



Doorways of Hope

NEWSLETTER

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Fall Edition - September 2021

AOG CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!

Saturday, November 20 *at the* Grand River Center

Two decades have passed since our first “Attitude of Gratitude.” Since that time, over 4,000 women and children have stepped through our three doorways of hope on their journey to self-sufficiency!

Join us on Saturday, November 20 at the Grand River Center ballroom for a delicious dinner, music by TAPESTRY, success stories from former residents, and an up close look at our fabulous

auction items. Doors open at 4:30 PM. Program starts at 6:30 PM with hosts Bobbi Earles and Jeff Vaassen. **This year you can also tune into the big event virtually to bid on silent and live auction items and to donate.** For a complete list of sponsors and more information, visit page three.

Armchair bidding on over 120 silent auction packages opens November 1. Anyone can bid until 7:30 PM on November 20.



Attitude
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Purchase event tickets and sponsorships at
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Opening Doors

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Opening Doors operates Teresa Shelter, Maria House, and a permanent supportive housing program at *Francis Apartments. Women and children who are experiencing homelessness come to us to help build a new life. We provide goal planning and life skills training that will enable them to take care of themselves and achieve their full potential. We offer a hand up in the world, not a handout.

Our three doorways of hope for women and children experiencing homelessness are much more than a place to sleep. We offer the opportunity for women to claim their own power and become self-sufficient.

Three Doorways of Hope

All Doorways include: One-to-One Support, Community Resources, and Life Skills Training

DOORWAY #1: TERESA SHELTER Emergency &

Extended Stay Shelter

1111 Bluff Street, 563.690.0086

- Stay of up to one year
- Short- and Long-term goal planning

DOORWAY #2: MARIA HOUSE Transitional Housing

1561 Jackson Street, 563.582.6286

- Stay of up to two years
- Advanced life skills and goal planning

DOORWAY #3: *FRANCIS APARTMENTS Permanent Supportive Housing

1501 Jackson Street

- Housing option for Maria House & Teresa Shelter clients
- Income-based affordable housing

**Francis Apartments is owned by Steeple Square and managed by Gronen Properties.*

From the Director's Chair

So many of us have experienced great loss since early 2020. Nothing wrenches the heart more than losing a loved one.

In January, 2020, Opening Doors lost a piece of its heart—Sr. Helen Huewe. Sr. Helen was involved in the creation of Opening Doors; and continued to be actively involved until her death.



Sr. Helen Huewe
Hope & Healing Fund



Joe & Linda Chlapaty



Carol Gebhart
Executive Director

To say Sr. Helen touched many lives in our community would be an understatement! One person who was deeply touched by Sr. Helen was Joe Chlapaty. Joe and his wife, Linda, were inspired to create a special fund to honor and continue Sr. Helen's legacy of caring. The Sr. Helen Huewe Hope & Healing Fund was established to provide additional wellness and educational services for the families we serve. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the community who have joined with Joe and Linda to ensure her impact will not be forgotten!

Carol

Upcoming Events

VISION HEALTH CENTER'S FALL FRAME SHOW

Wednesday, October 6

9 AM to 6 PM

See ad in this issue.

20th Annual "ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE"

Saturday, November 20

Grand River Center & Virtual

See articles in this issue.

TRIVIA BOWL

Friday, February 11, 2022

Doors Open: 5:30 PM

Trivia: 7 to 9 PM

Location to be determined

Food and drinks available.

Register online at

www.openingdoorsdbq.org/trivia

"FILLING YOUR CUP"

NEW Coming in June 2022

Location to be determined

Uplifting coffee-themed breakfast event for women featuring speakers, vendor booths, a delicious breakfast, auction baskets, raffle and more!

Stay tuned
for all the
scoop!



Attitude of Gratitude 1-2-3

1 RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

Planning to join us on November 20? Reserve your seat in advance with a \$75 ticket or sponsorship. For more information visit www.openingdoorsdbq.org/AOG

2 REGISTER TO BID

All guests (in person and virtual) need to register on our electronic bidding site in order to bid on our auction packages. Auction opens on November 1 and closes on November 20 at 7:30 PM. For the first time, virtual bidders can also bid on live auction items! www.qtego.net/qmlink/openingdoorsdbq

3 EVENT TIDBITS

- ♦ Festive Event Attire
- ♦ Doors open at 4:30 PM
- ♦ Grand River Center Ballroom
- ♦ Program: 6:30 to 9 PM
- ♦ Full menu featuring roast beef sirloin is listed on our web site with vegetarian and gluten free options available.

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**Terry & Paula
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Grand River Medical Group
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Jim & Marita Theisen

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THANK YOU TAPESTRY!

TAPESTRY will be featured at Attitude of Gratitude on Saturday, November 20. The group will share their musical gifts from 4:30 PM until the program starts at 6:30 PM. Registered guests are invited to enjoy their “rich fabric of music from the 70s, 80s and beyond.”

TAPESTRY held a special three-hour charity night benefit for Opening Doors on September 2 at Inspire Café! Pictured here are (L-R): Deb Stevens, Patrick Niemer, Sue Kalb and Laura Calhoun.



SPONSOR "A BED OF HOPE"

Opening Doors has a year-round fundraising program called "A Bed of Hope." The idea is simple. Each \$10 donation provides a warm bed with support services for a woman or child experiencing homelessness.

This program is ideal for churches, schools, and organizations. Our team would love to speak at your church service, staff or community meeting. Donation envelopes for this program are available upon request. A special thanks to **ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH** for inviting us to speak to your members and for your generous support of this program! Donations can be made in honor of, or in memory of, a person or occasion.

For more information, visit

www.openingdoorsdbq.org/ways-to-help/bed-of-hope

THE POWER OF SISTERHOOD

Erin Habel and her friends started a new monthly tradition of giving back to Opening Doors! The 20+ dynamo women that make up "The Sisterhood Project" have been taking on one of our Wish List items each month including gift cards, paper towels, garbage bags and batteries.

Many thanks to Erin, Sara Palmer, Liz Pregler and all of their generous "sisters."



MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Brian and Kimberly Davis wanted to give back to their community and the families we serve. They posted this photo on their Facebook page and recruited 25 families to provide pizza meals on Friday evenings! They have certainly set a great example for their three sons. Many thanks to all of the participating families!



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Friends of Opening Doors

Opening Doors is grateful for the continued support from our community. Donations are from 2/10/21 to 9/10/21. Please call 563.582.7480 to inform us of any omissions or errors. Thank you for supporting our mission!

Bequests

Estate of Richard B. Schroeder

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Endowment Gifts, Donor Advised Funds & Great Give Day

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In Honor of

In honor of my great grandchildren
Joyce Bausman
In honor of John & Marcia Duffy
Susan Ivis, OSF
In honor of Lori Gibbs
Don & Carole Strumberger
*In honor of my parents Nicholas
Lucy & Karen Juergens' birthdays*
Laura Lucy-ilan

In honor of my daughter, Heather LuGrain

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Birthday*

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In honor of the 2021 Sinsinawa Sister Diamond Jubiliarians

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Mary Ellen Winston, OP

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In memory of Arlene Bahl, Barb Cummer, Delbert Link, Kay Ludwig, and Kevin Vondra

Michael K. Freihofer

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In memory of my mother, Patricia J. Bohy

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In memory of Carol A. Pfeiler

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In memory of my family

Mary F. Schmitt

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Michael & Jean Kelly

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General Gifts & Attitude of Gratitude

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Shine Your Light into the Future

Touch the lives of women and children experiencing homelessness in our community by leaving your legacy with a planned gift to Opening Doors. Gifts during your lifetime can also empower lives! A bequest is the most common and easiest way for you to make a planned gift through your will or revocable trust. IRA owners who are at least 70.5 can make a tax-free charitable contribution with the RMD (required minimum distribution). You can also name Opening Doors as a beneficiary of a 401(k), IRA or life insurance policy.

Grants Power our Future

Grants received from February - September, 2021

- \$25,000: City of Dubuque: COVID relief grant
- \$25,000: Dubuque Racing Association
- \$22,150: United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States
- \$17,000: Sinsinawa Ministry Fund
- \$10,000: Andersen Corporate Foundation
- \$10,000: McDonough Foundation
- \$8,000: Iowa Women's Foundation
- \$5,000: American Family Dreams Foundation
- \$5,000: Spahn & Rose Foundation
- \$5,000: State Farm Foundation
- \$5,000: Variety Club
- \$1,000: Dubuque Kiwanis Club
- \$1,000: FEMA - Emergency Food & Shelter Program
- \$1,000: Walmart Foundation



Opening Doors is pleased to welcome three new board members! Thank you for bringing your expertise to our board and committees.

BOARD UPDATE

Katie McClain
HR Manager
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Betsy McCloskey
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Join us for an event to benefit



Opening Doors
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at Vision Health Center's Fall Frame Show



Donate an item from the Opening Doors' Wish List or a monetary donation and VHC will give 50% off frames with purchase of prescription lenses*



- Wednesday, October 6, 2021
- 9am-6pm - by appointment
- 505 Cedar Cross Road
- Exclusive Eyewear
 - OGI, Seraphin, Red Rose, Fiction
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- RevitaLash Cosmetics



*Some insurance restrictions may apply

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Wish List **Top 10**

Thank you for your interest in supporting Opening Doors! Donations can be dropped off at Teresa Shelter, 1111 Bluff Street (any day), or at our administrative office located at 2100 Asbury Rd., Suite 8 (M-F, 9-5).

- #1 – Tax Deductible Cash Donations
- #2 – Gift Cards (i.e., Gas, Burger King, Dollar Tree, Dominos, Eagles, Fareway, Happy Joe's, Hardees, Hartig Drug, HyVee, KFC, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Staples, Target, Taco John's, Theisen's, Walgreens, Wal-Mart)
- #3 – Paper Towels & Tissue
- #4 – Ziplocks (sandwich, quart or gallon size)
- #5 – Liquid Laundry Detergent
- #6 – Floor & Bathroom Cleaner
- #7 – Disinfectant Spray & Wipes
- #8 – Baby Wipes
- #9 – Garbage Bags (13 gal.)
- #10 – Dishwasher Detergent



Crescent Community Health Center's staff, board of directors and community collected more than \$500 in cash and gift cards, along with items from our Wish List to kick off National Health Center Week in August. Pictured above: Ann Lorenz, Angela Petsche, Carol Gebhart and Ann Decker.

Many thanks to everyone who donated Wish List items this year including the employees of John Deere Dubuque Works who brought in back-to-school items for the children we serve.