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McDonough Foundation Grants \$10K for Permanent Support Housing

DUBUQUE (July 29, 2022) – The McDonough Foundation recently awarded a tenth year of funding for Opening Doors with a \$10,000 grant award for our permanent supportive housing program.

“This program will enrich the lives of our clients who reside in our permanent supportive housing program,” said Executive Director Carol Gebhart. She added, “This program started in 2017 and combines affordable rent and support services, a combination that has proven to break the cycle of homelessness and reduce recidivism.” The grant will also provide salary support for our Case Manager and other program expenses.

Opening Doors is the nonprofit organization that operates Teresa Shelter, Maria House, and a supportive housing program at Francis Apartments. Women, alone or with children, who are experiencing homelessness come to us in search of a new life. 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.

Our three doorways of hope offer 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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