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McDonough Foundation Support Surpasses $100K Mark

DUBUQUE (August 4, 2021) – Funding for Opening Doors from the McDonough Foundation recently surpassed the $100,000 mark with the announcement of a $10,000 grant award for the "On My Own" fund. This grant will provide new beds, basic furniture and household starter kits for families moving into our permanent supportive housing program. We are truly grateful to the foundation for 9 years of support!

"This program will enrich the lives of our client's families rebuilding their dignity," said Executive Director Carol Gebhart. She added, "Many times families scramble to find what they need to start their new life in our permanent supportive housing program. It is our hope that with the assistance of this grant that none of our families will have to go to their new homes without a bed or the essentials they need to start their new lives."

Opening Doors is the nonprofit organization that operates Teresa Shelter, Maria House, and a supportive housing program at Francis Apartments. Women, alone or with children, who are experiencing homelessness come to us in search of a new life. 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 over 3,500 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.

Our three doorways of hope offer 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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