



## Opening doors to food, housing, healing, & hope.



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Dear Neighbor,

With your help, Open Door Ministries will continue to help our neighbors in need by opening doors to second chances.

This past year, the Covid-19 Pandemic has contributed to and increased housing shortage within the City of High Point for many low-income individuals. Due to the housing shortage, staff members of the Men's Shelter have found unique and innovative ways to house many of the communities most vulnerable during this time. Many of the residents in the Men's Shelter come from a background that includes mental health, physical health, substance abuse, and legal barriers. With many of these barriers, our residents have found it difficult to find affordable housing within our city.

This past March, the shelter staff of Open Door Ministries was approached by a High Point native couple who were looking to give back to the community. The couple had a family home that they wanted to see go to a good cause, housing the homeless. Their family house was located right in the heart of High Point, giving former residents access to affordable housing while also staying close to bus lines and local businesses. With the partnership of the Men's Shelter and this local couple, Open Door Ministries was able to house four individual single men. This house gives residents a comfortable living situation, while also making them feel comfortable knowing they have support of other residents and the shelter staff. Staff can provide ongoing case management for the residents to reduce any potential issues that may arise for each individual.

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With the help of the City of High Point, Open Door Ministries was able to provide both a deposit and first month's rent for each resident moving in. This gave the residents the ability to save up money for future monthly payments. For many of the residents, this is a steppingstone to permanent independent housing. Men come to the shelter of Open Door Ministries looking to get their lives back together from many of the barriers that they have faced.

The staff of Open Door Ministries focuses on each one's strengths, not weaknesses, to move them forward in the right direction. Two new residents will be moving into this home during the upcoming months. Open Door Ministries is grateful for this High Point couple who believed in providing individuals a second chance to rebuild and enjoy what the world has to offer. Open Door Ministries is looking to build a great relationship with these landlords as many more homeless men will benefit from this house.

Your tax-deductible gift supports Open Door Ministries of High Point's homeless shelter, daily meals, and non-perishable food distribution. Your generosity helps staff to help people find housing and employment to get back on their feet and on the road to a new, healthy lifestyle.

Our financial needs are greater than ever, especially in light of the cancellation of our in person fundraising events this past year. Please visit our website at [www.opendoorministrieshp.org](http://www.opendoorministrieshp.org) to make your gift online. You may also send your gift by check to 400 North Centennial Street, P.O. Box 1528, High Point, NC 27261.

Your gift will be recognized in our 2021 Annual Report. To learn more about Open Door Ministries' work and volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, and organizations, visit our website at [www.opendoorministrieshp.org](http://www.opendoorministrieshp.org).

You have the power to help us open more doors for our High Point neighbors this year. Please donate today so we can assist those in need who are on the verge of losing hope – every gift matters and impacts our ability to help more people like the men mentioned, and to create partnerships with the community.

On behalf of the entire Open Door Ministries of High Point family, thank you and best wishes for a wonderful remainder of this year!

Sincerely,



Ryan Ross  
Executive Director

**P.S. Stay tuned for exciting updates on upcoming events!**

