

Opening Doors

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New Grantor for Opening Doors

DUBUQUE (July 15, 2022) – Opening Doors is pleased to welcome a new grantor who recently funded our mission with a \$2,500 Life Skills Education grant. The ACT Corporate Giving Committee approved our request for assistance with financial literacy supplies, transportation, work clothing, shoes and boots and government identification for the women we serve at Teresa Shelter and Maria House.

Opening Doors' mission aligns with ACT's special interest areas of local education, human and social needs, community betterment, diversity and inclusion. "We are excited to receive this funding that helps women who have experienced homelessness overcome barriers to employment and education," said Ann Lorenz, Development & Marketing Director. "Receiving funding from a new grantor is a joyful experience!"

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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 4,300 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.