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## **OPEN DOOR MISSION PARTNERS WITH LA MADONNA DELLA STRADA TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ROCHESTER'S HOMELESS**

*New one-year partnership to begin on October 15th and will allow improved options for men and women seeking emergency shelter*

Open Door Mission (ODM) has entered into an agreement with La Madonna Della Strada/Our Lady of the Street to provide shelter service at Open Door Mission's facility at 210 West Main Street. Open Door Mission will continue services uninterrupted at 156 North Plymouth by offering 80 beds to both men and women.

During this one year partnership, ODM will also begin much needed renovations to their facility at 210 West Main Street.

Anna Valeria said "It is an honor to partner with our friends at La Madonna Della Strada to continue Sister Grace's legacy of helping our most vulnerable citizens. It also provides a unique opportunity for Open Door Mission to offer an elevated form of care to our existing guests."

La Madonna Della Strada, commonly referred to as Sister Grace's Homeless Shelter, is an emergency shelter organization committed to serving the homeless in Rochester NY. Founded by Sister Grace Miller, RSM, along with Sister Rita Lewis, RSM, the shelter provides overnight emergency housing, food and social services to those in need, based on Sister Grace's philosophy of showing compassion, respect and inclusion to all. The group is funded solely by donations and devoted volunteers.

Sister Grace said "We are very grateful to the Open Door Mission for the opportunity to serve the homeless in our new shelter, one that welcomes everyone."

Mercedes Vazquez-Simmons, President of the Board of La Madonna Della Strada said "As Sister Grace's road narrows, she wants to ensure the path of homelessness widens. This partnership ensures Sister Grace's dream is met and fulfilled".

Open Door Mission is a Christian based rescue organization that has been addressing the needs of homelessness, emergency food and addiction recovery in the Rochester community since 1952. ODM provides shelter, food, guidance and a path forward to men and women when they are at their most vulnerable. Open Door Mission operates a men's residential addiction recovery program, emergency shelter, a food and clothing program, transitional

housing for women and their children and 24 supportive housing units for formerly homeless individuals.

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