

Nonprofits partner to help feed Georgetown community

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The annual partnership fundraiser between Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties Meals on Wheels program and Sun City's Women Helping Others is aiming to raise \$100,000 this year to benefit the Madella Hilliard Senior Center on Eighth Street.

WHO has a fundraising goal this year of \$50,000, according to Nina Stancil, the group's historian. The donation will then be matched up to \$50,000 by the St. David's Foundation.

Fundraising efforts began May 15 and will go through July 30. Currently, the or-

ganizations have raised \$30,000.

Dori Yeater, director of development for Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties, said the money will go toward food, keeping the center running and making sure the center doesn't have clients who are on a waitlist.

With this fundraiser, Ms. Yeater said "seniors are able to age in place" in their homes – which is one of Opportunities' goals. When food is delivered, wellness checks are also done.

The fundraiser started in 2012, and since then, Ms. Yeater said the ladies of WHO have raised over half a million dollars. The St. David's Foundation started

matching WHO's funds raised in 2016.

Typically, Ms. Stancil said WHO primarily fundraises in Sun City. However, this year, the group is expanding its efforts into other parts of Georgetown.

"[It's a] big opportunity for us to let Georgetown people know [the fundraiser is] for Georgetown people as well," she said.

Last year the two organizations, with the match from the St. David's Foundation, raised \$105,000.

Those who wish to donate can make a donation on Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties's website at <https://tinyurl.com/bdheys78>. The dona-

Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties 2023 community impact

- 259,000 meals served
- Over 1,200 seniors served
- 4,017 clients served
- \$209,155 total individual donations

tions given on the website are matched. Donations can also be dropped off at the Madella Hilliard Senior Center or the main office at 604 High Tech Drive.