

## Kendall County PADS Mission Statement

Kendall County Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) is dedicated to providing temporary, safe shelter and nourishing food to the men, women and children within Kendall County who are homeless or in need.

"Love your neighbor as yourself."  
- Leviticus 19:18

Kendall County PADS operates in seven different churches serving as shelter sites, each taking one night per week, through the cold months of the year, mid-October through mid-April. The sites are open from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

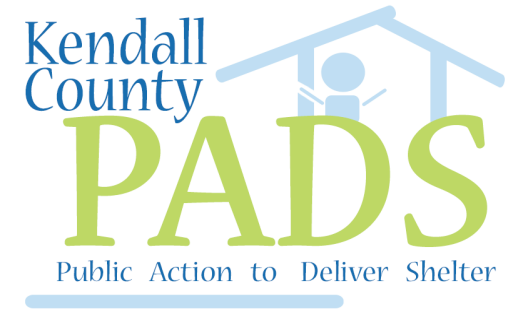
Kendall County PADS is a Not-for-Profit 501c3 program and, as such, relies fully on donations and volunteers. More than 600 volunteers are needed for PADS to operate effectively. We invite adults from community organizations, schools, churches, businesses and interested citizens to serve as Volunteers.

## Why Does Kendall County NEED a PADS Program?

- 233 children, K-12, in Kendall County public schools are registered as homeless. (Aug. 2015)
- Homeless children are regularly served in the Kendall County Food Pantry.
- The Kendall County Housing Authority receives many calls daily from people in need, inquiring about affordable housing.
- The local police departments and clergy associations frequently hand out vouchers for gas, food and shelter.
- The homeless in Kendall County often "double up" with friends or relatives.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." -Jesus

KENDALL COUNTY PADS,  
SINCE OCTOBER 2010,  
PROVIDED SHELTER TO  
300 MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN,  
5,794 OVERNIGHT STAYS,  
AND MORE THAN 17,369 MEALS  
(SUPPER, BREAKFAST & LUNCHESES),  
WITH MUCH HOSPITALITY!



## Helping Our Neighbors In Need

*with open arms*

[www.kendallcountypads.org](http://www.kendallcountypads.org)  
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: How will I know what to do?

A: Each season we offer a volunteers' training session, about 2 hours, facilitated by professionals and the site coordinators. A Volunteer Manual is also provided.

### Q: Will I be safe?

A: The program is designed with safety protocols for both guests and volunteers. These are laid out in the Volunteer Manual and the guest registration forms. The Kendall County Sheriff's Department and the local police departments are on call if needed.

### Q: How much time will be involved?

A: If you sign up for a shift, you will work **one shift per month** (about 4 1/2 hours per shift) for the six months of the PADS's program. Other volunteer roles require varying times of commitment.

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"PADS is a different, more personal way to serve as a volunteer to others. When you write a check, it's done in 10 seconds and you forget about it. As a PADS volunteer, I meet the people in need—they each have a name and a face. Their need becomes real."

~A PADS Volunteer

## Volunteers Make the PADS Program Work

Volunteers, both men and women, age 18 and older, staff the sites from 6:30 PM to 7:30 AM. These teams cover the responsibilities for each of the three shifts.

### Shift I: 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Set up the PADS designated area of the site, including setting out the mattresses, linens, towels, and zip bags of personal toiletries for the guests. Register guests as they arrive. Eat supper with the guests and visit with them. Lights are out by 10:00 PM.

### Shift II: 10:45 PM to 3:00 AM

Guests will usually be sleeping. Prepare sandwiches for sack lunches for guests to take with them in the morning. Volunteers will be stationed to monitor the guests and building. This shift will allow you to do your own quiet activities, such as working on your computer or reading.

### Shift III: 2:45 AM to 7:30 AM

Wake up guests and serve a light breakfast. Assist guests in cleaning their mattresses and sleeping area. Oversee checkout and give them their sack lunch. Clean up PADS site: Put away equipment and supplies, bag up linens & towels, clean up the breakfast & kitchen areas. Email report to the coordinators.

## Other Opportunities to Assist the PADS Program

Serve on a Food Team preparing part of the evening meal, serving and cleaning up one time per month.

Transport used linens and towels from a shelter site to the Kendall County Correction Center and return the clean linens and towels to the same site one time per month.

Serve as a "Volunteers Coordinator" who keeps the schedule and calls volunteers for a specific site.

Provide leadership as a Site Coordinator, who oversees the volunteers on duty one or two shifts per month

Serve for 2 hours on **Shift IV**: 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM at a designated warming center for PADS's guests.

Assist with publicity of the PADS program

**Donations** can be made to "Kendall County PADS" and send to PO Box 1136, Yorkville, IL 60560. Donations are tax deductible.