

Dear Friends of PADS,

It is a strange thing to begin an appeal letter by stating that we, at PADS, desire to work ourselves out of a job. PADS is not in existence for the sake of PADS. We exist for the people who are experiencing homelessness in Lake County. The moment we become more focused on the “organization” and not the people we serve, is the exact moment we would have lost focus on our mission and vision.



**However, we are proud to say that for the past 30 years, PADS has kept the mission of “helping the homeless find a way” central to everything we do.**

PADS exists because homelessness and housing crises in Lake County exists. We exist because we envision a community in which homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. We exist because we believe that ANYONE who is experiencing a housing crisis should have timely access to the proper resources based upon their need.

**Watch the video of Kyle  
and Sharon’s story:  
[padslakecounty.org/30](http://padslakecounty.org/30)**

Most importantly, PADS does **NOT** exist within a bubble or silo. We exist because for the past 30 years we’ve had a community of supporters like **YOU** who have seen the need within Lake County and responded. We exist because you have joined hands with us to help your fellow citizens of Lake County who may need a little bit of support to get back on their feet; or a little bit more support to overcome the many mental and physical barriers they are facing to stable housing. We exist because your compassion exists.

So we won’t say, “Here’s to another 30 years.” We hope, as you do, that PADS will be a thing of the past 30 years from now. But this year, right now, the need is **GREAT**.

**On this anniversary of providing 30 years of shelter, we are not celebrating PADS. We are celebrating people like Kyle who overcame many obstacles and now has a home of his own. We are celebrating people like Sharon, who, with a little bit of support is back on her feet. We are celebrating the hundreds of families who, with the help of PADS, can now provide a warm and safe place for their children to sleep.**

With your support, more celebrations like these will be made possible. Will you please consider a gift in support of PADS Lake County and the people we serve?

## **Ways to Give**

**Check/CC:** Enclosed envelope

**TEXT2GIVE:** Text “PADS” to 847-744- 9393

**Online:** [www.padslakecounty.org/30](http://www.padslakecounty.org/30)