

West Vigo Community Center receives grant

The Women Helping Others Foundation, created to encourage women to actively support community service, has awarded a \$3,750 Education and Literacy grant to the West Vigo Community Center in West Terre Haute.

The grant is designated to help fund the group's "Books Bites" Program. The goal of the program is to encourage students to continue working on their math and reading skills during the summer months. This program provides summer school classes and lunch in the West Vigo Elementary School.

"The way the West Vigo Community Center helps students, not just retain their knowledge, but actually build on it over a summer, is encouraging," said Cindy

Turek, W.H.O. executive director. "It's important that students build on what they've learned each year. And we're excited we can help such a wonderful organization make that happen."

Teresa Herrington, West Vigo Community Center executive director, said, "We are honored by the generosity of W.H.O. And we are thrilled that we can continue to bridge the educational and nutritional gap for hundreds of children. Without the ability to provide nourishment for both their minds and bodies, we wouldn't be nearly as effective in helping them build on the knowledge they gained over the course of the school year."

The West Vigo Community

Center, founded in 1985, provides recreational, health and educational programs to the citizens of the surrounding community. With a recent downturn in the economy, children are arriving at the Center ill-clothed and underfed. The Center has instituted a policy of providing a healthy snack to every child before other activities begin.

The W.H.O. Foundation, established in 1993, is committed to encouraging women everywhere to help others through community service and supporting organizations dedicated to the needs of women, children and families in crisis.

Since its inception, the W.H.O. Foundation has granted more than \$3.6 million to other nonprofit organizations offering help and support in such areas as teen pregnancy, rape, education, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

