



New Apartments to Break the Cycle of Homelessness

The long-awaited conversion of a Mission property into permanent supportive housing has begun!

Earlier this year, Open Door Mission was notified that we will receive a grant to establish 24 permanent supportive apartments. The proposed apartments will be located at 226-234 West Main Street in an existing, vacant facility formerly known as the Miller Building. The Mission currently owns this facility which neighbors our Samaritan House emergency shelter.

The facility will undergo a substantial rehabilitation to become 13 studio apartments and 11 one-bedroom apartments. Open Door Mission will provide on-site support services for residents, including case management, job readiness training, financial management, skill training, and job search assistance. We hope that the apartments will be ready for occupancy by Spring 2022.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating and praying for this exciting new chapter!

This month – with your help

Men will face their addictions and choose not to use drugs or alcohol.

Women will leave the streets and find hope for a new life.

Meals will be served to hungry men, women, and children.

Hundreds will have a place to sleep, receive spiritual care, job readiness, and the means to end homelessness.

THANK YOU FOR OFFERING PEOPLE HOPE THAT CHANGES THEIR LIVES!

Journeys of Hope



“I thank God for putting this place here!”

Wanting to be with her children and new grandchildren, Vicki made the decision to move back to Rochester from Alabama, where she had been living for seven years.

She arrived here in the early part of last year, only to be blindsided by COVID. With no work to be found and not able to stay with family, a friend suggested Open Door Mission's Coldwater House where she found the help she needed to get back on her feet.

Read more of Vicki's story on page 3!

LET'S BE FRIENDS

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Match my gift to **DOUBLE** the amount of help.



- \$34.19 for **26 meals and care**
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- \$97.31 for **74 meals and care**
- \$_____ to help as many people as possible

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Just for you...

Moving forward!

“People here really care and want to help you.”

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2021 Golf Classic





A MESSAGE FROM
OUR DIRECTOR
ANNA VALERIA-ISEMAN

Moving forward!

The last year or so has been a challenging season at Open Door Mission.

But we have held strong because we know the Lord has great things in store, just as He promises in Jeremiah 29:11:

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Now we are blessed to move forward into that future that God promised:

To help more neighbors who have lost jobs and homes get back on their feet.

To provide meals, shelter, and care for more people than we’ve ever served before.

To provide new services like the permanent supportive housing apartments we’re building for individuals and couples. These apartments will provide a long-term, supportive environment for people to rebuild their lives.

With the prayers and support of partners like you, Open Door Mission is moving forward, caring for those in need in Jesus’s name.

Thank you so much for your partnership!
God bless you!

Anna Valeria-Iseman, Executive Director



Make Twice the Impact Today!
\$20,000
Matching Challenge Gift
DOUBLES your support!

Thanks to a generous Matching Challenge Gift from an anonymous donor, your support today will have double the impact.

That means you’ll make twice the impact for homeless and hurting people in need of food, shelter, and lasting hope:

\$20 doubles to \$40 to help with meals and shelter.

\$50 becomes \$100 to help twice as many people.

\$100 doubles to provide \$200 worth of life-changing services.

Mail your gift today or donate online at OpenDoorMission.com.

THANK YOU!



“People here really care and want to help you.”

Growing up in a loving middle-class family that included seven brothers and sisters, Vicki’s grateful for her Mom and Dad. “We didn’t have much, but we had all the love they could give; that’s for sure.”

When she moved to Alabama several years ago, she didn’t realize how much she would miss her family. “My daughter had two babies, and I didn’t get to see them,” she says. “Everyone was growing up – my grandkids, my brother and my sons – and I got homesick. I just wanted to be back with my children and grandchildren.”

But relocating from Alabama didn’t go as smoothly as Vicki had planned.

She arrived in Rochester right around the time the COVID outbreak started. “They were shutting everything down, so I was having a hard time finding a job.” She tried staying with family, but “that can sometimes not be a good situation.”

A friend mentioned Open Door Mission, and Vicki came here after a phone interview.

“It’s amazing how they care.”

“The staff really care about helping us get our lives back together.” Once Vicki was settled,



her counselor went to work. “My purse got lost somewhere along the way with my Social Security card and birth certificate in it. They helped me file to replace those and paid the fees.”

Vicki got the help she needed to find a job. She also received counseling on money management that will enable her to budget and save enough money to eventually find an apartment of her own.

“I am just grateful that God put me here with people who care and really want to help you. It is an absolute blessing.”

Thank you for your partnership and support that enables individuals like Vicki to receive the help and guidance they need to get back on their feet!



21st Annual Golf Classic
Open Door Mission 21st Annual Golf Classic is now a season long event.

Make your own tee time and play between June 1st and September 5th. Best ball team format (play your own golf ball).

For more details and to register as a player or sponsor:
birdease.com/ODM2021GolfClassic