



Doorways of Hope

NEWSLETTER

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2020 Reflections



Kim Budde
Board President

Looking back on 2020, a lot has happened to say the least. We began the year with the loss of our beloved Sister Helen Huewe. Just a few short months later, we were faced with a pandemic that would rock the nation. Who knew what we would be capable of?

As I reflect on the challenges imposed, I am humbled and enlightened for the resilience and determination of our staff and community. Opening Doors accomplished a major milestone, celebrating 20 years serving women and children experiencing homelessness.

We are blessed with staff that can swiftly adapt and maneuver with ease. Through a pandemic, the shelter received a new face lift. New protocols were put in place to protect those we serve. Implementation of in-house support groups to provide another layer of support when other operations were forced to close. Chromebooks and interns to support a hybrid school environment for the children of the shelter. A first time ever virtual event for Attitude of Gratitude, and one that came with great success.

Sister Helen was quoted saying, "Everybody has to do their little bit; you can't do it all, so you do what you can." Opening Doors is grateful to everyone who has done their part. Thank you to all of the staff, volunteers, and supporters who have done just that. We continue to join together and make each other stronger even in times of adversity.

Opening Doors helped 115 women and 55 children on their journey to self-sufficiency.



Your support provided 6,012 nights of shelter for women and children experiencing homelessness.

Financial literacy is one of many life skills provided by Case Managers. Residents saved a total of \$30,410 for their future!

Residents moving into permanent housing received 17 new beds. 80% had never owned a new bed! Funding provided by the McDonough Foundation.



In response to the pandemic, our staff developed a hybrid education environment for school aged residents.

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

While the world has been riddled with change, disruption and chaos; some things remain the same:

Opening Doors offers women and children healing, hope and home...

The Dubuque community continues to support us in our mission...

There are more good people in the world than bad...

Morgan's story has touched us all. She is featured regularly with her beautiful children on our Facebook page as she crushes goals.

We had a wonderful gentleman approach us with a car to donate for a resident. The car has had a huge impact on Morgan—and allowed her to get a better job because she can drive to work. She is loving her independence and so greatly appreciates his kindness.

Carol



Carol Gebhart
Executive Director



Above: Morgan is now the proud owner of this Mercury Grand Marquis. She is truly grateful to the donor and wanted to say thank you with what she called her best "Vanna" pose. Middle: Thanks to funding from the Peggy Furey Crahan Children's Fund, residents enjoyed a trip to Vesperman Farms in the fall. Morgan is pictured here with her daughter Rosi and infant son Lux.

Community Spirit Rises in Pandemic

In the wake of the pandemic, our community continues to help the families of women and children who have experienced homelessness. Want to help? Check out our latest Wish List on the back cover of this issue.

- For the fifth consecutive year, Cottingham & Butler and John Dubuque Dubuque Works conducted record-breaking holiday drives! Even while the majority of their staff was working from home, C&B raised over \$14,000 in cash donations, gift cards and Wish List items. The staff at John Deere came through with over \$10,000 in donations! We are truly grateful to these businesses that have a huge heart for their community.
- As a 2020 Kwik Care program recipient, we received a check for \$2,361. That's a lot of change making a difference in our community.
- 10 nonprofits were chosen for the Home+FloorShow Community Holiday Event. Customers raised \$1,710 for Opening Doors.
- Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa chose Opening Doors for their October "Round Up Your Purchase" program generating \$1,221.
- Thank you to these businesses and schools for their December Wish List Drives: Dubuque Obstetrics & Gynecology, Dubuque Police Department, Eagle's Club "Eyes on the Future" committee, Eagle Point Solar, FSBO Homes, Hirschbach, Holy Ghost Childcare Center, Hope Church life group, KB&Co., LLC, Lambda Tau Delta Sorority, Union-Hoermann Press, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Woodward Communications, and clubs from Hempstead and Wahlert.
- Our staff is truly grateful to all of the individuals, businesses and organizations who continue to support our mission through monetary gifts, Wish List items, meals and through grant funding.
- A special thank you to Kelly Lane Art, Lowe's, LMay Eatery and Town Clock Inn Restaurant.



DUBUQUE RACING ASSOCIATION

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CASINO | DIAMOND JO

Many thanks to the Dubuque Racing Association for a \$5,500 grant for phone and computer equipment!

Virtual Reality for AOG

Organizers for the 2020 "Attitude of Gratitude" fundraiser made an early decision to go virtual for the November 21 event. With a record number of sponsors for the 19th annual event, this vital event netted \$119,268—just shy of the five-year average.

Many thanks to hosts Bobbi Earles and Jeff Vaassen (pictured below), along with our amazing production team led by Craig Schaefer. We are truly grateful to all of our auction bidders and donors (listed on page five) for your support!



Attitude OF GRATITUDE

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021
Grand River Center

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Diamond: \$10,000
Ruby: \$5,000
Sapphire: \$2,500
Topaz: \$1,500
Emerald: \$1,000
Opal: \$800

Friends & Family Table: \$800
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Diamond Level includes two tables of 10. Pearl level provides five tickets. All other levels include a table for 10.

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Opening Doors is grateful for the continued support from our community. Donations are from 10/16/20 to 2/9/21. Please call 563.582.7480 to inform us of any omissions or errors. Thank you for supporting our mission!

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Alliant Energy Foundation: \$5,000
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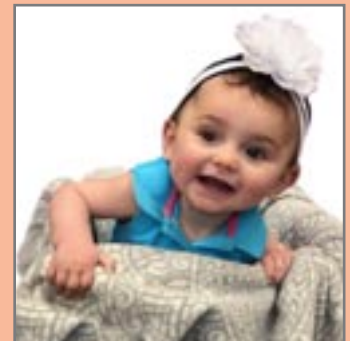
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*Shine Your Light
 into the Future*

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.



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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, 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 - Garbage Bags (13 gal.)
- #5 - Liquid Laundry Detergent
- #6 - Floor & Bathroom Cleaner
- #7 - Disinfectant Spray
- #8 - Baby Wipes
- #9 - Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- #10 - Dishwasher Detergent



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