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**Opening Doors Receives First Grant from  
American Family Dreams Foundation**

**DUBUQUE (May 24, 2021)** – Opening Doors received our first-ever grant from the American Family Dreams Foundation based in Madison, WI. This \$5,000 grant will be used to fund a variety of needs at Teresa Shelter including basic supplies, transportation and assistance with daycare.

“We love the mission of the American Family Dreams Foundation to ‘inspire, protect and restore dreams – to life in our communities’ as it mirrors the work that we do for women and children who are experiencing homelessness right here in our community,” said Ann Lorenz, Development & Marketing Director.

Opening Doors has partnered with the Michael Pennington, local American Family Insurance Agency team, on several “One Saturday to Dream Fearlessly” events in 2018 and 2019 (the 2020 event was cancelled due to COVID-19), but this is our first grant from the foundation.

*Opening Doors is a nonprofit organization that helps women and children who are experiencing homelessness. We provide goal setting and life skills training that enable them to achieve their full potential. We offer a hand up in the world, not a handout.*

*Since 2000, Opening Doors has served thousands women and children through a continuum of services. Teresa Shelter offers emergency and extended stay programs. Maria House offers transitional housing for up to two years. Francis Apartments offers an opportunity for income-based affordable housing with support services; a combination that has proven to be effective at ending the cycle of homelessness.*

*Opening Doors offers much more than a place to sleep. We provide the opportunity for women to claim their own power and become self-sufficient.*

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