

Opening Doors

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Dubuque County Awards \$20,000 Grant to Opening Doors

DUBUQUE (February 25, 2022) – Opening Doors recently received a \$20,000 grant award check from the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors. To date, the County has awarded Opening Doors with over \$268,000 in grants since 2007.

This grant partially reimbursed the salaries of two full-time Case Managers. “Our program staff are the heart of our mission,” said Carol Gebhart, Executive Director. She added, “Grant awards that cover salaries and other operational costs are relatively rare, so these are especially exciting to receive. We are truly grateful for the County’s continued support.”

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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.