

# WHO Foundation donates to Trinity River Mission

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The Women Helping Others Foundation, created to encourage women to actively support community service, has awarded a \$5,000 education and literacy grant to Trinity River Mission in Dallas.

The grant will be used to support the Tutor Power Hour Program. Students in the no-cost program are referred to the Mission from nearby schools which have a drop-out rate of nearly 80 percent at the high school level. The goal of the program is to increase both the literacy level and the English language proficiency among a predominantly Spanish-speaking population.

"It's incredible to see such important work being done in our own community," said Cindy Turek, W.H.O. executive director. "The folks at Trinity River Mission are offering more than just tutoring; they're giving these students hope that they can truly have a better future."

"We're delighted that W.H.O. wanted to lend their support to our after-school programs and help the community," said Dolores Sosa Green, Trinity River Mission executive director. "With their help we can assist many students have a chance for success that might never

have had that opportunity."

Trinity River Mission is a volunteer-based community learning center serving the intergenerational education needs of children, youth and families in West Dallas. TRM began in the early 1960s as an outreach ministry of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. Since 1988, TRM's focus has been to promote literacy, augment academic skills and develop educational success among children, youth and families with the understanding that language proficiency and educational achievement opens doors to satisfying jobs and productive futures.

The W.H.O. Foundation, established in 1993, is committed to encouraging women everywhere to help others through community service; 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 non-profit organizations supporting such issues as teen pregnancy, rape, education, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

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