

Celebrating 20 Years with a New Look

# Opening Doors is roaring into the new decade with a fresh look.

Opening Doors has come a long way from our humble beginnings. When telling our story, Sr. Helen Huewe would get a twinkle in her eye talking about the early days of working off a card table with our first Executive Director, Michelle Brown, laying out plans for the new non-profit.

Thanks to Sr. Helen and seed money provided by six women religious organizations, Maria House opened in 2000, followed by Teresa Shelter in 2006. The administrative staff moved into a separate office at 2100 Asbury Road in 2016. \*Francis Apartments opened in 2017, providing stable, family living for our permanent supportive housing clients. After 19 years, Michelle Brown retired and turned the Executive Director reins over to Carol Gebhart in November of 2017.

The need for our services continues to grow. With your support, we provided over 11,000 nights of shelter last year at Teresa Shelter and Maria House– up from 9,000 in 2018. We look forward to lighting pathways of hope for future women and children. We are truly thankful to our community for your



amazing support over the years. Opening Doors offers much more than a place to sleep. We provide the opportunity for women to claim their own power and self-sufficiency.

Our new logo, tagline and web site was created by Plaid Swan. The logo design represents a happy, thankful and excited person with arms reaching to the sky.

\*Francis Apartments are owned by Steeple Square and managed by Gronen Properties.

### Check out our new web site design at www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org!

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 yearShort- 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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From the Director's Chair

We started out the new year with great sadness over the loss of Sr. Helen Huewe. She was our foundress and was still very active in our organization. What an impact she had on our community! We miss her dearly.

2020 makes me think of VISION. Do you suppose Sr. Helen and Michelle ever dreamed that we would have served over 3,600 women by 2020? What a joy it must have been to see their dream to create and expand to Teresa Shelter fulfilled in 2006. Permanent Supportive Housing was not in existence-yet here we are with a program at Francis Apartments that helps women achieve independent, sustainable living.

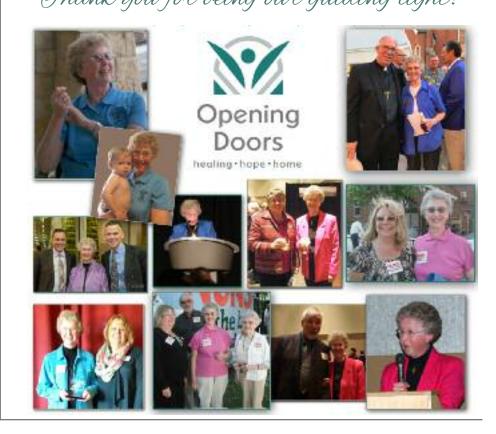


Carol Gebhart Executive Director

While we don't have a crystal ball to see what the 2020s hold for our organization, I do know that we will never waiver in our mission and will continue to honor Sr. Helen's passion to help women and children!

Care,

# Helen Huewe, OSF 1935-2020 Thank you for being our guiding light!





Santa took time out of his busy holiday schedule to visit with our Teresa Shelter and Maria House families. His bag was full of gifts for the children and moms thanks to our generous community.





Program staff enjoyed lunch and a bowling outing courtesy of Cottingham & Butler and their carrier partner Anthem Stop & Loss.



Our new logo was unveiled at "Attitude of Gratitude" on November 23, followed by new signage installed at our locations and on the van the following week.



To support Brett with a donation, visit www.Opening DoorsDBQ.org/events/dancing.

# Apcoming Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 - 7 PM **BRETT SHAW** 

Dancing with the Stars - Dubuque Style

Brett Shaw will be Dancing with the Stars on behalf of Project lifeSTYLE and Opening Doors. This Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce event will be held at Five Flags on June 6. Project lifeSTYLE was started by Jessica Pfohl Paisley and Kate McIntosh of Kate & Co. who collaborate with Opening Doors and other non-profits to provide styling, beauty and wellness services to women in need DUBUQUE AREA and in transition.

Event made possible by

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5th (Annual Bus Trip

### Saturday, September 19 - \$135



Join us on Saturday, September 19 for our 5th annual bus trip to see JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING **TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT** at the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, WI. Cost of \$135 includes

lunch, show ticket and a \$10 tax-deductible donation to Opening Doors. Itinerary and lunch menu will be posted on the web site soon.

Dubuque boarding location to be determined. Passengers have the option of boarding at Tri-State Travel's Galena location. Hurry! This is a very popular show! For more information, call 563.582.7480, or email Ann at alorenz@openingdoorsdbq.org.

Register online at www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/bus.

### "Attitude of Gratitude" Sets a Record

Our 18<sup>th</sup> annual "Attitude of Gratitude" on November 21 reached new heights netting \$139,126. We are truly grateful to our generous sponsors, guests, and donors who made this happen! A special thanks to Bobbi Earles and Jeff Vaassen for leading the festivities again this year, and to all of our wonderful volunteers. Members of "Tapestry" generously donated their time and musical talents. Photos provided by Ron & Jennifer Tigges of Digital Dubuque.



Save the Date! Saturday, November 21, 2020



Above: Ruby sponsor Mike Portzen (pictured center) with board member Matt Dodds and his wife Kara.

Right: Erika, pictured with her Case Manager Ashley Ehrlich, spoke about her journey and success in our program. Erika and her daughter are now living independently in our permanent supportive housing program.





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Be the Key to our Success!

"Attitude of Gratitude" is the largest fundraiser of the year for Opening Doors comprising one-sixth of our annual operating budget. Sponsorships for last year's event were at an all-time high and we are so grateful to all of our sponsors!

We would appreciate your support again this year. Levels start at \$500 for a Share-a-Table Sponsorship (six seats) to our \$10,000 Diamond Level (two tables of 10). Thank you for your consideration!

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#### For more information, visit www.OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/AOG.







# Wish List Top 10

When Wish List items are donated, we are able to use our operating funds for vital programming. It is best to receive items that are new and durable enough to last for an extended period. Donations can be dropped off at our Administrative Office at 2100 Asbury Road, Suite 8 (Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 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 Garbage Bags (13 gal.)
- #4 Liquid Laundry Detergent
- **#5 Floor Cleaner**
- #6 Disinfectant Spray (i.e., Lysol)
- **#7 Bathroom Cleaner**
- **#8 Diapers** (sizes 4-6)

**#9 – Clorox Disinfecting Wipes** #10 – Dishwasher Detergent

### \*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 in our community, can obtain these items for their family free of charge.

#### **OPEN CLOSET**

St. John's Church, 1276 White Street Please call 563.495.0885 before dropping off items.

### In the Driver's Seat



Juli rang in the new year with a full heart thanks to the generosity of our friend Louise! Upon hearing the news that she would be receiving a car, Juli said, "What a gift! I'm so excited! It's a great start to a new

year and I'm in the driver's seat! Here's to a brand new life. I am so very thankful for the car and everything. I didn't think I'd be getting a car any time soon, but here I am! **Dreams really do come true.**"

Celebrating Milestones

Opening Doors is so proud of Amanda for getting her driver's license! This accomplishment will

eliminate a major transportation barrier in her life and she will no longer be dependent on the bus schedule for her transportation needs to day care and to her job. Amanda is looking forward to having more time in her daily schedule to spend with her children!





Photo Courtesy of the Telegraph Herald

### Congratulations Terry & Paula Friedman!

Opening Doors was thrilled for Terry and Paula Friedman as they became the *Telegraph Herald's* 50<sup>th</sup> *First Citizen Award* recipient in January. This amazing duo has been at our side from the very start providing guidance and financial support.

When Opening Doors launched a \$1.4M campaign in 2011, Terry and Paula

stepped into a leadership role without hesitation. Paula served on our board of directors and committees for many years. The Friedman Group and Terry & Paula have sponsored "Attitude of Gratitude" since 2004. Paula's beautiful handcrafted mittens are always a hit at the annual gala! Each one is as unique as a snowflake! We are so grateful for their support!



HOLIDAY HARMONIES was an evening of women supporting and empowering women in need! This collaboration with the Northeast Iowa School of Music on December 17 featured Heartland Harmony Dubuque under the direction of Teresa Slade, guests Shirley Davis Orwoll, Sue Kalb, Deb Stevens, and "4 AM," a quartet of Hempstead High School students. Guests donated cash and over 150 Wish List items for Opening Doors! Many thanks to Westminster Presbyterian Church for lending us the use of their beautiful sanctuary.





Above: Heartland Harmony Dubuque Right: "4 AM" quartet

# Twas the Season for Corporate Giving



**Cottingham & Butler** chose Opening Doors for the fourth consecutive year as one of three recipients of their annual holiday drive. Their generous staff filled our shelves with over 1,000 Wish List items, along with \$5,000 in cash donations and gift cards! In December, Cottingham & Butler's carrier partner Anthem Stop & Loss hosted a bowling fundraiser with a catered lunch for their benefits department and our staff. We were thrilled to receive a \$5,000 check from Anthem!



John Deere chose Opening Doors for the fourth year for their company-wide holiday drive. This year they spread their gifts out throughout the year. Their generous staff donated 78 gift cards, \$793 in cash, and Wish List items totaling \$10,042! A special thank you to our dedicated volunteers Mary Cogan, Morgan Hesselman, and Rose Mueller. John Deere was awarded our 2018 Business of the Year at our Volunteer Appreciation Night.



The Dubuque Police Department presented Opening Doors with a check for \$1,500.

Their fall fundraisers included "No Shave November," "Beard\$ for Buck\$," and a Fundraising Bake Off. Pictured here is Police Chief Mark Dalsing and Inv. Abby Ray.



That's My Dog clients donated \$730 from their "Photos with Santa" event!

SERVPRO



MONK'S KAFFEE PUB contributed \$770 from their óth annual Monksgiving event. Thanks for choosing us again this year!

Testing has also donated to monitor air quality throughout the process!



Vision Health Center, P.C.'s annual Frameshow benefit on November 7 brought in \$500 and a carload of Wish List items. Thank you for choosing us again this year!



The Michael Pennington -American Family Insurance Agency held a special "Christmas with Santa" photo event. They collected Wish List items and lots of smiles from those in attendance.

Many thanks to Black Hills Energy for their generous donation of nine iPads!

Black Hills Energy

Improving life with energ



Home+FloorShow held a Community Holiday event in December. Clients could choose to direct 5% of any retail purchase to one of eight area non-profits. Opening Doors received over \$1,700 in donations!

Water can be a vital resource unless it comes in the form of a sneaky

leak behind a refrigerator at Maria House! The kind team at Servoro

Dubuque came to the rescue with a GENEROUS donation of time and



Amirage Salon, Day Spa & Hair Loss Center and Graham's Style Store teamed up for a "Spring-Tacular" event on February 17. Attendees learned about spring fashion trends from Katie Graham-McFadden. The Amirage team spoke about new trends in hair and make-up. Amirage raised \$197 and collected Wish List items throughout February!

materials for cleanup and restoration equating to \$4,500! Their affiliate MB Mold and Air Quality

Business Wish List Drives: American Customer Care, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hempstead Key Club, KB & Co. LLC, Kingdom Ministries, Medline Industries, Inc., Mercy Medical Center, The Midwest Girl LLC, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Scentsy (Amber Meyers), Summit Congregational Church, Wayne Zion Lutheran Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Special Thanks: Verena Street Coffee Co., Wal-Mart

### Record Crowd for Trivia

Supporters of our annual "Trivia Bowl" packed the house on Friday, January 31. Host Tim Pope guided our guests through 10 rounds of trivia. A special thanks to the Grand River Center for donating the Exhibit Hall and to our dedicated volunteers. Our top three teams are featured here.















Many thanks to J&D Catering & Sweets for donating the delicious chili!

### Benefit Raises \$3,000 for Opening Doors



The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Abby Lynn Golf Benefit' raised \$3,000 for Opening Doors in 2019. The event was held in Abby's memory to educate, raise awareness and to help support individuals as they work to overcome the disease of addiction. Those that support this fundraiser carry on Abby's legacy to help others who struggle with substance abuse so that her impact on the world will be visible in the hearts of all who loved her for years to come.







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Opening Doors welcomed two new board members in 2019. Kevin Crahan is owner of KFC Hospitality, and Jennifer Webber is a former teacher and community volunteer.

### OPENING DOORS TEAM

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Interested in volunteering? Email volunteer@openingdoorsdbq.org

## Friends of Opening Doors

Opening Doors is grateful for the continued support from our community. Donations are from October 17, 2019 to March 11, 2020. Please call 563.582.7480 to inform us of any omissions or errors. Thank you for supporting our mission!

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Gwendolyn Beth Saylor Estate - 2009 Toyota Corolla

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