



Doorways of Hope

# NEWSLETTER

OpeningDoorsDBQ.org

Summer Edition 2023



**Save the Date**  
**Saturday,**  
**November 18**  
**Grand River**  
**Center**

*Sponsorship*  
*Opportunities*

- \$15,000 ~ Diamond
- \$10,000 ~ Platinum
- \$7,500 ~ Gold
- \$5,000 ~ Ruby
- \$2,500 ~ Emerald
- \$1,500 ~ Sapphire
- \$1,000 ~ Topaz

## **Year #22 for Attitude of Gratitude** **Saturday, November 18**

Attitude of Gratitude is Opening Doors' largest fundraiser and thanks to our generous supporters, our guest list keeps growing! Last year we moved the event downstairs to the Exhibit Hall at the Grand River Center to accommodate our record 540 guests. This year's festivities will take place on Saturday, November 18. Tickets are \$80. All sponsors will be listed in our September issue. Auction item donations are welcome!



Long-time sponsors Cottingham & Butler (top) and Kunkel & Associates (left) enjoyed the festivities at our 2022 event.



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## Opening Doors

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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 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

## From the Director's Chair

While the Midwest is experiencing a drought, good things are raining down on Opening Doors!

Our Filling Your Cup event was sensational, and sold out! We are already counting the days 'til June 27, 2024!

East Central Region contacted us out of the blue, and we are beyond grateful to have received funds to help with program staff salaries and subsidies for our permanent supportive housing program. This quarter we also learned Maria House needs its ancient security system replaced, and BOOM Kole Wagner calls to say that Glenn McDonough nominated us and 100+ Men Who Care selected Opening Doors as their Q1 recipient with a \$12,700 donation!

We are grateful to this community who continues to share with us so we can be the rainbow at the end of a homeless woman's storm!

*Carol*

Carol Gebhart  
Executive Director



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"In this unique situation in which we were required to spend our fund balance down, it's so gratifying to the East Central Region that we can invest the funds locally and with partners who are committed to the well-being of those who experience brain health issues."  
—Mae Hingtgen, CEO  
East Central Region



Mental Health/  
Disability Services of the  
East Central Region

**100+** MEN WHO CARE  
TRI-STATE AREA

**Q2 2023 WINNER**  
**OVER \$12,700 RAISED!**

OPENING DOORS

**MARIA HOUSE**



# Thanks for Filling Our Cup!

On June 29, Opening Doors welcomed award-winning storyteller, comedian, and motivational speaker Kelly Swanson to the stage for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Filling Your Cup. Our unique coffee-themed event has been a sold-out success for two years running!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**June 27, 2024 ~ Hotel Julien**



A special thanks to our emcee Pati Gallogly, sponsors, guests, volunteers, vendors and the awesome Hotel Julien staff.



Photos courtesy of the Telegraph Herald.

## Thank You Sponsors!

**\$1,500**  
*Espresso*



**\$1,000** *Americano*



**\$500** *Cup-uccino*



**\$300**  
*Latte*



## Grants Power our Future

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

### ANDERSEN CORPORATE FOUNDATION

A grant from Andersen Corporate Foundation will fund emergency shelter supplies at Teresa Shelter.



### DUBUQUE COUNTY

The Dubuque County Supervisors awarded Opening Doors a grant to help with program staff salaries.



### EAST CENTRAL REGION

A one-time grant from East Central Region (ECR) will partially fund program staff salaries and our permanent supportive housing program.



### FEMA

Opening Doors received a grant for food and diapers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



### SINSINAWA MINISTRY FUND

A Sinsinawa Ministry Fund grant will provide program staff salary support.



### UNITED WAY OF DUBUQUE AREA TRI-STATES

Opening Doors is proud to be a United Way agency for 23 years!



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jamie Lake, Rose Malinowski,

Abby Riegler, Tabria Thomas

### Maintenance

Kent Schumacher

*Congratulations Cozzie!*

*Welcome to your new home!*



healing • hope • home



Congratulations to Cozzie who now lives at Francis Apartments!

## Meet Lauren Krapfl



Lauren Krapfl joined our full-time team in May as our Program Support Specialist. Besides working with the women and children we serve, Lauren also leads our volunteer team! She started working with us as an intern before becoming a part-time Program Advocate shortly after. Lauren received her bachelor's in social work and sociology from Loras College and a Master of Social Work from Clarke University. In her free time she enjoys

spending time with family and friends, reading new books, and baking fun treats!

Lauren is excited about leading our volunteer team. Her first priority is to align volunteers during the weeknights (anytime between 4 and 9 PM) to support the women and children we serve at our Maria House location (training provided). She is also building a new program called Ride Connect. Volunteers provide rides to the grocery store for our residents on Sundays from 2 to 3 PM. Volunteers can either use their own vehicle or the company van. A valid driver's license and insurance is required.

**Lauren: 563.582.6286    [volunteer@openingdoorsdbq.org](mailto:volunteer@openingdoorsdbq.org)**

**[OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/ways-to-help/volunteer](https://OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/ways-to-help/volunteer)**

## Volunteer Opportunities

Plug into our mission of empowering the lives of women and children experiencing homelessness.

**Maria House Volunteer**

**Ride Connect**

**Child Care**

**Meal Provider**

**Event Staffing**

**Office/Clerical**

**Internship/Work Study**

*"We rise by lifting others"*

*—Robert Ingersoll*

## Welcome New Board Members!

Opening Doors is pleased to welcome three new board members: Sr. Quincy Howard, Planning Specialist with Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters; Kevin Meyers, Account Executive with Kunkel and Associates and Rob Reinert, Financial Advisor with Northwestern Mutual.



Quincy Howard, OP



Kevin Meyers



Rob Reinert



# Friends of Opening Doors

Opening Doors is grateful for the continued support from our community. Donations are from 2/10/23 to 7/6/23. Please call 563.582.7480 to inform us of any omissions or errors. Thank you for supporting our mission!

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER DUBUQUE

### *Endowment Gifts, Donor Advised Funds*

Michael & Mary Pat Ament  
Anonymous  
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Mike & Judy McCoy  
R.D. McDonald Memorial Fund ~  
Rob & Leanne McDonald  
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### *Great Give Day*

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*In honor of Franciscan Jubilarians*  
Mildred Leuenberger, OSF  
*In honor of Terry & Paula Friedman*  
Gerald & Mary Jorgensen  
*In honor of Shirley Hansen's 90th  
Birthday*  
Karla O'Connor  
*In honor of Rick Mihm*  
Sandralee Scott

### *In honor of Maureen Siegert's 90th Birthday*

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& Gus Psihoyos  
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Kathleen Reisdorf  
Sean & Irie Sargent  
Kathryn Schantz  
Patrick Schroeder  
James & Lora Siegert  
Robert & Sandra Smith  
Chuck & Helen Spielman  
Jeffrey & Vickie Theis  
Mary Vosberg

### *In honor of April Southwood* Alexander Southwood

### IN MEMORY OF

*In memory of Sue Bauer*  
Anonymous  
*In memory of Bill & Greg Bernhard*  
Mary Lou Reisch, OSF  
*In memory of my mother,  
Patricia J. Bohy*  
Jodie Bramel  
*In memory of Charlene Bradley*  
Anonymous - "Charlene felt strongly  
about helping women & children."  
Joan & Patrick Bradley  
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### *In memory of Francis Brimeyer* Jane Brimeyer

### *In memory of James P. Curoe* Monica Curoe

### *In memory of Sr. Wilma Drees & Sr. Helen Huewe*

Gerald & Mary Jorgensen

### *In memory of Jan Evans*

Tracy & Craig Nowack

### *In memory of my Earl Fagan*

Esther Fagen

### *In memory of Ambrose Florence & David McDonnell*

Marlene McDonnell

### *In memory of Bonnie S. Gloeckner*

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### *In memory of Patrick Green*

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### *In memory of Norma Jean Holthaus*

Beckman/Postol Family Fund

### *In memory of Shirley Kamentz, OSF*

Karen Kurt

### *In memory of my son Mike whose wish was to feed everyone*

Shannon Keller

### *In memory of Margaret Kirkendall*

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### *In memory of Patty Jo Konz*

Dr. Cynthia Konz & Jon Roraff

### *In memory of Alma Knepper*

George Knepper

### *In memory of Herbert Lampe*

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### *In memory of Dane McCoy*

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Shirley McCullough

### *In memory of Maxine Menadue*

Wayne & Michelle Brown

### *In memory of Karl Millius*

Eleanor Wallace

### *In memory of Nancy Noonan*

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### *In memory of John O'Connell, beloved Father, Grandfather and Friend*

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Keith Berkley

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### *In memory of Peggy Pearson*

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### *In memory of Carol A. Pfeiler*

Louis P. Pfeiler

### *In memory of my grandmother*

### *Sheila Seigel*

Damon Trainor

### *In memory of Camilla Tjarks*

Tanya Tjarks

### *In memory of Carol Walsh, former Opening Doors' Board President*

Terry & Paula Friedman

Wayne & Michelle Brown

Patrick, Susan, Steve,

Janet & James Walsh

### *In memory of Ralph & Anna Mae Welter*

Darlene & Bill Mauss

### *In memory of T.J. Welu*

Carole Welu

### GENERAL GIFTS

100+ Men Who Care  
Harry & Mary Althaus  
Amazon Smile  
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**Thank you for your  
 continued support!**

*Thank You Kiwanis!*

A 2022 grant from the  
 Dubuque Kiwanis Club  
 for our Children's  
 Activity Fund provided  
 activities, supplies and  
 clothing for the children we serve.  
 Thanks to the Club, staff and  
 residents recently enjoyed a fun and  
 restorative outing at Coconut Cove.





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## *Wish List* **Top 10**

Thank you for your interest in supporting Opening Doors. Donations can be dropped off or shipped to Teresa Shelter, 1111 Bluff St., or our administrative office located at 2100 Asbury Rd. (M-F, 8-5).

#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 - Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Wash (full size)

#6 - Garbage Bags (13 gal.)

#7 – Dishwasher Detergent

#8 – Toilet Bowl Cleaner

#9 – Kleenex

#10 – Dish Soap

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