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Record Breaking Funding from United Way

DUBUQUE (June 9, 2017) – Opening Doors is pleased to announce the 16th year of funding as an agency of the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States. This year’s grant award was a record breaking \$50,000 for Maria House and Teresa Shelter.

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 permanent supportive housing program which will start this August at the new Steeple Square apartments at 1501 Jackson Street. Opening Doors’ Case Managers will provide supportive services to the families that will be selected to live in the apartments. Permanent Supportive Housing is a combination of affordable housing and services intended as a cost effective way to help people live more stable and productive lives.

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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