



OPENING DOORS

Maria House • Teresa Shelter

Empowering Lives

February 2016

OPENING DOORS DASH SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Dubuque Marina & Yardarm and Jaycees Trail



Be a star in the war against homelessness at the 11th Annual Star Wars themed “Opening Doors Dash” 5K run and walk. Make tracks to help homeless women and children in your community!



This family fun event features a MVRA 5K race and walk, a half mile kids fun run, and free childcare and activities provided by the Grand View Child Development Center. Enjoy our new

route on the scenic Jaycees Trail followed by food and refreshments, a 100 yard dash and awards ceremony. Prizes will be presented for Individual with the Most Pledges, Team with the Most Participants, and Best Star Wars Costume (adult & child). Registration forms available at Big Apple Bagels and online at www.openingdoorsdbq.org.

Support our mission of empowering women with a \$5,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$250 or \$100 level sponsorship. Many thanks to our sponsors listed here—received as of 2/23/16. (cont. page 3)



KIDS FUN RUN



5K WALK



5K RACE

"FROM THE END SPRING NEW BEGINNINGS"

by *Michelle Brown, LBSW*
Executive Director

As I sit in my family room, the temperature is 54 degrees and robins are gathering on my deck outside. Is it spring? No; it's February in Iowa. How lucky we are to be experiencing this beautiful weather in what is typically the coldest month of winter. Spring fever is setting in and I'm already anticipating the sweet smell of the hyacinths and the daffodils as they are getting ready to break through the ground.

My anticipation for spring, however, becomes even greater as I think about all the special things that are happening for Opening Doors this coming year. Thanks to a shared collaboration with the Friends of St. Mary's, d/b/a Steeple Square, renovation will start May 1 on the former Jackson School, that sits immediately south of Maria House. This former school is being redeveloped into 12 two- and three-bedroom apartments and will provide affordable housing with support services to successful graduates of the programs at Maria House and Teresa Shelter.

At the current time, women are successfully completing the programs at Maria House and Teresa Shelter, but due to a severe shortage of Section 8 Housing Vouchers, are moving out into apartments they can't afford. The government defines housing costs in excess of 30 percent of income as burdensome; some of our families are paying 50% to 60% of their income on housing. As a result, we are seeing more and more families cycle back through our shelters because they simply cannot afford that excessive rent for very long.

The effects of homelessness, particularly on children, are devastating. They fall behind in school, receive inadequate health care and grow up with insecurity and despair.

The addition of these 12 apartments will ensure that more children will have a stable home, a sense of community and comprehensive support services to help families break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in their lives.

Opening Doors will utilize new knowledge with the adoption of a Permanent Supportive Housing program at the Jackson School Apartments. Opening Doors will hire a case manager to provide supportive services to the tenants. In addition, they will also provide a housing subsidy, if needed, to ensure that the tenants are not paying more than 30% of their income on housing. Research has shown that coupling permanent housing with supportive services is highly effective at maintaining housing stability, as well as helping to improve health outcomes and reducing the use of publically funded institutions. Permanent Supportive Housing helps people live more stable and productive lives.

Although the renovation of the Jackson School starts this spring, it will take about a year before the apartments can be occupied. I will keep all of you abreast of the progress being made and also about all the exciting things happening on the former St. Mary's campus, now known as Steeple Square.

Enjoy the last few weeks of winter and look ahead with eager anticipation, as I am, to the renewal and new life that spring offers us. "From the end spring new beginnings."

(Author Unknown)



Michelle Brown has been Opening Doors' Executive Director since the organization was founded in 2000.



The former Jackson School is located just south of the Maria House. Construction to transform this building into 12 apartments will begin this May. For more information on the Steeple Square project, visit www.steeple-square.org.

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OPENING DOORS DASH (cont. from cover page)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

7:30 - 9 AM: Registration

8:30 AM: 1/2 mile Kids Fun Run (free childcare and activities until 10 AM)

9 AM: Race and Walk followed by "Digger's Dollar Dash" - 100 yard dash for cash

10 AM: Prizes & Awards Ceremony (adults & kids)

Prizes: Individual with the Most Pledges, Team with Most Participants, Best Star Wars Costume (adult & child)

TEAM

Form a team with your family, friends or co-workers. Team with the most participants wins a prize.

REGISTRATION

LOCATION: YARDARM
\$25 - Adults (age 18 and up)
Register by 4/15 for free t-shirt
*\$35 - Same day
*\$15 - College Students (must show their school I.D. at registration)
*\$10 - Teens (13 to 17)
*\$5 - Kids' Fun Run (12 and under)
**Not eligible for free t-shirt*
T-shirts will be available at the event for \$10 while supplies last.

PLEDGES

Collect pledges to help Opening Doors with their mission. \$10 provides a night of shelter for a homeless woman or child. Gather the most pledges and take home a fun prize package!



Pick up a registration form at Big Apple Bagels, download a form or register online at www.openingdoorsdbq.org

TEST YOUR WITS AT TRIVIA

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

CLARKE UNIVERSITY - MARY JOSITA HALL

Join us for a festive night of trivia "fun"raising on Friday, March 18 at the Clarke University dining hall. Form your own team of 8. Individuals players are welcome. Register online at www.openingdoorsdbq.org or call Maria House at 563-582-7480. Registration will also take place at the door the night of the event. Our evening's master of ceremonies will be Art Roche.



Join us for Trivia Night!

\$12/per person in advance (Team of 8 \$96)

\$15 at the door

Registration: 5 to 7 PM

5 to 6:45 PM: Optional Lenten Fish Buffet

\$10/person (please RSVP by March 15)

7 PM: 10 rounds of trivia

50/50 cash raffle & mulligans

Cash prizes for top three teams!

Beer, soda, snacks available for purchase all evening



BROADWAY IN CHICAGO

“NEWSIES” - Oriental Theater
Sunday, August 7 - \$175

Direct from Broadway comes NEWSIES, the smash-hit, crowd-pleasing new musical from Disney. Winner of the 2012 Tony Awards for Best Score and Best Choreography, this trip would make a wonderful Mother's Day gift!



Price includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, ticket to “Newsies” at the Oriental Theatre and lunch at Macy's Walnut Room.

HURRY - SPACE IS LIMITED!

OPENING DOORS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, March 18

Clarke University Dining Hall

5 to 6:45 - Lenten Fish Buffet \$10

7 PM - 10 Rounds of Trivia

\$12 in advance, \$15 at the door

Register at www.openingdoorsdbq.org

See story page 3.

BURGER NIGHT

Friday, April 1 - 5:15 to 8 PM

Eagles Club - 1175 Century Drive
(behind Kennedy Mall)

FloorShow's LADIES NIGHT
Thursday, April 7

5 to 7:30 PM

\$5.00 admission, purchased at the door, goes directly to Opening Doors and enters you into a drawing to win over 50 fabulous prizes. Grab your gal pals and come out!

OPENING DOORS DASH
Saturday, April 30

See our cover story for all the scoop!

**“NEWSIES” BROADWAY IN
CHICAGO BUS TRIP**

Sunday, August 7 - \$175

See story this page.

**“AN ATTITUDE OF
GRATITUDE”**

Saturday, November 19
Grand River Center

AOG is the largest fundraiser of the year for Opening Doors and features a plated dinner, silent & live auction items, entertainment, 50/50 cash raffle and inspiring stories from Maria House & Teresa Shelter residents.

Special Events Contact:

Ann Lorenz

Development & Marketing Director

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OPENING DOORS' WISH LIST

CLIP, SAVE & DISTRIBUTE

When Wish List items are donated, we are able to use valuable operating funds to improve living and lifestyle conditions. It is best to receive items that are new and durable to last for an extended period. Please call in advance to determine our needs. Donations can be dropped off to Maria House at 1561 Jackson Street.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CASH DONATIONS

GIFT CARDS: BP, Dollar Tree, Dominos, Eagles, Hardees, Hartig, Hy-Vee, KFC, K-Mart, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Target, Taco John's, Walgreens, Wal-Mart

CLEANING PRODUCTS: Floor Cleaner, All Purpose Cleaner, Bleach, Disinfectant Wipes, Disinfectant Spray, Soft Scrub and Toilet Bowl Cleaner

13 gallon garbage bags

AA & AAA batteries

Air freshener
Aluminum foil
Bath & body baskets (i.e. personal care packages)
Bus tickets
Copy paper (white 8.5 x 11")
Deodorant
Dishwasher soap
Dryer sheets
Hair brushes & combs (new only please)
Liquid body wash
Liquid laundry detergent
Magic erasers
Mason jars (quart size)
Postage stamps
Sharpies
Ziploc gallon bags

Teresa Shelter is starting a new “Treasure Box” program where kids are rewarded for good deeds and for successes achieved in parent/child program sessions. They have requested award/good job ribbons or stickers of any kind

Look for our most current Wish List at
www.openingdoorsdbq.org/ways-to-help/wish-list

SNOOZE YOU LOSE? NOT ALWAYS TRUE!

by Elizabeth Dickhut, VISTA Volunteer

Find yourself snoozing at work? In most instances, if you say “good night” while at work, you’ll be saying “good bye” to your job shortly afterwards.

So where can you go if you want to sleep on the job?

One option could be moving to Japan, where inemuri, or “sleeping while present,” is okay. Employees sleeping at work mean that they are exhausted from their hard work and commitment to their job.

If you’re not going to find yourself in Japan anytime soon, consider volunteering with Opening Doors, where “sleeping on the job” is also encouraged. Women, age 18+, are needed to monitor Maria House overnight, which means volunteering while you snooze. On average, Overnight Volunteers get 7 hours of sleep in a cozy, comfortable bed (which is better than Japan, where workers have to sleep upright in their chairs!)

Before you can nod off, however, volunteers have the opportunity to interact with the women and children at Maria House. Activities with residents while “on the clock” can include watching a movie, doing a craft or activity, reading books, or baking cookies. Although it is a rare occurrence, there is always a staff on-call to assist with any problems that may arise.

Opening Doors’ Board President Sr. Mary Ellen Green (pictured right) is also an Overnight Volunteer and

finds the experience rewarding: “Once a month I spend the night with the women and children at Maria House. Since my day to day life is so different from theirs, I appreciate the opportunity to share their world, to hear their stories, and maybe to encourage them a bit. For me it is a privilege to be with them and the experience enriched my life.”

For more information on how to get involved, please contact Jessica Bleile, Maria House Program Director, at 563.582.7480 or jbleile@openingdoorsdbq.org.

Sweet dreams!



Opening Doors is proud of our volunteers. Besides serving as Board President and co-chair of the Development & Marketing Committee, Mary Ellen Green, OP of the Sinsinawa Dominicans also devotes time to work directly with our homeless women and children.

8 WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT OPENING DOORS

1. **SLEEP ON THE JOB** - see story above.
2. **WATCH THE KIDS** - Childcare is provided to our mothers when they are attending required programming. Hanging out with the kiddos might be for you.
3. **MAKE A MEAL** - Meals are always welcome when arranged in advance.
4. **PLAN A PARTY** - Are you the life of the party - or do you like to work behind the scenes? Then you might like planning our fundraisers, setting up events, and volunteering at our “parties.”
5. **JOIN THE OFFICE CREW** - Office assistants help in so many ways. They answer phones and doors and so much more!
6. **HELP OUT AROUND THE HOUSE** - Cleaning, painting, decorating - just a few household tasks that keep Maria House and Teresa Shelter up and running.
7. **CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE** - Have an idea? Let’s hear it. Volunteers have provided spa days for our women, held Wish List fundraisers, and provided counseling.
8. **GET WORK EXPERIENCE** - Opening Doors partners with local colleges and organizations to provide internships, work study positions, and field placements.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS

Opening Doors is pleased to announce the addition of two new board members and a new Executive Committee. Danielle Beck, Community Oriented Policing, City of Dubuque, and Cathy Kelley with DAC, Inc. joined the board in January.

(Photos by Barbra A. Ilten)



Above right: 2016 Executive Committee includes (left to right) Mike Welbes, Secretary/Treasurer; Mary Ellen Green, OP., President; Michelle Brown, Executive Director; and Matt Dodds, Vice President.



Below right - 2016 Board Members: First Row - left to right: Kim Budde; Elena Hoye, PBVM; Kathy Kelley; Lindsey Jelinek; and Sarah Ross.

Second Row - Kay Gaul, OSF; Mary McCauley, BVM; Michelle Brown; Mary Ellen Green, OP; and Megan Schultheis. Third Row - Jeff Vaassen, Matt Dodds, Jill Connors, Danielle Beck, Kevin Deeny, and Mike Welbes. (Not pictured: Craig Schaefer; Joanne Burrows, SC, Ph.D.; Nancy Manning; and Julie Woodyard)

SPRING STAFF UPDATE

In March 18, staff member Janet Schroeder, our Administrative Assistant, will retire after 11 years with the organization. Always ready to greet visitors to Maria House, while providing a familiar voice to our friends that call the shelter, staff always appreciates her willingness to lend a hand! She will be greatly missed!

Janet will pass her extensive knowledge of our organization onto Doug Clarke who joined our team in January. Native to Bellevue, Iowa, Doug received his accounting degree from Loras College. He enjoys fishing and spending time with his two granddaughters.

**"JUST
LIKE**

**HOME"
DEBUTS
SUMMER**

2016!

Opening Doors is excited to unveil a new cottage industry. Our "Just Like Home" product line will begin with delicious cocoa, cookie and soup mixes that will be available for sale this summer.

Besides producing revenue for our lifeskills programs, this new industry will teach our residents valuable job skills as they assist with all aspects of the operation including marketing, production and shipping our products through our e-commerce site.

Stay tuned to our web site and to our Facebook page for all the scoop.

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Mission: Openings Doors offers hospitality and opportunity to women, alone or with children, who need emergency or transitional housing and related support services.

Maria House provides a bridge for homeless women, with or without children, striving to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency and independent living. Teresa Shelter provides emergency and transitional shelter for all women, with or without children, who find themselves homeless due to circumstances beyond their control.

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Vice President: Matt Dodds

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OPENING THE DOOR TO A BRIGHTER TOMORROW!

Opening Doors is grateful for the continued support of our community friends. *Donations are from 1/1/15 to 12/31/15.* Please contact us at 563-582-7480 to inform us of any omissions or errors.

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Heather (Teresa Shelter Director) you are an angel. You made me feel so comfortable. I opened up to you like no other before. You took me and my son in and treated us like we were family; in my case better. I really appreciate the way you told me that I am not the only one going through things like this and to know that I am not alone. Also not to worry about feeling bad because everybody in here is just like everyone else. We are here for help. I believed her then and I believe her now.

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