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Opening Doors Announces 2018 Board of Directors

DUBUQUE (December 1, 2017) – Opening Doors is pleased to announce our 2018 Board of Directors including two new board members.

New Board Members:

Michael Gantz – Co-owner at Lime Rock Springs Co., as well as co-founder of Verena Street Coffee Company. He oversees sales and operations for both companies.

Sr. Mira Mosle – Mira served on the Sisters of Charity BVM Leadership team for 8 years. She recently completed a sabbatical and is engaged with a number of justice groups.

Board Officers:

President - Matt Dodds – Chief Operating Officer, Dupaco Community Credit Union

Vice President - Kim Budde – Director of Human Resources, Kunkel & Associates, Inc.

Secretary/Treasurer - Mike Welbes, CPA – Partner, Honkamp, Krueger & Co., P.C.

Board Members:

Brandon Bauer – Community Police Officer, City of Dubuque

Jill Connors – Economic Development Project Coordinator, City of Dubuque

Bernadine Curoe, SVM – Counselor, Loras College

Kevin Deeny – Attorney, Kane, Norby, & Reddick, P.C.

Kay Gaul, OSF – Teacher of Theology, Wahlert Catholic High School

Mary Ellen Green, OP – Director of Development, Sinsinawa Dominicans

Daisy Halvorson – Vice President of Business/Finance, Clarke University

Elena Hoye, PBVM – IPA Networker, Sisters of the Presentation

Lindsey Jelinek – Supply Management Specialist, John Deere Dubuque Works

Nancy Manning – Relationship Manager, Prudential Retirement

Tim Pope – K-12 Curriculum Manager, Kendall Hunt Publishing

Sarah Ross – Senior VP Wealth Advisor, Dubuque Bank & Trust

Craig Schaefer – Professor of Media Studies, Loras College

Jeff Vaassen – Business Banker / Banking Center Manager, Dubuque Bank & Trust

Julie Woodyard – Executive Director, Crescent Community Health Center

Opening Doors is the nonprofit organization that operates Maria House, Teresa Shelter and the permanent supportive housing program at the new Francis Apartments on the Steeple Square campus. 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 the same transitional housing, as well as short-term emergency shelter services. Our permanent supportive housing program completes our continuum of housing services for homeless families in our community.

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