

Opening Doors

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DRA FUNDING TOPS \$150,000 IN 16 YEARS!

DUBUQUE (June 29, 2017) – Opening Doors was recently awarded a \$3,862.70 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA). This year’s grant marks the 16th year of DRA funding for Maria House and Teresa Shelter totaling over \$150,000 in awards.

Since Opening Doors was established in 2000, the DRA has funded a wide variety of organizational needs including a new telephone system, computer server and equipment, furniture, and much more. The 2017 award provided funding for five additional security cameras for Maria House. The surveillance system now allows Teresa Shelter staff to monitor Maria House remotely providing another layer of safety and peace of mind for the staff and residents.

“DRA funding is the cornerstone of our success and we are so grateful for their support,” said Ann Lorenz, Development & Marketing Director. “Grants like this allow us to redirect vital operating funds toward program expansion that continue to empower our homeless women and their families.”

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 and emergency shelter services.

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