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ACT Corporate Giving Awards \$1,500 Grant

DUBUQUE (November 29, 2023) – ACT Corporate Giving awarded a \$1,500 grant for Opening Doors. This is their second year of funding.

This multi-faceted grant will provide funding for transportation – a top barrier for women experiencing homelessness, medical and wellness services not covered by insurance, and shelter supplies. This grant focuses on ACT’s special interest area of Human and Social Needs which funds programs that provide social services and support for the health and welfare of children and families in need, including organizations that provide a safe haven and nurturing environment o families and children in crises.

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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