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One Saturday to Dream Fearlessly

DUBUQUE (July 15, 2019) – "One Saturday to Dream Fearlessly" is a national event initiative from American Family Insurance. Local agent Michael Pennington is bringing this event to Dubuque again this year to raise awareness for Opening Doors on **Saturday, July 27 from 2 to 5 PM** at the Yardarm. Michael won an American Family 2018 Community Impact award for this event in 2018.

During this three-hour fun family friendly event, volunteers will accept and organize Wish List items for Opening Doors. Admission is free and open to the public. Enjoy music by the river courtesy of Sid V and the Human Resources. \$1 will be donated by for every Daily Special and vodka lemonade sold.

Event sponsor Michael Pennington said, "My team loves helping out Opening Doors and giving back to Dubuque. Last year we visited the Maria House and it inspired us to plan and sponsor the *One Saturday to Dream Fearlessly* last year. We set the bar high with a fantastic event, and this year we want to do even more to raise awareness *and* the necessary supplies Opening Doors needs. Dream Fearlessly is more than a slogan, it's a call to action! We want to let everyone in the Dubuque area know how great Opening Doors is for our community!" Event is also sponsored by the Yardarm and Sid V and the Human Resources.

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 in search of a new life. We provide goal setting and life skills training that enable them to achieve their full potential. We offer a hand up in the world, not a handout. Since 2000, Opening Doors has served over 3,500 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.

ONE SATURDAY TO DREAM FEARLESSLY

Date: Saturday, July 27

Time: 2 to 5 PM

Location: Yardarm
1201 Shiras Ave. Ext.

Event Summary:

Benefit for Opening Doors, Music by Sid V & the Human Resources. Free admission. Bring a Wish List item (cash donation, gift card, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, or pull-ups). Food and beverages available for sale.

Our three doorways of hope offer much more than a place to sleep. We provide the opportunity for women to claim their own power and become self-sufficient.

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