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Dear News-Sun Editor:

PADS Lake County is so grateful to Help Them to Hope and the readers of the Lake County News-Sun for their generous support of the Help Them to Hope Campaign. Thanks to committed partners like you, we have been able to continue providing shelter and other life-saving services to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis across Lake County.

In the past year, we have seen an exponential increase in the demand for our programs and services. We served a record number of 300 clients a night this winter. We are in awe of our community and volunteers, who have worked to keep our neighbors safe; of our supporters who have never stopped believing in our mission; and, most importantly our clients who have demonstrated the resiliency of the human spirit throughout their journey home.

Thank you, to our generous supporters, we have been able to serve 1,830 individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis in 2021. You have made it possible for us to continue to help our neighbors accomplish their housing goals in 2021:

- 468 Individuals moved into permanent housing,
- 703 Clients avoided shelter through support from our Prevention and & Diversion program;
- 116 People living outside were engaged in services through our Outreach program.

Again, we thank you, the readers of the Lake County News-Sun, for your support of Help Them to Hope. Your willingness to share your gifts with our neighbors experiencing homelessness is truly admirable and inspiring. The people we serve will benefit tremendously as a result.

If you want to know more about our work, find new ways to get involved, or just keep up with events within the PADS Community, please visit our website at <u>www.padslakecounty.org</u> or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

With deep gratitude,

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Meghan Powell-Filler Executive Director



PADS Lake County is a community-based organization that provides trauma-informed support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis.