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Opening Doors Receives 3-Year Grant from DRA!

DUBUQUE (July 27, 2023) – Opening Doors received a three-year \$30,000 grant (\$10K/year) from the DRA for our Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program.

In January, Opening Doors purchased the Francis Apartments building at 1501 Jackson Street which is home to our PSH program. With the help of the DRA, we plan to grow this program to help more of our clients stay stably housed. What makes PSH so effective is that we provide clients with a rent subsidy commensurate with their income. We teach financial literacy and other life skills to help them increase their income with the goal of reducing or eliminating dependency on the subsidy and government support. Safe, affordable permanent housing gives residents the stability they need to achieve self-sufficiency.

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 4,700 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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