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## One Saturday to Dream Fearlessly

**DUBUQUE (May 25, 2018)** – "One Saturday to Dream Fearlessly" is a national event initiative from American Family Insurance. Local agent Michael Pennington is bringing this event to Dubuque to raise awareness for Opening Doors on **Saturday, June 30 from 11 AM to 2 PM** at the Steeple Square Event Center.

During this three-hour family friendly, hundreds of community volunteers will come together to organize Wish List items and assemble care kits for residents at Teresa Shelter and Maria House. The event will also feature free family activities and vendor booths including the Dubuque Police and Fire Departments. A variety of food and beverages will be available for sale.

Event sponsor Michael Pennington said, "Our Mission at American Family Insurance is to Inspire, Protect and Restore Dreams. Teaming up with Opening Doors to assemble these care packages and raise awareness for their amazing work allows us to prove our commitment to Dreams. The "One Saturday" events are held across the country by American Family Agents to partner with local charities to inspire, support and celebrate their community. My team and I are excited to be a part of this event and give back. Please join us, and celebrate the amazing things that happen when we come together to inspire Dreams and support Dubuque."

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

### ONE SATURDAY TO DREAM FEARLESSLY

**Date:** Saturday, June 30  
**Location:** Steeple Square Event Center, 15<sup>th</sup> & White

#### Event Summary:

**11 AM to 2 PM:** Public invited for free family activities, vendor booths and family activities. Food and beverages available for sale.

#### 11 AM to Noon:

Community volunteers will assemble care kits and sort Wish List items for residents of Teresa Shelter & Maria House.

### HOW CAN OUR COMMUNITY HELP?

#### 1. Attend

**2. Volunteer at the event**  
Contact: Ann Lorenz at [alorenz@openingdoorsdbq.org](mailto:alorenz@openingdoorsdbq.org) or call 563.582.7480.

Preregistered volunteers receive a free event t-shirt while supplies last.

#### 3. Drop off Wish List items

##### **Now through June 29:**

Michael Pennington Agency  
American Family Insurance  
960 Cedar Cross Rd., Dubuque

**Saturday, June 30 (9-11 AM)**  
Steeple Square, 15<sup>th</sup> & White

What is needed: \*T-shirts,  
\*Sweatpants, \*Underwear (ladies all sizes), \*Children's Socks, Soaps, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Baby Wipes, Diapers, Gallon Size Ziplock Bags \*New only please

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.

For more information, please contact Ann Lorenz at 563-582-7480, Michael Pennington at 563-564-4704, or visit the event page at [www.openingdoorsdbq.org/events/one-saturday](http://www.openingdoorsdbq.org/events/one-saturday).

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