

OPENING DOORS

Maria House • Teresa Shelter

Empowering Lives

July 2014

GREAT GIVE DAY



The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque sponsored Great Give Day--a 24 Hour Online Giving Event

On Tuesday, May 6, Opening Doors took part in the Great Give Day, the largest philanthropic on-line giving event in Northeast Iowa. The event, sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque was intended to raise as much money for local non-profits as possible in just 24 hours. A total of 1,855 gifts raised \$205,630 for participating local non-profits.

Opening Doors received \$2,620 in donations and during double donation hour an additional \$785 was raised for Opening Doors' endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. Opening Doors was also excited to engage eight first time donors during this online giving event.

Opening Doors would like to thank the following donors who contributed to this day of giving! The staff, Board of Directors, residents, and volunteers appreciate your support.

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Save the Date

13th Annual "An Attitude of Gratitude"

Saturday, November 22 - Grand River Center

Sponsorships available at Platinum \$5,000, Gold \$2,000,

Silver \$1,000, Bronze \$750, Table \$700,

*and *NEW* "Share a Table" Sponsorship \$350*

Visit www.openingdoorsdbq.org for more information!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor contact Amy Schauer,

Development and Marketing Director, at aschauer@openingdoorsdbq.org or 582-7480.

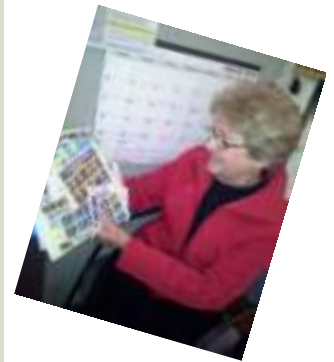


NEW DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING DIRECTOR

Opening Doors would like to introduce our new Development and Marketing Director, Amy Schauer. Amy has a Bachelor of Science-Sociology degree from the University of WI-La Crosse and will complete a Master of Arts in Communication degree from the University of Dubuque in July. She has over 12 years experience working for non-profit organizations. She previously worked as the Director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and, prior to that, she spent nearly five years as a Case Manager with the Visiting Nurse Association. Amy has written local, state, and federal grants and worked with many community partnerships. Amy and her husband, Jim Schauer, who works for Prudential Retirement, live in Asbury and have two children, Layney and Landon. Layney will turn 5 in June and will start kindergarten in the fall and Landon turned 1 in May.

OPENING DOORS RECEIVES UNIQUE DONATION-- STAMPS!

Over the last year Opening Doors has received a very unique donation. Mary O'Hea generously donated over \$1,500 in postage stamps to the organization. Mary says she and her son collected the stamps while he was young and, when he lost interest, she decided it was time to do something with them. Opening Doors is so pleased she decided to donate them to our organization. Janet Schroeder, Administrative Assistant states she has been using them to mail out items for Maria House and Teresa Shelter. Opening Doors is so fortunate to have generous donors-- whether the donation comes in the form of money or other much needed items.



WISH LIST - CLIP, SAVE & DISTRIBUTE. THANK YOU!

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 any day between 8 AM and 7 PM to Maria House at 1561 Jackson Street.

#1 NEED: TAX DEDUCTIBLE CASH DONATIONS. \$10 sponsors a woman or

child with a night of shelter through our "A Bed of Hope" program. Sponsor as many nights as you wish. Gifts can be designated "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a special person or occasion.

#2 NEED: GIFT CARDS:

Gas, Grocery, Movie Theater, Fast Food, Pizza, and Stores

Cleaning Products: All Purpose Cleaner, Disinfectant Wipes, Disinfectant Spray, Soft Scrub and Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Bus Tickets
Copy Paper

Garbage Bags (13 gal.)
Paper Towels
Postage Stamps
Post-it Notes
Toilet Paper
laundry detergent
umbrellas
size 4 diapers

Look for our most recent Wish List on our website www.openingdoorsdbq.org



TOM CONNORS: BOARD SPOTLIGHT!

by *Craig D. Reber*

Tom Connors, chairman of the Development Committee, is wrapping up his tenure on the Board of Directors. His advice to potential board members?

“It’s a great experience, a wonderful chance to serve our community and people who really need help,” he said. “And the best part is, you are supporting the marvelous staff. They give so much of their careers as staff members of Opening Doors.”

Retired from John Deere Dubuque Works, Connors was volunteering at Opening Doors when he was asked if he was interested in serving on the board. “I was retired and thought it would be a good thing,” he said. “It’s been exciting. We’ve had some great things happen.”

He cited the opening of Teresa Shelter as one example. “We took a building in downtown Dubuque and refocused its use.” The other “good” thing was the capital campaign that netted \$1.4 million in donations. “It’s always marvelous to see the generosity of all the people in Dubuque,” he said. “That’s a good sum to cover any unanticipated thing that could happen to us in the future.”

He was also impressed with the giving of the “nuns,” the women’s Roman Catholic religious orders that call the tri-state area home. “Without them, this wouldn’t have happened, and they continue to support us,” he said.

Opening Doors’ mission “takes people from the absolute emptiness of homelessness and takes them to make successful contributions to society,” he said. “They learn parenting skills, budgeting, jobs and learn how to fit into society.”



This article is the fourth in a series of board member spotlights by award-winning *Telegraph Herald* Reporter Craig D. Reber. *A U.S. Navy veteran and Sioux City, Iowa-native, Craig graduated from Briar Cliff College (now university) in 1978 and immediately embarked on a career in print journalism and has continued for 36 years - including 26 with the Telegraph Herald. Craig serves on Opening Doors’ Marketing Committee.*

JULIE KINSELLA - 2014 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Night was held on April 22 at the Hotel Julien. **Julie Kinsella** (pictured right) received our 2014 Volunteer of the Year award!

Since getting involved as chair of Opening Doors’ “An Attitude of Gratitude” (AOG) in 2011, our event has seen tremendous growth. During her time as chair, Julie was ALL IN - even donating the use of her garage for a couple of months each year to set up the auction items! The AOG team enjoyed working under her expert guidance - mixing fun and hard work - yielding wildly successful results! Opening Doors is blessed to have had the privilege of her service for three years!

The Opening Doors staff is also very grateful for our “volunteer” Volunteer Coordinator **Judy Kenniker** (pictured bottom right). She devotes hundreds of hours each year coordinating volunteers for all of our staffing needs.

Opening Doors would also like to thank Heather Schuster and the helpful staff at the Hotel Julien!



OPENING THE DOOR TO A BRIGHTER TOMORROW!

Opening Doors is grateful for the continued support of our community friends. *Donations are from 2/26/14-6/4/14.* Contact Janet at 563-582-7480, to inform us of any omissions or errors.

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Dubuque Racing Association (DRA) for the grant to purchase a new copier and network cabling.

Eide Bailly provided a substantial discount on our annual audit!

Net-Smart provided discounted web site services.

Community Fundraisers

Bryant School- Bed of Hope Fundraiser

Eide Bailly donated \$157 from their "Jean's Day" fundraiser.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser

DuTrac Community Credit Union's Community Action Committee brought in a load of Wish List items!

IBM Employee Service Center

The Platteville Student Optimist Club donated tie blankets.

Lisa Dodds' Mother's Group donated Wish List items and gift cards!

St. Joseph's Church held a Wish List drive.

John Deere Dubuque Works held a bake sale drive to raise donations for the "Opening Doors Dash" and raised \$400.

About Us

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Opening Doors is the nonprofit organization that operates Maria House and Teresa Shelter. Homeless women, alone or with children, come to us to

help rebuild their lives. We provide goal setting and life skills training that will enable them to take care of themselves and achieve their full potential. Women are dependent when they come in...independent when they leave.

Since September of 2000, Maria House has provided transitional housing where residents can stay for as long as two years. In 2006, we opened Teresa Shelter. It offers the same transitional housing, as well as short-term emergency shelter services. Over the past 13 years, we have empowered over 2,250 women to rebuild their lives.

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