

Opening Doors

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Variety Awards Grant for Children's Supplies

DUBUQUE (September 17, 2021) – Opening Doors has received a \$5,000 grant from Variety – the Children's Charity to fund children's supplies for our emergency shelter at Teresa Shelter. The grant will provide children's clothing and shoes, baby needs, medications, underwear, socks and more!

“Helping children is at the heart of our program,” said Carol Gebhart, Executive Director. “We are truly grateful to receive this Variety grant that is exclusively for them. Homelessness can be devastating to the lives of children. It is our goal to help the families we serve break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in their lives.”

About Variety – the Children's Charity of Iowa

Variety - the Children's Charity is dedicated to improving the lives of children who are underprivileged, at-risk, critically ill or living with special needs. Grant funding is provided to programs and initiatives that directly impact the well-being of children.

For more information on Variety grants and programs please visit www.varietyiowa.com.

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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.