



Doorways of Hope

NEWSLETTER

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Winter Edition - January 2022

TRIVIA BOWL

Friday, February 11 *at the* **Diamond Jo Casino**

\$15/person (Trivia Only)

\$25/person (Trivia & Tailgater Buffet)

TEAMS: up to 10 Players

Individual Players Welcome!

Advance registration preferred.



Gather your team mates, dress to support your favorite team, and compete for cash prizes! Not a football fan? No worries! Our event features a wide variety of trivia topics! Visit our web site to register, or complete the registration form in the attached envelope.

TRIVIA BOWL GAME PLAN

Diamond Jo Casino - Harbor Room

5 PM: Doors Open—Full Bar

5:30 to 6:30 PM: Tailgater Buffet

7 to 9 PM: 10 Rounds of Trivia

Tailgater Buffet features Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs/Chili Sauce, Fries and Coleslaw

**Hosted by
Johnny
Rhodes,
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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

Happy New Year!

This newsletter is bursting with gratitude for YOU! You continue to offer amazing support through your generosity. From a record-breaking Attitude of Gratitude fall gala, to Christmas Wish List drives and generous monetary donations, you have filled our closets and our hearts! Wish List drives and appeals are so important for our operation, THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks to Joe & Linda Chlapaty for providing a \$30,000 lead gift for Attitude of Gratitude. We watched with amazement as our event guests generously matched this gift during our Empower-a-Life segment.

Juli, one of our long-time clients (pictured right), stated in our Holiday Appeal, "Now is the time to shine your light."

We are grateful for each of you who shine your light on our work. Blessings!

Carol



Carol Gebhart
Executive Director



Cottingham & Butler

Cottingham & Butler set a new holiday drive record with \$16,787 in cash donations, gift cards and Wish List items! We are so honored to have been selected for six years!



JOHN DEERE

John Deere chose Opening Doors for their holiday drive charity for a sixth consecutive year raising \$10,301 in monetary donations, gift cards and Wish List items! John Deere employees broke their previous record with this amazing drive!



"Attitude of Gratitude" Sets a Record

Our 20th annual "Attitude of Gratitude" on November 20 shattered all previous records netting \$171,217. We are truly grateful to our generous sponsors, guests, and donors who made this happen! Former resident speakers Marie and Morgan spoke about their successful journey through our programs. For the first time, we offered a live stream for virtual guests. A special thanks to Bobbi Earles and Jeff Vaassen for hosting our festivities and to Tapestry for sharing their musical talents!

Save the Date

Saturday, November 19, 2022



Above: Sisters of Charity BVM and Prudential table attendees were excited to be back in person this year!

Left: Board member Kiesha Sainci and her husband Anderson joined the fun. Keisha is a Regulatory Analyst for Prudential.



400 guests attended our 20th annual event including Kathleen Loch Klein, Colleen and George Leibfried and Bill and Mary Klein. A special thanks to Mary for donating her baking expertise for our silent auction!



Left: Board Members Sr. Mira Mosle of the Sisters of Charity, BVM and Sr. Marci Blum of the Sisters of St. Francis served as greeters and they also sold the most raffle tickets. Many thanks to everyone who purchased tickets!



Thank You Event Volunteers

A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the event including Jolyn Hannan, Karlyn Van Gelder, Christine Boxleiter (pictured left), Shelly Bauer, Patrice Brimeyer, Kevin Crahan, Joni Decker, Bobbi Earles, Nelson Edmonds, Sr. Ginny Heldorfer, Janet Hendricks, Keri Kluck, Sr. Mary Lechtenberg, Lauren Minert, Judy Nauman, Jennifer Pickett, Sarah Ross, Kay Schroeder, Kent & Kathy Schumacher, Krista Sigman, Sandy Stock, Lori Streif, Kate Uhal, Susan Uhal, Julie Voss, Rachel Voss, Jeff Vaassen, Katelyn Vaassen, Jennifer Webber and Liz Willems. We are truly grateful to Craig Schaefer, Jake Taylor and David Tucker for managing our livestream production! A special thanks to all of our board members who greeted our guests.

Opening Doors Unveils a New Event!

Thursday, June 30, 2022

7:30 to 9 AM

Hotel Julien Dubuque Ballroom

\$35/person

Includes breakfast and the book "Be The Exception"

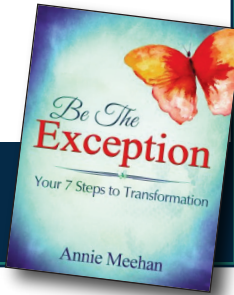


Opening Doors is excited to bring international speaker and award-winning author Annie Meehan to the Hotel Julien on Thursday, June 30, 2022 for a uplifting and transformative event that you won't want to miss!

With a delivery guaranteed to inspire, enlighten and energize, Annie will talk about the practical tools she champions to lead a more impactful life.

Seating will be limited! To register, use the enclosed envelope, or visit www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/Cup.

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All attendees receive a copy of Annie Meehan's award-winning book "Be The Exception" and a coffee themed gift bag!

STAFF NEWS



Audrey Hinz was promoted to Case Manager in October. Audrey works directly with our clients at Teresa Shelter. She is a 2021 graduate of Loras College where she majored in social work and criminal justice.

THANK YOU!

Opening Doors was honored to have been chosen for Home+FloorShow's annual Community Holiday Event for the sixth consecutive year!

They donated 5% of customers' total purchases to 10 area non-profits! A special thanks to Dick and Jean Gregory!



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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, 8-5). Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated Wish List items and hosted holiday drives this year!

- #1 - Tax Deductible Cash Donations
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- #4 - Paper Towels
- #5 - Garbage Bags (13 gallon)
- #6 - Liquid Laundry Detergent
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- #8 - Jule Bus Passes
- #9 - Disinfectant Spray & Wipes
- #10 - Dishwasher Detergent



Far Left: The Girl Scouts of Eastern IA and Western IL troops hosted a new "Community High Five Collection" Wish List event on November 30 led by Nicolle Hoppman. Opening Doors was one of two nonprofits selected for this first-time event!

Left: The congregation at St. Peter Lutheran Church collected paper products and baby wipes. The adorable snowmen were created for their "Feed My Sheep" project. Pictured here is Rev. Calvin Konop, Associate Pastor and Miriam Bjornstad, Education Coordinator.