



PERSONAL STORIES, GENEROUS DONORS SHOW POWER OF PARTNERSHIP AT DISCOVER OPEN DOORS

Last month, Katie, Paul and Jon gave powerful testimony to the reality that we can reclaim our lives from crisis and chaos and despair. Each speaker has a unique story that led them to Open Doors. Thank you for making this tremendous turn-around possible for valuable human beings.

Attendees contributed \$35,000, triggering the full matching gift of \$25,000. With \$10,000 in sponsorships, we raised \$70,000 to help people who need support and a home! We hope to see you next year!



OPEN DOORS' FAMILY PURCHASES NEW HOME

Last summer we shared Nate's story, a hard working resident who had just landed his dream job. We are happy to share now that after working very hard and practicing patience, Nate and his family have purchased their very first home! Congratulations, Rodriguez family!



Jack & Carolyn Harvey spearhead Duke Playground project

CREATING A PLAYGROUND

Local United Methodist Churches are joining together to create a playground for the children at our Duke Street apartments. The group is working hard to raise funds to create this new play place. We are currently \$13,000 away from our goal of \$18,000. To contribute to this project, simply specify you would like your donation to go directly to the Duke Street Playground.

NEW DONOR? INCREASING YOUR DONATION? DOUBLE YOUR GIFT!

Thanks to a generous challenge grant from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, new and increased gifts will be matched, dollar for dollar. That means...

- If you donated \$100 last year, and increase your donation to \$150 this year, \$50 will be matched.
- Gifts from first-time donors will also be matched!

As we continue to grow, so do our operating costs. Please help us continue to meet the needs of people who need homes with a new or increased gift.

Please contact Stacy Little, Director of Development, or Rick Stravers, Executive Director, at (269) 343-6064 for details or visit our website to make your donation online.



3 NEW TASK FORCES FOCUS ON DIVERSITY, ADVOCACY & CHILDCARE

At our annual retreat, Open Doors staff and board identified three key areas which need our attention and formed three new committees to work in these areas in the coming year.

Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity Task Force

This task force participated in training offered by the Michigan Nonprofit Association and will create an annual assessment of Open Doors' diversity, inclusion, and equity, and make annual action recommendations to the Board for maintaining and strengthening diversity, inclusion, and equity.

Public Policy Advocacy Task Force

This task force will lead Open Doors' board, staff, and volunteers in advocating for public policies that will provide housing stability for those in need and help those with unstable housing develop stable housing and good quality of life.

Child Care Task Force

This group consists of board members, staff, and members of our Residence Community for Working People and will identify the specific challenges our families face in securing affordable, quality childcare. They will work to create a plan to help our residents meet these challenges.

The work of these committees will help strengthen our work and ensure we're doing all we can to help all people who need homes.

MAKE A FAMILY'S DREAM COME TRUE THROUGH YOUR ESTATE PLAN

A planned gift to Open Doors will help provide a home and a new life for local families.

Contact Rick Stravers at 269-343-6064 to include Open Doors in your estate plan.

Because a home is the foundation.

DONORS GIVE IN HONOR OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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