



All of us need a sturdy foundation to build our best possible lives. When we make sure a safe, secure place to call home is available to everyone, we ensure that our communities continue to thrive.

PADS Lake County is a community-based organization that provides trauma-informed support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis. Our vision is to create a Lake County in which homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring; one in which anyone who may experience a housing crisis has timely access to the proper resources and services based on their individual need.

## **JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Are you interested in helping our neighbors reach their full potential by ensuring that everyone in Lake County has a place to call home?

PADS Lake County Board members are an integral part of our organization. Responsibilities include:

- Advocating for our organization and our mission to provide support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis
- Contributing to PADS' growth by networking, fundraising, and making community connections that will help PADS to fulfill its mission
- Attending monthly meetings

### **Are you the ideal candidate?**

We seek members who are passionate about our mission, support housing and social justice issues, and who are motivated to serve a community. We seek members who bring positivity along with professional skills, strong networks, and a readiness to raise resources and build connections. We care about equity and social justice, and seek members who will serve PADS' mission in alignment with our values. Skills of all kinds are welcomed (HR, strategic planning, finance, marketing, special events, healthcare, education, etc.).

## **OUR PROGRAMS**

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### **INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?**

Please email [PADSLCBoard@padslakecounty.org](mailto:PADSLCBoard@padslakecounty.org) and provide a brief note sharing why you're interested, and attach a recent resume or simply provide a general description of your professional background. Thank you for your interest!



## **WHY JOIN?**

Current Board members share.

"I wanted to be part of a team that works diligently and compassionately toward supporting our neighbors that are experiencing homelessness."

Juliann Abderholden, College of Lake County

"I serve on the PADS board because I believe that we're all connected to other people and as such, we all deserve a hand to help us when we've fallen down. Seeing not only the comprehensive services that PADS provides to move people from homelessness to independent living but also the myriad of ways for the community to get involved in this process attracted me to serving on the Board for the past four years. It truly is a team effort, and I couldn't be prouder to serve on this team."

Alexandra Beiriger, DePaul University

"I believe that we must collectively work toward a society where everyone has the opportunity for living a healthy life. Why? Because when individuals are healthy, not only does it enable them to flourish and prosper, but the whole of society flourishes and prospers—socially and economically. How does one have the opportunity for living a healthy life? In many ways, one being stable housing. Stable housing, a place from which all else that is needed can grow, is the cornerstone on which to build a healthy life. PADS supports this in Lake County, individual by individual and family by family, so that homelessness or near homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. What better way for me, as a PADS Board Member, to devote my efforts."

Arlene Ryndak, Public Health Nurse

"A core principle that I live by is if God has blessed me then it is my responsibility to help those that are less fortunate and in need of others to come along side them and lend a 'helping hand'.

Levoda Walker, AbbVie

"As the character Dorothy said in the Wizard of Oz ..."There's no place like home". For me, not knowing where you will be sleeping at night or having a place to store what few possessions you may have to survive - is about a basic a human need as it gets. That is why I choose to serve on the PADS board."

Ken Lechman, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management