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## New Fund Commemorates the Life of Sr. Helen Huewe

**DUBUQUE, IOWA (August 12, 2021)** – Opening Doors is excited to unveil a special tribute to Sr.

Helen Huewe, one of the most influential forces in our organization’s 21-year history. Sr. Helen was a champion of the poor and underserved which led her to help establish the Opening Doors nonprofit organization. Her tireless work continues to impact our community.

Sr. Helen’s passion for helping women and children touched many, including Joe and Linda Chlapaty. Her death inspired the Chlapatys to honor Sr. Helen and her legacy with an amazing gift of \$100,000. Joe said, “Linda and I wanted to do something to recognize her efforts and hard work throughout the course of her life. We wanted to establish a fund in her name that will recognize in perpetuity the good work and good life Sr. Helen lived.” The Sr. Helen Huewe Hope & Healing Fund will allow us to elevate our services to the women and children we serve.

Learn more at [www.openingdoorsdbq.org/hopeandhealing](http://www.openingdoorsdbq.org/hopeandhealing).

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*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.*