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**W.H.O. FOUNDATION AWARD 2009 EDUCATION AND LITERACY
GRANT TO TRINITY RIVER MISSION**

Dallas, 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 \$5,000 Education and Literacy grant to Trinity River Mission in Dallas, Texas.

The grant will be used to support their Tutor Power Hour Program. Students in the program are referred to the Mission from nearby schools which have a drop-out rate of nearly 80% 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 the Trinity River Mission are offering more than just tutoring; they're giving these students hope that they can truly have a better future."

Dolores Sosa Green, Trinity River Mission executive director, said, "We're delighted that W.H.O. wanted to lend their support to us and help the community where they live. With their help we can assist so 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 to help in the relocation of Native Americans from Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. 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 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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