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### Be the Key to a New Minivan for Opening Doors

**DUBUQUE, IA (February 1, 2019)** – Opening Doors, a Dubuque non-profit, serves women and children experiencing homelessness in our community. Early in 2019, the organization found themselves in need of a new vehicle to provide safe transportation to the families they support. McGrath Hyundai and McGrath Used Car Superstore of Dubuque offered to help get the job done.

Starting February 1 through March 17, 2019, local businesses and residents may donate toward the purchase price of a 2018 Grand Caravan for the non-profit. McGrath has generously offered a \$5,000 match to the fundraising.

“We are so grateful that McGrath stepped forward to assist us in this immediate need. Our 2004 van is mechanically unreliable, some seatbelts and doors not working; and we are really in dire straits for safe transportation,” stated Carol Gebhart, Executive Director for Opening Doors. “Large expenses can really overwhelm a non-profit, so we are so thankful for everyone who will donate toward this purchase.”

“There is nothing more important than community. We are very lucky to have a leadership team at McGrath that recognizes how important it is for businesses to step up and help. Dubuque has been very good to us and we are happy to give back. Opening Doors is such an important service in Dubuque. We are committed to getting them their new vehicle,” stated Trevor Arnold, General Manager of McGrath Hyundai Dubuque.

Residents and businesses may donate at McGrath Hyundai or McGrath Used Car Superstore or online at [www.openingdoorsdbq.org](http://www.openingdoorsdbq.org).

*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.*

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