

June 10th, 2019

Dear PADS Site Directors and Volunteers,

Thank you all for your investment in our shelter program here at JOURNEYS | The Road Home. Each of you support us with your time and talent and we could not be more grateful. This past winter season brought many challenges, but despite that, we had an incredible year of serving people without housing in our community.

From October 1st, 2018 to April 30th, 2019, we served more than 400 people in our shelters during the 2018-19 season, including 16 families with children. Thanks to you, all of these individuals were able to find a warm, safe and dry refuge from the elements over this long winter. Through the efforts of case management at the HOPE center, 66 people were housed, including 6 families. These shifts in numbers stretched everyone involved and has required the staff to look at the future growth of the PADS program. We plan to continue to add winter shelter sites, summer sites and sister sites to help support the growing programs.

Your generous gifts of time and effort are the reason our PADS program continues to thrive. Your faithful and dedicated service has made it possible to accommodate an incredible number of guests this year, and we could not do what we do without you. Our mission of serving the homeless and near-homeless relies on your heart and your passion for this issue, and we are grateful that you have chosen JOURNEYS as the channel through which you serve your neighbors.

Today, we are one month into our summer season where we have continued to serve people without housing through our summer shelter program. As we begin to think about the start of the next winter season in October, I would encourage each of you to reflect on your time in this PADS ministry. Perhaps, consider your next step as a volunteer. That could look like trying an overnight shift or plugging in to one of the summer shelters to serve year-round. We hope that by volunteering with us, you might continue grow, fall more in love with this work, and uplift those in this community.

We say goodbye to a few of our long-term supporters as other priorities make their way to the top of the list. We will certainly miss those of you who need to move on and thank you deeply for your dedication and service. For those who are on the fence as to whether you can continue to serve, remember these successes are only possible with you and your help. Thank you so much for all that you do. I cannot wait for the start of another beautiful season!

Best,

Carol Marie O'Marrah
Shelter Manager

