



Doorways of Hope

NEWSLETTER

OpeningDoorsDBQ.org

Fall Edition 2023



Attitude of Gratitude hosts Bobbi Earles and Jeff Vaassen. Photo courtesy of S. Kelly Photography.



22nd
ANNUAL

Attitude OF GRATITUDE

Saturday, November 18
Grand River Center | Tickets \$80

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Opening Doors operates Teresa Shelter, Maria House and 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 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

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Filling Your Cup Overflows!

Event Expands in 2024

“Filling Your Cup,” our inspirational coffee-themed event, was hugely popular in its first two years—selling out months in advance. For our third annual event on June 27, 2024, we will be returning to the Hotel Julien and guests can choose from two session times. We are excited to announce that Holly Hoffman will be our keynote speaker. To reserve your seat, visit OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/CUP.



Thursday, June 27, 2024 ~ Hotel Julien

Breakfast Session: \$40 - 7:30 to 9 AM

Lunch Session: \$45 - 11:30 AM to 1 PM

About our Speaker: Holly Hoffman was the last remaining member of the Espada Tribe and the last woman standing on Season 21 of CBS’ hit reality show *Survivor Nicaragua*. Through that experience, and others throughout her life, Holly was inspired to share her message of survival. A professional motivational speaker and the author of *Your Winner Within* and *Write Yourself a Note*, Holly acknowledges that life is made up of challenges, and we are oftentimes faced with situations that seem insurmountable. But within each of us is an ability to focus our thoughts, emotions, and energy to succeed—if only we have the knowledge, tools, and discipline to do so.



Keynote Speaker

Holly Hoffman

www.HollyHoffman.com

A native of South Dakota, Holly’s writing and speaking not only offer encouragement and optimism, but a roadmap for self-discovery and spiritual enlightenment. Readers and audience members alike walk away inspired to light the fire of successful living within themselves.

Save the Date

for Trivia Palooza

May the luck of the Irish be with you at Opening Doors’ annual trivia night happening **Thursday, February 29, 2024** at the Grand River Center. While the decor may be Irish, the trivia will be comprised of a wide variety of topics. Teams of up to 10 players will test their wits with 10 rounds of trivia. Cash prizes provided for first, second and third place finishers. Information coming soon at OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/Trivia.



Trivia Palooza is sponsored by EXIT Realty Unlimited



Your Guide to “Attitude of Gratitude”



WHAT IS “ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE”?

The 22nd annual “Attitude of Gratitude” on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at the Grand River Center is the largest fundraiser of the year for Opening Doors. With a guestlist of 550, this gala is one of the largest events of its kind in our community. Plated dinner features roast pork loin with vegetarian or gluten free options available upon request.

Tickets are \$80 and can be purchased at OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/AOG.



EVENT TIMELINE

4:30 to 6:30 PM: Cocktails, Music by Tapestry and Silent Auction Viewing
6:30 PM: Dinner/Program
7:30 PM: Silent Auction closes
7:30 to 9 PM: Live Auction, Inspirational Story and Empower-a-Life



REMOTE SILENT AUCTION BIDDING

Not attending or out of town? No problem! You can enjoy bidding on our silent auction items from the comfort of your armchair. Simply register your phone at the bidding link below and start perusing our silent auction items. Set a max bid and let the site bid for you! Bidding link opens on October 30, 2023 and closes at 7:30 PM on November 18. Remote bidders can pick up their items at our administrative office (2100 Asbury, Suite 8) starting November 20.



SILENT AUCTION CATEGORIES

100: SUPER SILENT (packages valued at \$500+)
200: HOME / GARDEN / PET 500: KID ZONE
300: SPA / FASHION 600: SPORTS / AUTO
400: GREAT ESCAPES 700: BON APPETIT

Bidding Link: openingdoorsdbq.home.qfego.us

LIVE AUCTION

Our live auction lineup features 10 exciting packages including three brand new adventures that will be unveiled in late October! Bidding is only available at the event. If you are unable to attend, and would like our staff to bid on your behalf, please contact our administrative office at 563-582-7480. To view our lineup, visit the bidding link starting October 30, 2023.

RAFFLES: \$5/CHANCE

Tickets are now available for our 50/50 cash raffle and our "Dine Around Town" package that features \$50 gift cards to Brazen, LMay Eatery, Morocco, Olive Garden and Vinny Vanucchi's* (*donated by Julien's Journal). Tickets are available at our administrative office.

WHAT IS EMPOWER-A-LIFE?

Empower-A-Life is the feature of our live program that funds our life skills programming for our three doorways of hope. Donations of any amount are welcome. We are truly grateful for your continued support!

WAYS TO DONATE

- (1) Click on the donate button after registering at openingdoorsdbq.home.qtego.us,
- (2) Donate from our website,
- (3) Scan this QR Code, or
- (4) Send payment in the enclosed envelope to Opening Doors, 2100 Asbury Road, Suite 8, Dubuque, IA 52001.



Thank you for your support!



TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN BIG!

Register at openingdoorsdbq.home.qtego.us and click on **INSTABUY**. No limit on the number of chances. You do not need to be present to win. Made possible by Opening Doors' board of directors.

COLLEGE RIVALRY SHOWDOWN*

INSTABUY #801

\$100/CHANCE VALUE \$4,075

Calling all sports fans! This is your chance to be a part of some of the biggest buzz in college sports. Enjoy two lower-level seats to one regular season college football rivalry game in the contiguous 48 states with a two-night weekend stay for two. Package includes a \$300 VISA gift card.

TENNESSEE WHISKEY ADVENTURE*

INSTABUY #802

\$50/CHANCE VALUE \$2,005

Sip and see the historic distillery where Jack Daniel's whiskey is made on this immersive day tour. Enjoy a three-night stay with luxury accommodations at the Loews Vanderbilt in Nashville. The hotel is situated in the trendy west end corridor and is near many diverse attractions of the city. Includes a \$150 VISA gift card.

**Some exclusions apply. Visit openingdoorsdbq.home.qtego.us for more information.*

Grants Power our Future

Grants are vital to our mission as this funding source represents 20% of our annual revenue!



DUBUQUE RACING ASSOCIATION 20 YEARS OF FUNDING

A three-year \$10,000 grant from the DRA will fund our permanent supportive housing program.



MCDONOUGH FOUNDATION 11 YEARS OF FUNDING

The McDonough Foundation honored us with a \$10,000 grant for rent subsidies for our permanent supportive housing program.



SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS 24 YEARS OF FUNDING

Opening Doors received a \$20,000 ministry grant that will help fund program staff salaries.



VARIETY THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY 10 YEARS OF FUNDING

Variety awarded Opening Doors with a \$5,000 grant to fund emergency shelter supplies for the children we serve.



UNITED WAY OF DUBUQUE AREA TRI-STATES 23 YEARS OF FUNDING

Opening Doors is proud to be a United Way agency!

Thank You for Your Service!

A special thank you to long-time board members Kim Budde, Jill Connors, Kevin Deeny, Sarah Ross and Mike Welbes as their time on our board of directors draws to a close. Their expertise helped to further the mission of Opening Doors!



Kim Budde



Jill Connors



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back page for our
complete list.

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Wish List **Top 10**

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- #1 – Tax Deductible Cash Donations
- #2 – Gift Cards (i.e., Gas, Burger King, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Dominos, Eagles, Fareway, Happy Joe’s, Hardees, Hartig Drug, HyVee, KFC, McDonald’s, Pizza, Staples, Target, Taco John’s, Theisen’s, Walgreens, Wal-Mart)
- #3 – Copy Paper
- #4 - Paper Towels
- #5 - Floor Cleaner
- #6 - Garbage Bags (13 gal.)
- #7 – Laundry Detergent
- #8 – Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- #9 – Disinfecting Wipes
- #10 – Dish Soap

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Thank you for your support!

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