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Opening Doors Announces 2019 Board of Directors

DUBUQUE (December 7, 2018) – Opening Doors is pleased to announce our 2019 Board of Directors including two new board members.

New Board Members:

Colleen Lindecker – Associate Dean of Faculty, Chamberlain University, as well as co-owner of Lakeside Investments, a real estate investment and property management company in Dubuque.

Kiesha Sainci – Regulatory Supervision Analyst for Prudential Retirement. She is accountable for supporting plan specific government agency audit process. She is also the Co-Lead of the Black Leadership Forum in Dubuque.

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:

Jill Connors – Economic Development Project Coordinator, City of Dubuque

Bernadine Curoe, SVM – Counselor, Loras College

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

Michael Gantz – Co-owner of Verena Street Coffee Company and Lime Rock Springs Co.

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

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

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

Lindsey Jelinek – Supply Management Specialist, John Deere Dubuque Works

Sr. Mira Mosle – Sisters of Charity BVM

Timothy Pope - Illustrative Mathematics

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 Teresa Shelter, Maria House, and a supportive housing program at Francis Apartments. Homeless women, alone or with children, come to us to help build a new life. We provide goal setting and life skills training that will enable them to take care of themselves and achieve their full potential. We offer a hand up in the world, not a handout.

Since 2000, Opening Doors has served over 3,400 women and children through a continuum of services. Teresa Shelter offers emergency and extended stay programs. Maria House offers transitional housing for up to two years. Francis Apartments offers an opportunity for income-based affordable housing with support services; a combination that has proven to be effective at ending the cycle of homelessness. Our three doorways of hope for homeless women and children are much more than a place to sleep. We offer the opportunity for women to claim their own power and become self-sufficient.

For more information, please call 563-582-7480.

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