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Opening Doors Receives DRA Grant for New Security System

DUBUQUE (May 27, 2019) – Opening Doors is pleased to announce a grant award of $9,644 from the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA). This award fully funds a new security system for Teresa Shelter.

Opening Doors will be working with Security Products of Dubuque to install 18 new digital security cameras to replace a 12-year-old surveillance system. Program Director Heather LuGrain said, "Besides adding three new cameras, the system will provide high definition quality and it will allow us to store video footage for a longer period of time to improve our efficiency and safety measures. Our current system is very out-of-date and only holds two days of footage. The footage is not clear enough to view in most situations."

Since we opened in 2000, the DRA has provided over $162,000 in funding!

Opening Doors is the nonprofit organization that operates Teresa Shelter, Maria House, and a supportive housing program at Francis Apartments. Women, alone or with children, who are experiencing homelessness 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. # # #