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## **Opening Doors Celebrates 16<sup>th</sup> Annual “Attitude of Gratitude”**

**DUBUQUE (September 3, 2017)** – Opening Doors is gearing up for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual “Attitude of Gratitude” fall dinner/auction scheduled for Saturday, November 18 at the Grand River Center. Opening Doors hopes to follow in the success of previous years in raising over \$130K of support for their mission to help homeless women and children in the Dubuque community. Last year 500 guests joined in the festivities.

The evening of November 18 in the Grand River Center ballroom begins at 4:30 PM with cocktails and a silent auction with items donated by local businesses, along with music provided by “Tapestry.” The delicious dinner features a Chicken Parmesan, ravioli, green bean almandine, chef’s salad and pumpkin cheese cake with white chocolate or chocolate lovin’ cake. After dinner, we hear from two Opening Doors’ “graduates” who will share their personal stories. The program features emcee Pati Gallogly and auctioneer Jeff Vaassen who will preside over our live auction. Mobile bidding provided by QTEGO - the electronic auction site link will be available two weeks prior to the event.

Please join Opening Door in this night of celebration, gratitude, and generosity. For registration information, please visit [www.openingdoorsdbq.org](http://www.openingdoorsdbq.org). Tickets are \$70 for individuals and a sponsored table of 10 is \$800. Cash donations of any kind are welcome.

Our annual raffle features three items valued at over \$300. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available in advance (call 582-7480), or at the event. Winners announced the evening of the event, and they do not need to be present to win.

Opening Doors is the nonprofit organization that operates Maria House, Teresa Shelter, and the permanent supportive housing program at the new Francis Apartments. 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.

Opening Doors is proud to be a United Way agency.

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