

## **South Suburban PADS Annual Impact Report FY20 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)**

This report was presented online to a Board approved closed meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **THIS IS REALLY GOOD NEWS!**

**We want the entire Southland community to hear our gratitude.**

**Thank you for planting seeds of good health.**

Over the past year from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, you helped to provide:

- 17,098 nights of shelter (a 31% increase over the prior year) for 520 people (including 96 children);
- 7,146 of the total nights of shelter, for 121 people, were provided through hotel rooms since the pandemic began;
- 51,294 free shelter meals; and
- Good health—so far there have been no confirmed cases of Covid-19 among the shelter guests (and everyone was tested).

This is an extraordinary achievement. Testing at some congregate homeless shelters reveals very high rates of Covid-19 infection in Seattle (17%), Boston (36%) and San Francisco (66%). <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6917e1.htm>

While it is likely that some shelter guests will eventually become infected, you have done an incredible job of providing a safe environment that limits the potential spread of the illness. Thank you!

**Thank you for planting seeds of independence.** No one should be homeless.

Over the past year from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, you helped to provide:

- Permanent supportive housing for 265 people (including 85 children) who have disabling conditions and had been chronically homeless. This is an 11% increase over the prior year;
- Rapid Rehousing (temporary rental assistance) enabling 131 homeless people (including 46 children) to obtain affordable apartments. This is a 12% increase over the prior year; and
- Emergency assistance helping 22 people to avoid homelessness.

Like the shelter efforts, this is an extraordinary achievement. Despite the pandemic and social distancing measures, you enabled us to continue helping new clients to escape homelessness and access affordable housing.

Thank you for continuing to provide pathways home!

**Thank you for planting seeds of hope.** There is a long way to go. The pandemic danger will ebb and flow throughout the year. With your help, however, we will continue to rise up. Over the next twelve months, your continuing efforts will make it possible to:

- Provide safe hotel-based shelter and free meals for up to 500 people (80-90 per night);
- Provide permanent supportive housing for approximately 250 people;
- Launch a Rapid Rehousing surge to enable over 200 people to escape homelessness; and
- Establish a larger office so that increased services can be provided in a safe manner with appropriate social distancing.

**Thank you for planting a mustard seed.** “Though it is the smallest of seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds converge and perch in its branches.” Mathew, 13: 31-32

Faced with scary Covid-19 news, you responded heroically. Like a mustard seed, the first gifts were small. Over the following weeks and months, however, your donations surged to a total of over 550 gifts ranging in size from \$5 to \$83,000. During that period, volunteers stepped up to donate 21,438 meals and a variety of supplies.

Over the course of the entire year, we were blessed by the efforts of 5,647 volunteers who contributed 18,351 hours of assistance.

**Your efforts saved lives! Thank you.**

We continue to need meal donations to feed the hotel shelter guests.

If your family, club, church or business can help, please contact Liz Agbarah at [eagbarah@sspads.org](mailto:eagbarah@sspads.org) or 708-539-3379.

With gratitude,

**Doug Kenshol**

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