

# Doorways of Hope

# NEWSLETTER

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### "Leap and the Net Will Appear"

-John Burroughs

owdy, my name is Morgan. I am a first-time mother of a beautiful one-year-old daughter, Rosalynn, and am expecting a son in August.

Right after my 21st birthday in March 2020, I found myself losing my grip on reality. This wasn't the first time in my life, but it was the first time that I had realized that if I didn't start fixing my behavior and reaching out for help, that I would lose the most important part of my life—my daughter.

I have struggled with physical, sexual, and mental abuse since I could remember, and with

addiction since I was 15 years old. I had been consistently homeless since I moved out of my dad's house when I was 18. I have dealt with domestic abuse, and have been in legal trouble. I don't want my daughter to have that kind of life.

Seeking shelter through the Opening Doors' program at Teresa Shelter has helped me get on the right path again, given me the support and tools to learn how to be the best mommy I can be, and provided a safe roof over my family's head.



Morgan & Rosi

When I first came here, I was so scared. I didn't know if I'd really find help. I didn't know that I'd be happy to call this place home. The staff has some of the most supportive and knowledgeable people I have ever met, more so than most of the family I had growing up.

I have started mental health and substance abuse counseling; and with the staffs' help, I have been able to maintain a healthy lifestyle during my pregnancy without a relapse since I have gotten here. I also found a job, started saving money, and enrolled in college classes. I have been paying my

dues and learning how to be a responsible and productive part of society.

My daughter has gone from barely crawling to walking, and is learning to talk more! She is just the sweetest, happiest little girl I have ever laid eyes on.

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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. Leap and the Net... (Continued from page 1)

### Being here has shown me how to fall in love with my life and who I am as a person.

I have many goals still to reach, and a lot of work to do toward them, but now I know I can do it. If I don't know how, someone here is going to help me so that once I move on from here, I'll be able to stay on this path and keep going to give myself and my family the best life I can.

-Morgan



### From the Director's Chair

ometimes we describe a person as a "ray of sunshine." This kind of person seems to shine their light; spread positive energy, and doesn't hold back.

So many people in our community need someone to step in and be that "ray of sunshine." Meet Morgan—it breaks my heart to know that she has suffered physical, emotional and sexual abuse her entire life. Now, at age 21, she's found her ray of sunshine in the staff at Opening Doors—and she is becoming a ray of sunshine for others. Her children will not live in darkness!



Executive Director

YOU are a ray of sunshine for Opening Doors! Your support is shining a light for women and children who have known only darkness.



As more and more people allow their light to shine, our community becomes a bright, vibrant place.

SHINE ON!







Saturday, November 21 VIRTUAL: 6:30 to 8 PM

**Hosted by Bobbi Earles &** Jeff Vaassen

Toin us from the comfort of your favorite chair for our 19th annual "Attitude of Gratitude" on Saturday, November 21 from 6:30 to 8 PM. Bobbi Earles and Jeff Vaassen will host 90 minutes of fun to support women and children who are experiencing homelessness.

"Attitude of Gratitude" sponsorships start at \$500. All sponsors will be listed in our October newsletter, our website, the Qtego electronic bidding site and during the virtual event. Sponsors over \$2,500 will be featured in our print advertisements. For more information, visit www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/AOG.

SILENT AUCTION NEWS: Our silent auction opens November 1 and will close at Noon on Monday, November 23. Dubuque businesses have generously supported this event for many years. Consider donating a gift card purchased from a business impacted by COVID-19. If you would like to donate a gift card or a themed basket for our auction, email Ann at alorenz@openingdoorsdbq.org, or call 563.582.7480.

### Event Sponsorships as of July 15

All sponsors will be also listed in our October Alliant Energy newsletter.

DIAMOND: \$10,000 Joe & Linda Chlapaty

RUBY: \$5,000 **Dupaco Community** Credit Union Portzen Construction Prudential Radio Dubuque

**SAPPHIRE: \$2,500** MidWestOne Bank Telegraph Herald Verena Street Coffee Co. EMERALD: \$1,000

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PEARL: \$500

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Cash donations of any kind are also greatly appreciated.

Our virtual 19th annual "Attitude of Gratitude" gala comprises one-sixth of our annual operating budget.

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### Kwik Care Recipient - September

When you fill up at the pump and pick up snacks at Kwik Stop, or when dining at Dairy Queen or Fazoli's **in the month of September**, donate your spare change to Opening Doors through the Kwik Care program.

Since 2008, spare change from our generous community has added up to nearly \$1.5 million for local nonprofits. We are honored to be the September recipient!



Mother's Day Joy

Our residents experienced a joyful Mother's Day thanks to Scott and Irene Nelson from the Town Clock Inn Restaurant, cupcakes from Koppes Kreations, gift bags from Jena Deaver, a Senegence representative, and others. Our staff strives to have holidays be extra special for our families during their stay with us. We are truly grateful for all donations from our generous community.







### Opening Doors Mews Brief







Kiresten Bauer



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Opening Doors' 2019 Business of the Year!

Congratulations to HEATHER LUGRAIN and KIRESTEN BAUER who received their Master's of Social Work degrees from Clarke University in May! Kiresten was married on July 10. ASHLEY EHRLICH was promoted to Assistant Program Director. COURTNEY WINGERT was hired as Teresa Shelter Case Manager. She got married in June! ANNA HARRINGTON was hired as Maria House Case Manager, and SARAH SHAFER joined the team as our newest part-time Program Advocate.

On July 7, board president KIM BUDDE received the Women's Leadership Network Organizational Impact award at the virtual Women of Achievement Awards Ceremony. Board member SARAH ROSS celebrated 30 years as a Wealth Advisor at Dubuque Bank & Trust.

KAREN WEILAND was chosen by our staff as our 2019 Volunteer of the Year! She has volunteered for Opening Doors for over 15 years. She said, "I always tell others that I consider it a blessing to be able to communicate with the women and children that I have met at Teresa Shelter and to watch the progress that is made. The shelter is like a home rather than a building."

#### **DUPACO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION**

received our 2019 Business of the Year honor. Dupaco generously supports us with volunteers, committee and board members, and financial support of our programs and events. "Our valued partnership with Opening Doors allows us to help even more members in our community gain access to financial education and support," said Dupaco President and CEO Joe Hearn. "By building their savings and preparing to live on their own, participants are empowered to break the cycle of poverty and help build an even stronger community."

### Friends of Opening Doors

Opening Doors is grateful for the continued support from our community. Donations are from March 11 to July 14, 2020. Please call 563.582.7480 to inform us of any omissions or errors. Thank you for supporting our mission!

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Cathy, Tim & Jason Gantz Estate

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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.

Legislative Mens

On March 27, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law to help combat the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19. The bill provides increased tax incentives for charitable giving for both individuals and corporations, signifying an intent to stimulate philanthropy throughout America.

If you have any questions about this information, please consult with your financial advisor or attorney.



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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 our administrative office located at 2100 Asbury Road, Suite 8 (Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM).

### #1 - Tax Deductible Cash Donations

#2 - Gift Cards (Gift Card ideas: 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 - Gift Cards & Themed
Baskets for "Attitude of
Gratitude" Silent Auction. Please
mail or deliver to our administrative
office by October 30.

#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

#### \*MEAL DELIVERY\*

Interested in dropping off a prepared meal for our residents? Contact Heather LuGrain at hlugrain@openingdoorsdbq.org.

### Clip Save Share

#### \*PLEASE NOTE\*

Due to space limitations, we cannot accept donations of clothing or bedding. Opening Doors collaborates with Open Closet where our residents, and those in need, can obtain these items for their family free of charge.

#### **OPEN CLOSET**

St. John's Church
1276 White Street
Please call 563.495.0885 to
make an appointment
before dropping off items. They
take infant to large men's &
women's clothing sizes.

We are truly grateful to the tri-state community for 20 years of continued support!