

Opening Doors

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The Wahlert Foundation Support Tops \$70K

DUBUQUE (September 30, 2021) – Opening Doors has received a \$2,000 grant from The Wahlert Foundation for women who have experienced homelessness and are reentering the workforce. Since 2000, The Wahlert Foundation has donated \$70,830 to Opening Doors!

“The majority of funds from this grant will be used for educational workbooks and workplace essentials such as work shoes and scrubs to help women succeed in the workplace,” said Carol Gebhart, Executive Director. “This grant will directly help women learning skills to help them in their quest for living wage employment.”

About The Wahlert Foundation

“Embracing Christian values and guided by compassion for those less fortunate, the Wahlert Foundation continues the legacy of the Wahlert family by acting as a steward of the Foundation’s assets for the betterment of life in the Dubuque, Iowa, community by giving primarily in the areas of education, food, shelter, human services, and a limited funding of the arts.” For more information, visit www.wahlertfoundation.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.