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## **Attitude of Gratitude Celebrates 20 Years!**

**DUBUQUE, IA (September 27, 2021)** – Two decades have passed since Opening Doors’ first “Attitude of Gratitude” fall gala. Since that time, over 4,000 women and children have stepped through our three doorways of hope on their journey to self-sufficiency!

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual “Attitude of Gratitude” takes place on Saturday, November 20 at the Grand River Center ballroom. Doors open at 4:30 PM with cocktails and music by TAPESTRY, along with an up close look at our fabulous auction items. Program starts at 6:30 PM with hosts Bobbi Earles and Jeff Vaassen. **Livestreaming will also be available for our virtual guests.**

Mobile bidding opens on November 1 and closes at 7:30 PM on November 20.

Please join Opening Door in this night of celebration, gratitude, and generosity. For registration information, please visit [www.openingdoorsdbq.org/AOG](http://www.openingdoorsdbq.org/AOG). Tickets are \$75 for individuals and a sponsored table of 10 is \$800. Cash donations of any kind are welcome. Mobile bidding link is [www.qtego.net/qlink/openingdoorsdbq](http://www.qtego.net/qlink/openingdoorsdbq).

Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 and are available in advance (call 582-7480), or at the event. Ticket options include a \$300 “Dine Around Town” package, or the 50/50 cash raffle. Winners announced the evening of the event, and they do not need to be present to win.

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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.*