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Theisen's Grant Awards \$1,500 for Mental Health Training

DUBUQUE (December 28, 2023) – Theisen's awarded Opening Doors with a \$1,500 grant through their "More For Your Community" program for staff training.

"Mental Health First Aid Training is extremely important for Opening Doors' staff due to the large number of clients we serve that suffer from poor mental health," said Ashley Ehrlich, Program Director. "Nearly all the residents served at Opening Doors live with a mental health issue which can escalate during times of crisis, such as homelessness." This grant funding will provide training for 12 staff members.

Theisen's has supported our mission for 23 years.

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 thousands 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.

For more information, call Opening Doors at 563-582-7480.

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