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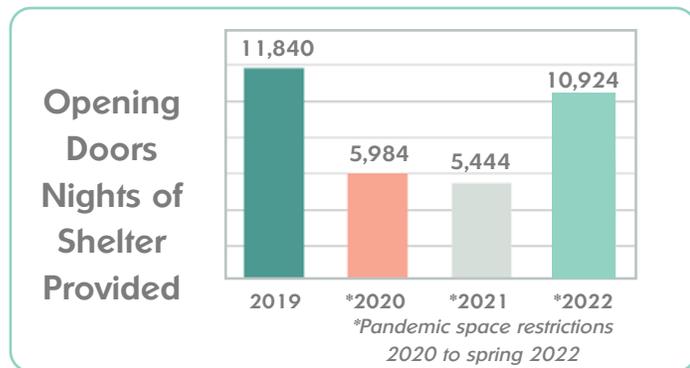
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Looking Back at 2022

Our 22nd year of providing services for women and children experiencing homelessness was a busy year for program staff. Intake numbers rose significantly when pandemic space restrictions were lifted in the spring. Teresa Shelter operated at or near capacity for the remainder of the year.

In 2022, Opening Doors served 170 women, 45 girls and 45 boys.

10%: Newborn to 5 years	35%: Ages 26-40
10%: Ages 6-17	30%: Ages 41-61
10%: Ages 18-25	5%: Ages 62+



Our inaugural “Filling Your Cup” event on June 30 was a sold-out success! This uplifting coffee-themed breakfast event at the

Hotel Julien featured Annie Meehan, international speaker and award-winning author. Motivational speaker, author and comedian Kelly Swanson will keynote our second annual event on Thursday, June 29 at the Hotel Julien (see page 4).



Ashley Ehrlich
Program Director



Audrey Hinz
Assistant Program Director



Emily Sass
Case Manager



Cassie Nelson
Case Manager

Fall staff promotions (pictured above) included Ashley Ehrlich, Program Director; Audrey Hinz, Assistant Program Director; Emily Sass, Case Manager; and Cassie Nelson, Case Manager. Office Manager Erin Renner joined the team in September.

Our 21st annual “Attitude of Gratitude” fall gala shattered all previous records netting \$201,452! The record crowd of 520 enjoyed the move to the first floor Exhibit Hall at the Grand River Center which provided a roomier space.

In January 2023, negotiations were completed to transfer ownership of the Francis Apartments building, (1501 Jackson Street) from Steeple Square to Opening Doors.

This building has been home to our permanent supportive housing program since 2017.



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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

Trivia Bowl Coming March 2

Mother Nature brought a huge snowstorm on February 9, so we quickly shifted gears and rescheduled our annual Trivia Bowl event to Thursday, March 2.



This year's starting lineup features four new PRESENTING SPONSORS: EXIT Realty Unlimited, Home+FloorShow, New Eagle Insurance and New Eagle Wealth Management. The EXIT Realty Tailgating Party features games generously donated by Big Time Entertainment. This year's site sponsor is the Grand River Center.



Johnny Rhodes, Host of the "Morning Show on 97.3 The Rock" will return as our Master of Ceremonies.

GAME DAY FUN FACTS

Thursday, March 2

Grand River Center, Exhibit Hall

5:30 to 7 PM: EXIT Realty Tailgating Party,
Food served until 7 PM

7 to 9 PM: 10 Round of Trivia (wide variety of topics)

\$15 (Trivia Only)

\$20 (Trivia & *Food)

\$175 (Table of 10 & *Food for 10)

*Food: pulled pork sandwich, hamburger, sides and a cookie. Full bar available for purchase.

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Register at
OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/Trivia



For more information and to register, scan the QR Code above.

Left: Long-time Trivia Bowl supporter Gwen Kosel and her team enjoyed the festivities in 2022.

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ANNUAL

Attitude OF GRATITUDE

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“Attitude of Gratitude” smashed all previous records on November 19 netting \$201,452. Records were also set in sponsorships, cash donations, silent auction and attendance. We are truly grateful to our sponsors, guests, auction item donors, and volunteers.

SAVE THE DATE for Saturday, November 18.



Bobbi Earles and Jeff Vaassen have hosted our event almost every year since 2010.



Sapphire Sponsor Verena Street Coffee Co. has been supporting our mission for 10 years.

Photos courtesy of Ellen Dettmer, Life Through a Polaroid.

Grants Power our Future

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



In 2022, Andersen Corporate Foundation generously provided two \$5,000 grants for our Teresa Shelter program.



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CHANGE HEALTHCARE

Opening Doors received a \$2,500 grant from Change Healthcare. This first-time grant will fund supplies, financial literacy tools and medical services not covered by insurance.



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

The Church of the Resurrection awarded Opening Doors with a \$1,200 grant for our children's activity fund.

DUBUQUE KIWANIS CLUB

Kiwanis Club members presented Opening Doors with a grant for \$5,000. This grant will include a \$1,500 sponsorship for our June 29 “Filling Your Cup” event. The remainder of the grant will be used to support the children we serve.



SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

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



THEISEN'S MORE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY GRANT

A \$2,000 Theisen's grant will provide funding for children's boots and snowpants.



Opening Doors is proud to be a United Way agency!



Filling Your Cup - Coming June 29

Opening Doors is excited to announce that motivational speaker, comedian and author **KELLY SWANSON**, will headline the 2nd Annual "Filling Your Cup" event on Thursday, June 29 from 7:30 to 9 AM at the Hotel Julien. Pati Gallogly will return as our emcee. Tickets are \$35 for this uplifting coffee-themed event that includes breakfast. Last year's inaugural event sold out quickly, so reserve your seat today, by clicking on the code below, or visit our web site at www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/CUP, to purchase a ticket or to become a sponsor.



Sponsor Levels

\$3,000: GRANDE **\$500: CUP-UCCHINO**
\$1,500: EXPRESSO **\$250: LATTE**
\$1,000: AMERICANO



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Holiday Spotlight

COTTINGHAM & BUTLER employees delivered over \$10,000 in monetary donations, gift cards and Wish List items. This is the seventh year we have been included in their holiday drive.



Cottingham & Butler

The employees at **JOHN DEERE DUBUQUE WORKS** chose Opening Doors for their holiday drive charity for a seventh year raising \$13,130 in monetary, gift card and Wish List donations.



JOHN DEERE

Opening Doors was also a selected charity for **HOME+FLOORSHOW's** Community Event, **INTERIORS...BY DESIGN's** "12 Days of Christmas," **MONK'S KAFFEE PUB's** annual "Monksgiving" event and **VISION HEALTH CENTER's** Annual Frame Show,



Opening Doors received a "big red check" in the amount of \$5,000 from the **SPAHN & ROSE FOUNDATION**. Staff is pictured with Opening Doors board member Brock Even, Vice President CFO & Treasurer of Spahn & Rose Lumber Company.

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Opening Doors is grateful for the continued support from our community. Donations are from 9/17/22 to 2/9/23. Please call 563.582.7480 to inform us of any omissions or errors. Thank you for supporting our mission!

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