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“Birdies Fore Beds” Scores \$9,600 for Opening Doors

DUBUQUE (September 27, 2016) – On August 25 at 2 PM, eighty four women prepared to tee off at the scenic Thunder Hills Country Club. By the end of the evening, \$9,600 was raised for Opening Doors! “Birdies Fore Beds,” a four person best shot charity event for Opening Doors, was the first venture of this kind for the Thunder Hills Country Club (THCC) Ladies’ Golf Association.

The benefit featured 9 holes of golf, a delicious meal, a variety of vendor booths, raffle tickets prizes, and silent auction items. The evening’s keynote speaker was one of the first residents of Maria House who spoke about how the staff helped to shape her future by encouraging her to believe in herself.

“The extraordinary efforts of the “Birdies Fore Beds” committee and the THCC Ladies Golf Association is a wonderful example of women reaching out to help other women, who find themselves on the margins of society, struggling with homelessness and poverty.” said Opening Doors’ Executive Director Michelle Brown. She added, “this amazing team gave a voice to those in need in our own community.” Thunder Hills’ Head PGA Golf Professional Brian Wilson remarked, “We were so excited to host this special event. The commitment of our THCC members, the community, and our local companies was amazing.”

Many thanks to the participants, vendors and to these golf hole sponsors! \$1,000 Level: Dubuque Mattress Factory; \$500 Level: Crescent Electric Charitable Foundation, Cummer Masonry, Inc., Vaassen Chiropractic and Acupuncture; \$250 Level: Crossroads Counseling Center LC, Ed Fett Accounting Inc., McCoy NationaLease, Inc., Mike Finnin Motors, Cynthia Nelson, Peckosh Pediatric Dentistry; \$100 Level: Collins Community Credit Union, Dubuque Dental Associates PC, Edwards Cast Stone Company, Jeff & Linda Goldsmith, Mi-T-M Corporation, Rainbo Oil Co., Richardson Motors, The Calico Bean Market, The Window Dresser, and Theisen’s Home Farm Auto.

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 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.

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