

## SCOUTS OF PACK 643 GET A HOMELESS WAKE-UP CALL



**Where:** Oaks Clubhouse grounds  
300 N Oakhurst Drive  
off Eola Rd. South of McCoy

**When:** November 7, 2009 from 6:30p

You are never too young, or too old, to learn the effects of homelessness and the **Cub Scouts of Pack 643** are about to find out. To make sure this lesson has a broad audience, they are inviting you to come see for yourselves.

To help raise awareness of homelessness in DuPage County, the families of these young Cub Scouts invite you to come and learn about homelessness next to the Oaks Clubhouse grounds, 300 N Oakhurst Drive (in the Oakhurst subdivision - off Eola Rd. just South of McCoy) on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> after 6:30 pm. They will set up a makeshift city where scouts and their families will spend the night outside in tents, boxes or cars to raise awareness about family homelessness for the Bridge Communities' Transitional Housing program. The public is invited to stop by, talk with the Cub Scouts and learn a valuable lesson about homelessness right in our own backyard.



For the 6th year, DuPage County residents will give a "wake-up" call for the homeless in our community. Throughout the County, more than 1,500 teens, children and adults will spend the night outside. The all-night event will feature nearly 70 groups sleeping out in parking lots and parks, as well as an additional 50 families and individuals who will sleep out in their backyards. Bridge Communities' mission is to help rebuild homeless families who live and work in DuPage County.

Especially in these hard economic times, many families are struggling to provide housing and stability for their children. This year's theme: "Give Us Hope" speaks to the hope Bridge Communities brings to transitional housing families. This program offers an opportunity for a brighter future to families in crisis through education and employment counseling, financial guidance, housing, mentoring, tutoring and auto donations. More than just providing a bandage, the program provides families the tools to overcome homelessness.