

Birthday Celebrations for Children at PADS

On the first Wednesday of each month, a group of St. Daniel the Prophet parishioners arrive at one of the DuPage PADS overnight sites for the homeless. Volunteers are there to serve the dinner and to provide staffing for the site from 6pm to 7am. In the morning our volunteers serve breakfast and provide a sack lunch for our guests. Food for the meals and sack lunches are provided by parishioners. Last year, DuPage PADS experienced a startling 49% increase in the number of families seeking assistance and a 43% increase in the number of children who have no place to call home. Now thanks to a new program created by DuPage PADS, children staying at the sites on their birthday will be having a birthday celebration at dinner. The Children's Birthday Program, created in response to the large number of children staying at the Interim Housing sites, provides a cake and some decorations for the child at the site. "Every child should feel special on their birthday and that is the goal of this program" according to DuPage PADS volunteer coordinator Ann Rowland. [Click here](#) to learn how to volunteer at our site or go to www.dupagepads.org to learn more about DuPage PADS and their programs.