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## **United Way Awards \$30,000 Grant to Opening Doors**

**DUBUQUE (May 4, 2022)** – Opening Doors is pleased to announce the 21<sup>st</sup> year of funding as an agency of the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States. This year’s grant award was \$30,000 for our Teresa Shelter program.

“United Way has been a crucial partner in our mission for 21 years providing hope for over 4,200 women and children experiencing homelessness,” said Executive Director Carol Gebhart. “Thank you United Way and to everyone who contributes each year to help those in need in our community.”

This year’s grant will fund key life skills programming that includes Opening Doors’ emergency and extended stay programs at Teresa Shelter.

*Opening Doors is a nonprofit organization who help 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.*

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