

"The positive outcomes to youth empowerment programs are improved social skills, improved behavior, increased academic achievement, increased self-esteem, and increased self-efficacy." -youth.gov

"The Open Door Project has provided our daughter with a strong support network of other young people, a safe space where she can truly be herself, and a place where she is gaining self-confidence, self-esteem and leadership skills. All of this positive interaction is helping her understand how important she is in this world, that she can make a difference, and it is building a solid foundation of who she is and will become." -Parent

"I feel like Open Door has helped me be more confident in myself and what I do. It also helps me to realize that people are just as important as I am and no one's feelings should ever feel irrelevant." -8th Grade Student

"When we sing at Open Door Project, it fills my heart with joy." -3rd Grade Student

I get told that I am weird a lot at school. At Open Door I can be myself and I'm accepted for who I am." -5th Grade Student



"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

-SOCRATES

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"Every kid is ONE caring adult away from being a success story."

-JOSH SHIPP



OUR STORY

The Open Door Project is an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization created to empower the children of this community with self worth. Kids of all ages participate in our programs each week. Our programs are uniquely designed to equip children with tools to help them successfully navigate the challenges they face in their daily lives.

Set up as a coffeeshop, the Open Door Project provides a warm and inviting atmosphere for kids to explore their feelings. They can express themselves through creative means such as art, music, and dance, as well as group discussions and personal mentorship. We believe that when children are given a safe space, and community within that space, they will thrive.

All of our work at the Open Door Project speaks directly to the core needs of each human being. I am valued. I am loved. I belong. We intentionally create programs and projects that help children integrate these truths into their minds and hearts.

Our hope and belief is that the children will benefit from having their basic needs met (as outlined in Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs), and will grow to be well rounded, contributing citizens. In addition, the Open Door Project strives to bring light into the darkness. We believe that hope drives back despair. We believe love truly is stronger than hate. While our town, and many others, struggle with the dark influence of bullying, drugs, alcohol addiction, and the ever increasing problems presented by social media, we choose to light a candle rather than cursing the darkness.

The staff at Open Door Project is committed to being that loving influence. Alone we can do some things, but together we can do many things! We invite your support.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Gift cards for Walmart, Target, Michaels, Hobby Lobby
- Venmo: @Open-DoorProject
- [paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3287925](https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3287925)
- With a check
- In-kind gifts: Individually wrapped snacks, bottles of water, juice boxes, napkins, paper towels, printer paper, craft supplies, and school supplies.
 - Check our Amazon wishlist
 - Select Open Door Project for Amazon Smile Charity

BUSINESS GIVING

- Find out if your place of employment participates in charitable giving, has a foundation in place, or has a charitable payroll deduction program.
- Create a matching gift campaign.
- Initiate a friendly fundraising competition between shifts.
- Share this brochure.

CREATE A FUNDRAISER

- Talk with us about your ideas
- Select us as your Facebook birthday fundraiser beneficiary.

