenson Rd – OTTAWA



	2019	2020	2021	2022
Donations	25,793	28,757	34,881	37,805
Customers	19,787	20,044	26,677	25,361
Items sold	99,794	107,688	216,9`10	137,181
Move out (furnishings)	1,216	1,315	563	689
No. of clients assisted	91	141	98	50

IV PADS - Financial Overview

	2022 %	2022	2021
Support and Revenue:			
Contributions	25%	\$ 464,895	\$ 481,333
Lily PADS	64%	1,156,839	1,093,642
Grants	6%	107,936	101,854
Recycling	3.50%	50,736	21,280
Other	1.50%	15,158	10,250
		<u>1,795,564</u>	<u>1,708,359</u>
Functional Expenses:			
Program services	93%	1,439,689	1,355,385
Admin/management	5%	70,876	73,622
Fundraising	2%	32,061	28,816
		<u>1,542,626</u>	<u>1,457,823</u>
Current Assets:			
Unrestricted cash / equivalents		1,189,823	977,469
Restricted cash / equivalents		0	0
Inventory		85,000	85,000
Prepaid expenses		6,353	9,705
		<u>2,093,591</u>	<u>2,161,292</u>
Property and Equipment:			
Capital assets (land, buildings, equipment)		<u>2,093,591</u>	<u>2,161,292</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities		40,213	38,099
Note payable		327,126	427,884
		<u>327,126</u>	<u>427,884</u>
Net Assets:			
Without donor restriction		3,077,428	2,767,483
With donor restriction		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		<u>\$ 3,374,767</u>	<u>\$ 3,233,466</u>

Current financial statements and the most recent IRS 990 form are available through mail request (info@ivpads.com) or by written request to Illinois Valley PADS, PO Box 1012, LaSalle, IL 61301

Together ... we can serve the homeless in our community

Shelter needs continue to increase in our community. Our work helping those who are homeless is not finished. A designated contribution or commitment to **IV PADS** will make it possible to provide shelter, food, and services to people in need in our own community.

Together ... we can break the cycle of homelessness as we:

- make a monetary donation, make a pledge and support Illinois Valley PADS - [DONATE](#) online ivpads.com or mail your donations to: **Illinois Valley PADS**, P.O. Box 1012, LaSalle, IL 61301
- provide meals - for individuals and groups to schedule and provide a meal at one of our shelter locations. Please call **PADS Peru** at 815-224-3047 or **PADS Ottawa** – 815-433-1292 for more information.
- donate needed supplies to our shelters. Check out our website for the [needed supplies list](#).
- support and donate sellable, clean items of good quality to our **resale boutique shops**. Check out our website for the [needs list](#).
- call our offices to see how you can donate your car / unused gift cards
- shop AmazonSmile and designate IV PADS
- donate in honor of someone / in memory of someone
- donate through planned financial gifts. Contact IV PADS to learn more about these programs.
 - wills
 - bequests
 - life insurance
 - retirement plans
 - payroll deduction
 - employer gift match
 - donor advised funds
- host an event or drive
- request a speaker / schedule a tour

THANK YOU to our volunteers! IV PADS volunteers help us increase the quality of services we provide to our clients at our **two shelters** or by assisting with the many tasks needed for the operations of our **two stores**. Let us match your interest to the job at hand!



Our Shelters try to help clients in many ways. **Children activities** are a big part of that. **Volunteers and staff** plan activities for the children as often as possible. At the **PERU Shelter** volunteer Marty spends time entertaining some of the children.

Thank you Marty and all the volunteers that help us serve our shelter clients.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Volunteer help is needed in so many ways – at our two PADS shelters and help at our Lily PADS Resale Boutiques. Are you interested in learning about the different ways in which you can help serve the homeless individuals and families within your communities?

We're looking for volunteers. IV PADS heavily relies on volunteers to assist us in our mission to provide for the homeless. Check out our website www.ivpads to learn more about volunteer opportunities.



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