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## NEWS RELEASE

### Westfield Insurance Foundation's Legacy of Caring Fund Benefits "Opening Doors" of Dubuque, IA

Dubuque, Iowa, May 25, 2017 – Opening Doors, of Dubuque, Iowa, received a \$9,000 grant from Westfield Insurance Foundation thanks to the help and partnership of Cottingham & Butler. The grant is part of the Westfield Legacy of Caring program, which invites Westfield independent insurance agents to nominate a local nonprofit in the areas of disaster recovery, insurance pathways, family stability or safety.

"Thanks to the generous donation from Westfield Insurance Foundation, we can increase our efforts toward our job skills training program; 'Doorways to Hope'. This program teaches women soft and hard job skills and also provides guidance for residents looking for assistance in obtaining their HSED and/or help with the paperwork necessary for admission into a college" said Ann Lorenz from Opening Doors.

"We have strong relationships with our agents, and we value the important role they play in their communities," said Ed Largent, Westfield President, CEO, board chair and Westfield Insurance Foundation chairman. "Our agents help provide peace of mind and security, and the Legacy of Caring fund is an extension of the fundamental role insurance plays every day stabilizing families, businesses and communities."

"Opening Doors has provided a tremendous value to the people they serve and our Dubuque community. Their focus on education and empowerment has created a model for independence and long-term success. Our collaboration with Westfield allows us to further our citizenship efforts and have impact in critically important initiatives like Opening Doors," said David Becker.

Opening Doors is one of 78 nonprofits nationwide receiving a Westfield Legacy of Caring grant – collectively totaling nearly \$550,000. Westfield is proud to work with their independent agents in distributing nearly \$1.3 million since the onset of the Legacy of Caring program in 2015.

#### **About Cottingham & Butler**

Cottingham & Butler is the 35th largest insurance broker in the U.S. and a recognized leader in offering innovative property & casualty and employee benefit insurance solutions. The company is headquartered in Dubuque, Iowa, and employs over 800 employees across the U.S. For more information, visit [www.cottinghambutler.com](http://www.cottinghambutler.com)

#### **About Opening Doors**

Opening Doors is a nonprofit organization that operates Maria House and Teresa Shelter in Dubuque, IA. Homeless women, alone or with children, come to Opening Doors to help rebuild their lives. The organization provides 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.

**About Westfield Insurance Foundation**

Westfield Insurance Foundation was established in 2005 as an independent private foundation endowed by Westfield Insurance. In keeping with the values of Westfield Insurance, the Foundation exists as a dedicated community and industry partner; concentrating resources to have an impact on safety, disaster relief and family stability. The Foundation donates over \$3 million annually to a variety of charities.

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