

Inspired by Charlie Brown, nonprofit helps local kids in need

The Linus Connection is a Central Texas 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to make and deliver hand-made security blankets for children in crisis situations in the Central Texas area. Their blankets go to children in hospital emergency rooms, crisis centers, foster care, shelters and to any child who is in need of a little extra security in their lives.

They recently donated over 180 blankets to the students at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde.

Each blanket comes with a message to the recipient on a card attached to the blanket.

"This blanket grew out of the love I want to share with you. I hope it will keep you warm, and befriend you late at night. I hope you'll come to love it and be comforted by its sight. Let this blanket wrap you in friendship, and cover you in love. Because this blanket was thinking of you long before it was even done."

There are many children out there who don't have security in their lives. As long as there is a hurting child in a hospital, protective custody or a shelter, The Linus Connection has a job to do.

Women Helping Others presented a donation of \$500 to this wonderful organization. More information about this organization and their volunteer and donation opportunities may be found on their website at TheLinusConnection.org.

WHO helps Meals on Wheels

The Women Helping Others, Meals on Wheels annual fundraiser benefiting Sun

WOMEN HELPING OTHERS

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Stephanie Sabatini, executive director of The Linus Connection, accepts a check from Women Helping Others Vice President Maria Tolleson.

City and Georgetown clients served by Madella Hilliard Senior Center in Georgetown kicked off at the WHO monthly meeting. The program enables seniors to remain living independently for as long as possible.

Meals are delivered by caring volunteers that offer a human connection for seniors who are often isolated and lonely. These volunteers also provide a daily wellness check and can alert staff and caregivers to any concerns they may have.

Some facts - 97 percent of seniors reported making better nutritional choices as a result of the program; 93 percent report being able to stay in their homes longer; and 94 percent feel more secure in their homes due to volunteer visits. Roughly 80 percent of Meals on Wheels

clients are women in their late 70s and early 80s.

There will be a final celebration at Mulligan's in Sun City on October 26 from 5-7 p.m. Nels Johnson, owner of Mulligan's will again donate the uses of the restaurant and patio for people to come have dinner and contribute by donating a \$10 cover charge per person. All contributions for this evening will go directly to Meals on Wheels. Executive Director Marco Cruz and his senior staff will be in attendance.

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.