
Opening Faith Doors

Shelter House has materials for faith communities for the Opening Doors Capital Campaign. The planning which has been done and the materials that have been prepared especially for you and your faith community will serve you well in this task. The program is outlined in a brief manual and is a roadmap to a successful and rewarding leadership role for you and a great stewardship opportunity for your community



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Consultation of Religious Communities

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A Simple Plan for a Success in Your Faith Community

Special campaigns and projects are often intimidating for congregations and their leaders. A congregation may be struggling with its own budget, have its own projects to consider or is dealing with internal difficulties. Sometimes, leadership is hard to find and volunteers difficult to recruit.

One of the most helpful remedies in these situations is for the congregation to experience a success in reaching out to the needs of others. This brochure outlines an opportunity for a success in your congregation. More than that, it is an opportunity for your congregation to reach outside of its walls to provide benefits to many others for years to come.

A comprehensive plan, outlined in our manual, will work - it has worked in thousands of congregations for over 30 years.

The plan is simple, and it requires a minimum amount of planning and work with very satisfying results.

Three Phases of the Campaign

The campaign will be successful in your community when each phase of the effort is fully completed.

1. Weeks One through Four - the public awareness phase. These weeks will have members being educated about the importance of the **Opening Doors Campaign** and the need for their support.

2. Week Five - the response phase. Beginning on Commitment Sunday, each member should be asked for his/her gift of support to the campaign and will have the opportunity to respond.

3. Week Six – Celebration! Announce results to the community.

Organizing a Campaign Committee

A committee of 3 to 5 persons can easily conduct the Opening Doors campaign. They can plan the effort, gain approval for timetables and commitment opportunities and recruit others to help. Committee members should be creative people who know the congre-

gation well, who have an appreciation for the outreach and programming at Shelter House, and who are willing to organize and follow through on tasks. Begin meetings of the committee with prayer for the ministry of Shelter House, for your community's effort, and for God's guidance in your task.

Suggested Campaign Methods

OPTION #1: Every Member Visit or Interview (EMV)

OPTION #2: Every-Member Phone-a-thon

OPTION #3: One Large Meeting, Worship Service or Dinner

OPTION #4: Cottage Meetings

OPTION #5: Pony Express

OPTION #6: Special Gifts Approach to Selected Families

OPTION #7: Special Offerings

OPTION #8: Place the Campaign in the Congregational Budget

OPTION #9: Combine With Your Stewardship Emphasis or Other Special Drive

OPTION #10: Design Your Own Option