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## Opening Doors Staff News

**DUBUQUE (March 8, 2018)** – Opening Doors is pleased to announce the following staff updates:

Opening Doors welcomes our new Maria House Case Manager Ashley Koopmann. Ashley is very familiar with our mission as she had previously worked as a Program Advocate at the Teresa Shelter in 2015. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree in social work from Clarke University, Ashley worked as a social worker at Hillcrest Residential Care Facility in Dubuque, where she worked with severely mentally ill adults. She will be tying the knot in April of 2018 and is looking forward to married life as Ashley Ehrlich!

Kiresten Bauer was promoted to Assistant Program Director – assuming an administrative role in addition to assisting the clients of Teresa Shelter, Maria House and Francis Apartments. She was previously the Teresa Shelter Case Manager.

Opening Doors is the nonprofit organization that operates three doorways of hope: Teresa Shelter, Maria House and Francis Apartments. Since 2000, homeless women, alone or with children, have come to us to help rebuild their lives. We provide goal setting and life skills training that enable them to take care of themselves and achieve their full potential. Women are dependent when they enter...independent when they leave. Teresa Shelter offers emergency and extended stay housing services. Maria House provides transitional housing where residents can stay for as long as two years. Our new permanent supportive housing program at Francis Apartments completes our continuum of housing services to homeless women and children in our community.

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