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Iowa Women's Foundation Awards \$8,000 Grant

DUBUQUE (September 7, 2021) – Opening Doors has received a \$8,000 grant from the Iowa Women's Foundation. This "First Steps to Self-Sufficiency" grant will provide vital support for staff salaries, financial literacy supplies, transportation and basic supplies for Teresa Shelter.

"Opening Doors is truly grateful to the Iowa Women's Foundation for this amazing gift," said Carol Gebhart, Executive Director. "The goal of our individualized case management is to provide residents of Teresa Shelter and Maria House with the support they need to gain knowledge and skills that will allow them to live independently and be self-sufficient. This funding covers needs that are at the heart of our program."

About the Iowa Women's Foundation

"The mission of the Iowa Women's Foundation is to improve the lives of Iowa's women and girls. We need to do whatever we can to support and empower women seeking to make real change in our world." For more information on IAWF please visit www.IAWF.org.

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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 over 4,000 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.