



**Please Help people who are homeless to stay safe
with a \$60 donation for a hotel room**



Hi everyone,

I hope you and your families are all safe.

**Thank you to everyone who continues to serve the
homeless through meal preparation, volunteering,
donations and other support.**

**We are blessed by your incredible service during this
time of crisis.**

But we urgently need more help.

**Please donate \$60, or more, to sponsor a hotel room for a
night to keep a homeless individual or family safe.**
www.sspads.org

**And share our Facebook posts like crazy. We need a viral
response to this virus:**

<https://www.facebook.com/sspads.org/videos/346027989664715/>

An Anonymous Donor has issued a Challenge Grant and will donate up to \$20,000 if you can help us meet the challenge!!

Organizations throughout the Chicago metropolitan region are closing due to safety concerns.

South Suburban PADS will not close.

We are stepping-up to do more but we need your help.

We face the most significant challenge of our lives but I am confident that the emerging plan will help to maximize the safety of everyone. The plan is changing almost daily but I want to share some of the steps we are working to implement this week.

Acting on our shared values, we will leave no one behind, and commit ourselves to the following actions:

Guiding Value: We will prioritize the safety of staff, volunteers and the homeless who are in high-risk categories (older adults or people with chronic heart, lung, diabetes or other conditions).

Staffing: We will shift staff roles to enable higher-risk staff to work from home or at least minimize contact with other people.

Shelter Guests: We are moving our families and highest risk shelter guests to hotel rooms for at least 30 days so that they can better self-isolate and avoid contracting the Coronavirus.

If we can secure sufficient resources we will move all shelter guests to hotels for up to 60 days.

Volunteers:

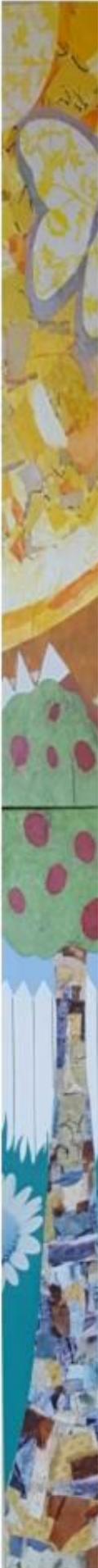
We love you

- **Do not** come to shelter if you are sick
- **Do not** come to shelter if you are over age 65 or have chronic health conditions such as a compromised immune system, diabetes, health disease, or lung disease (including asthma).
- **If you are younger and very healthy, WE NEED YOU.** Send an email to volunteer@sspads.org to volunteer.

Other ways to help:

- We want to keep everyone as safe as possible. As a result, we will need more hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, facial tissue, paper towels, masks, and gloves. Please organize collections and drop off supplies at our 414 W. Lincoln Highway office in Chicago Heights on M, W, or Friday.

- Engage your faith community and pray for the homeless. There is a great prayer by Cameron Bellm that is going viral online:



May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their
rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.
Amen.

Thank you for all you do!

We are all afraid. And many are rightly focused on their personal and family safety.

But I have faith that amazing people step up and perform heroic acts.

Let's roll up our sleeves and get this done!

Thank you,
Doug Kenshol
Executive Director

**Name: South Suburban PADS
Volunteers under the age of 60 in great health we need
you**

For Details and Times please Send an email to
volunteer@sspads.org to volunteer.

**[Thank you for all you do to make our community a safe
place and help those most in need!](#)**

**[Sincerely,
Doug Kenshol](#)**

Here is a link to a recent Chicago Tribune addressing the Homeless Shelter
needs and response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/coronavirus/ct-coronavirus-homeless-shelters-chicago-cook-20200317-cxjwmp4zyfe2lpkeuezf53f2qu-story.html>

