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## **McDonough Foundation Grants \$10K for Permanent Support Housing**

**DUBUQUE (July 31, 2023)** – The McDonough Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant award for Opening Doors’ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. Over the past 11 years, the McDonough Foundation has supported our mission with \$122,000 in funding.

“This grant will enrich the lives of our clients who reside in our PSH program,” said Executive Director Carol Gebhart. She added, “PSH started in 2017 and combines affordable rent and support services, a combination that has proven to break the cycle of homelessness and reduce recidivism.” What makes the PSH program so effective is that we provide our clients with a rent subsidy commensurate with their income. We teach financial literacy and job skills to help increase their income with the goal of reducing or eliminating dependency on the subsidy. This grant will provide funding for rent subsidies.

*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 4,700 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.*

*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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