



Club president Terry Fierle presents a \$500 donation to Rhonda Minardi, executive director of Living Grace Canine Ranch.

WHO meets, assists Living Grace Canine Ranch

It all started with a dream, a conversation between friends over coffee, and a dozen women willing to exchange their weekly lunch-out-with-the-girls for a brown bag and the chance to make a difference in their local community. It was a small beginning that led to great things.

Women Helping Others, or WHO, has evolved to a force over 300 women strong, who collectively make a big impact on community-based organizations and improve life for many.

WHO meets monthly — advancing the common good and strengthening quality of life through donations of our time, our service and our financial assistance, while fostering inclusive camaraderie and fellowship.

WOMEN HELPING OTHERS

Anne Marshall

In spite of the pandemic in 2021, the WHO ladies, in conjunction with other local charitable organizations, raised \$118,800 which helped many in the community.

WHO began 2022 at their January meeting with the year's first recipient of support, Living Grace Canine Ranch, where love resides.

Living Grace Canine Ranch is a Senior Dog Life Care Sanctuary. The 501(c)(3) charity is dedicated to saving, serving and valuing the lives of displaced, unadoptable and unwanted senior canines.

Some of the dog residents at Living Grace are there because their owner has passed away, and some of the dogs were rescued from extreme neglect and abuse. Their facility features separate apartment buildings for small and large dogs. Dogs have access from their living space to play yards and the great outdoors. There is even a medical room and a local vet that assists with dog care when needed and there are two rooms specifically for emergency situations.

It takes a lot of supplies to house, feed, and care for these sweet pups. Once the dogs are accepted at the ranch, they are never adopted out.

Today, Living Grace has over 200 compassionate volunteers, fosters awaiting, Parker's Place (memorial garden), a resident Bunkhouse for 20, and two additional resident homes under construction, for a total of 100 senior dogs.

Living Grace has joined with The Delaney in Georgetown to bring their dog, George, as the Delaney's therapy dog for visits with its residents which has had a positive impact on both humans and George.

To donate and learn more about the ranch, visit LivingGraceCanineRanch.org.

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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