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McDonough Foundation Awards \$15K to Opening Doors

DUBUQUE (July 12, 2019) – The McDonough Foundation awarded Opening Doors a \$15,000 grant for our “On My Own” fund to support families moving into permanent supportive housing.

This grant has a dual purpose. \$5,000 will go toward a self-perpetuating fund to assistance our residents with first-month’s rent deposits and the other \$10,000 will be establish a fund to be used for basic furniture, mattresses and household starter kits for families moving into the *Francis Apartments and other permanent housing.

“This expanded program will enrich the lives of our client’s families rebuilding their dignity,” said Executive Director Carol Gebhart. She added, “Many times families need to scramble to find used furniture and some have none at all. It is our hope that with the assistance of this grant that none of our families will have to go to their new homes without a bed or the essentials they need to start their new lives.”

***Francis Apartments are owned by Steeple Square and managed by Gronen Properties.**

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.

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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