

February 14, 2022



With Love In Our Hearts



With love in our hearts we give thanks for all the wonderful donations, volunteers and supporters within our community. **YOU are the heart of IV PADS.**

*For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."
Deuteronomy 15:11*

It's Been a Full House

By December 31, 2021 we nearly exceeded the **249** clients that we had served the entire season prior.

So far this season IV PADS has housed **28 children from newborn through high schoolers.**

Please take a moment to ponder that - 28 children from our community in only four months.

YES, as predicted the number of homeless is growing and the number we serve continues to rise.

IV PADS is committed to providing shelter, food, and services to those most in need and is able to do so through the generosity of our donors and volunteers.

Warm Your Hands and Heart by Shopping Lily Pads

Come in from the cold snap and shop in any of our **20 departments** at our two boutiques - Lily Pads Resale Boutique in Peru or Lily Pads Too Resale Boutique in Ottawa.

Find boutique quality items at resale prices!



Pick up something special for your valentine, get a jump start on your spring wardrobe, or pick up some new games and movies for a snow day. The opportunities are endless!

Shopping Lily Pads helps IV PADS keep someone warm... literally! The revenue raised through the boutiques goes directly toward helping the homeless. So do the heartwarming thing this February - shop!

***Love Lily Pads Resale Boutique? Come work along side us! Fill out a volunteer application at the counter.**

We Need More Team Members

Along with many other businesses and missions throughout the country, IV PADS has struggled to find enough employees and volunteers to maintain our current levels of service to the homeless.

If you or someone you know is a compassionate, honest, dedicated, and hardworking individual then we want YOU.



Find out if you would be a good fit within our mission by reaching out to one of our program managers or store managers.

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Lily Pads Too Resale Boutique, Ottawa lilypadstooboutique@gmail.com



Bob's Legacy Will Live On in Each of Us

We have experienced a great loss here at IV PADS as treasured employee and friend, Bob Rowatt, the Peru PADS Program Director, passed away. We are missing him every day. He was a man of great warmth and caring. His commitment was genuine and his work was effective. Bob had a way of inspiring others to give of themselves cheerfully. Thank you, Bob, for your eight years of dedication to IV PADS, for giving of yourself, your time, and your strength to serve others. We will do our best to carry on your work and honor your memory.

Giving Tuesday



Blessings were provided on **Giving Tuesday** when the refrigerator at Ottawa PADS needed to be replaced. **Ottawa Warehouse Bargains** assisted in a substantial reduction in price of a floor unit and **UAW CAP** provided the funds to purchase a new refrigerator. Then some of our **awesome volunteers** brought their muscle to get the new fridge into place. Team work makes the dream work!
Thank you to everyone who donated on Giving Tuesday!

Heartfelt Thanks



IVCC Project Success students, led by Diane Scoma and staff, completed their cold weather clothing drive collecting around 220 items to warm our clients. This included coats, boots, hats, scarves, and more. Thank you for warming up our winter!



Starved Rock Lodge's Laura Guerrero and other staff arrived in their trolley bringing with them a trolley-load of donations including canned goods, hygiene items, paper products, and even a Christmas tree for our clients to enjoy. The staff even donated a portion of their own tips!



Gail Pyszka from Illini Valley Association of Realtors presented a substantial check to Carol Alcorn, IV PADS Executive Director, on behalf of their generous members. We wish you well in your upcoming retirement!



Shout out to Earlvile CUSD #9 Mrs. Bernardoni's class and support staff for an awesome "Socktober" donation drive. They donated several hundred pairs of socks. It was a pleasure to meet all the smiling students. Great job!

From the Executive Director

February is the month that seems to be surrounded by hearts. We are so glad that it is not the only month of warmth and generosity. During the holiday season individuals were so caring and gave gifts of material goods, client presents, and financial support that was amazing. We are so impressed with and grateful for each donation and gift.

We were also supported by shoppers and donors to our Lily Pads Resale Boutiques. We are proud to offer the community a place to purchase wonderful items as well as a destination for those no-longer-needed items from closets and estates. The profits are used directly to assist the shelter programming that brings hope and help to homeless individuals in LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam Counties.

I encourage you to love and appreciate the valentines in your life this February. This has been a hard time for all of us. We will continue to provide help for the individuals and families who seek it.

Carol Alcorn



