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**W.H.O. FOUNDATION AWARD 2009 EDUCATION AND LITERACY
GRANT TO FAMILY PEACE PROJECT**

Athens, Texas Organization Will Use Funds To Start A Children's Library
In Their Primary Safe House

CARROLLTON, TX—The Women Helping Others (W.H.O.) Foundation, created to encourage women to actively support community service, has awarded a \$3,000 Education and Literacy grant to Family Peace Project in Athens, Texas.

The Family Peace Project provides shelter to women and their children who have been battered and abused. The grant monies will be used to start a children's library in the main safe house owned by the organization.

"Helping women and children escape abusive situations is a very worthy cause," said Cindy Turek, W.H.O. executive director. "We often overlook the need for books as both an educational and inspirational resource in the lives of these children. To be able to provide the resources to help these families is simply incredible."

Marlena Taylor, Family Peace Project executive director, said, "The families we help often arrive with nothing. The books will be a huge help to the children at a time in their lives that they are very vulnerable. We're thankful for the grant from the W.H.O. Foundation and are looking forward to making this library a reality for the children."

Family Peace Project was established in 1996 by a small, dedicated group of Henderson County, Texas residents who recognized the needs of domestic violence victims in this rural community. They began with the establishment of one Safe House. Since then, they've added two transitional houses and cooperate with another agency to support a third transitional house. In 2008, they provided services to over 337 victims and their 592 children.

The WHO (Women Helping Others) 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 WHO 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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