

## Opening Doors

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## New Doors for Opening Doors Thanks to the DRA!

**DUBUQUE (September 14, 2016)** – Opening Doors is proud to announce a new location for their administrative offices located at 2100 Asbury Road, Suite 8, thanks in part to a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA).

Opening Doors is the nonprofit organization that operates two shelters for homeless women and children: Maria House and Teresa Shelter. Teresa Shelter was recently renovated to include an intake room for new admissions. Thanks to a DRA grant, we were able to construct a similar room for incoming residents at Maria House. Because space was limited at Maria House, the project required that the administrative staff move to a new location. The DRA grant provided funding for the technology changes necessary to

move the offices which took place on August 1. The grant also included a new intercom system at Maria House that provides better communication between the staff and the residents on the second and third floor.

“As we enter our 17<sup>th</sup> year of service, we are excited to expand our operations to better serve the homeless women and children of the tri-states,” said Executive Director Michelle Brown. “Maria House is now truly a home for our women and children and not a multi-purpose building. Our new office provides an additional location for our supporters to drop off Wish List items and cash donations. We are very grateful to the DRA for 14 years of support!”



*Opening Doors moved into their new administrative office on August 1.*

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 extended stay housing, as well as short-term emergency shelter services.

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