

WHO meets, assists Helping Hands of Georgetown

Women Helping Others reported an increase of 70 new members at its February meeting. The group now exceeds the 300 member mark, and has hit the ground running in 2022 by making an impact on those who need assistance in the community.

The members of WHO in February collectively donated enough food that completely filled a large SUV almost to the roof, leaving only the two front seats vacant for the driver and her assistant. The sight was overwhelming.

Helping Hands of Georgetown, a 501(c)3 organization, has been serving the community since 2016. In 2015, this project began as a simple idea and it grew into a very complicated idea before it settled as Helping Hands of Georgetown.

The mission: Helping Hands of Georgetown is connecting with the community to affect positive change in neighborhoods identified as underserved by providing food security and additional social services.

In his hometown of Georgetown, Texas, Robert Weimer — with the help of family, friends, and the city — created a way to empower those slightly less fortunate with the means to grow and succeed. Sometimes they just need a haircut and a



COURTESY OF WOMEN HELPING OTHERS

Helping Hands of Georgetown Executive Director Shasta Thomson stands with Maria Tolleson.

good suit to wear to an interview, and sometimes they need dinner for their young family.

Today their “little group” has grown to serve 600 brown bags a week and a good hot meal every Sunday night. They launched their mobile food pantry in March of 2020, faced with the pandemic, realizing that their friends were going to need more than just a

brown bag meal. So, Helping Hands are now serving 100 pantry bags each week throughout Georgetown.

Whatever the need, they hope to find a way with help. This is a non-profit that began with heart and

it will grow with Heart.

Founder Robert Weimer and his wife, Ellen, recently retired. His successor is Shasta Thomson, the new executive director. For more information about Helping Hands of Georgetown visit their website info@helpinghandsgtx.org.

WHO is also sponsoring a Pot of Gold Fundraiser for the benefit of Brookwood in Georgetown (BiG) Wednesday, March 16, at Mulligan's

patio in Sun City from 5-7 p.m. There is a \$10 cover charge and Twin Oaks Band will be performing. Erin Kiltz is the founder and executive director of BiG.

Anne Marshall is a member of Woman Helping Others, a Georgetown-based club that works to help area nonprofit organizations. Each month, the group meets to assist and spotlight the efforts of a local nonprofit.

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Anne Marshall

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