

PADS Homeless Shelter Provides Emergency and Cold Weather Plan

When the temperature drops below 15 degrees or there are dangerous windchill warnings, PADS Homeless Shelter is here to help unsheltered McHenry County residents. If the shelter is at capacity, an emergency hotel provides a quick solution. In addition, the hotel shelter program provides respite for those who have Covid, RSV or Influenza. This quarantine period prevents the spread of disease in our community.



“Our PADS hotel program provides a short-term, safe and quick place to shelter, within a few hours or sooner, and has been critical to the well-being of many McHenry County residents experiencing homelessness,” explains Coordinated Entry Lead Gina Zinck.

The reasons for a short-term stay can vary. The program has been used for individuals or families waiting for an available bed, the need for a few days of shelter prior to acquiring permanent housing, recently released from jail or mental health hospitals, eviction and escaping domestic violence.

“The program serves all of McHenry County and collaborates with every area stakeholder,” adds Gina.

The goal of the program is to provide immediate safety and shelter for our community, ease suffering and give stability and hope. Our PADS Team works with each individual or family to make appropriate referrals and create the best plan to end their homelessness.

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