

## **Opening Doors**

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

**DUBUQUE (July 14, 2022)** – Opening Doors recently received a \$20,000 grant award from the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors. To date, the County has awarded Opening Doors with over \$288,000 in funding.

This grant will partially fund the salaries of two full-time Case Managers. “Case Management and life skill development are the heart of Opening Doors’ programming,” said Carol Gebhart, Executive Director. She added, “Since March we have seen our intake numbers soar. Grants that fund salaries are relatively rare – so we are especially thankful and grateful to the County for 15 years of 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 4,300 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.*