

Opening Doors

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United Way Funding is Key to Opening Doors' Success

DUBUQUE (October 13, 2016) – Opening Doors is pleased to announce the 15th year of funding as an agency of the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States.

United Way has been a vital component in the success of the organization over the years. “Opening Doors is extremely grateful for the funding that we have received from United Way,” said Executive Director Michelle Brown. “They are a crucial partner in Opening Doors’ mission to end homelessness for women, alone or with children, in our community.”

The United Way funds key life skills programming including Opening Doors’ new “Doorways to Hope” job training program. Launched in August, this new social enterprise and job training program will provide both an education component and hands-on work experience to help our residents gain the self-confidence and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency. The curriculum offered will target both the soft and hard skills necessary to employment, including resume writing and interviewing.

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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