

WHO sponsors NEST Empowerment Center fundraiser

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

Women Helping Others were honored to have a presentation given at their August meeting about The NEST Empowerment Center at the Georgetown Project, which is a safe haven

after the bell rings that offers basic needs, counseling, academic and enrichment support for GISD high school students who are homeless, at-risk or living in transition.

NEST stands for "Nurturing, Empowering, Supporting for Tomorrow."

In November 2011, following about five years of studying the issue of homelessness in GISD, The Georgetown Project opened The Nest as a drop-in day center for homeless teens in GISD.

The vision of The Nest is a community where no child is hungry, hurt, alone or rejected, and where all children and youth believe they are loved, respected and treated with dignity.

After school, students are transported by bus to The Nest for resources such as evening meals, a quiet place for homework, school

Invitation to the Sock Hop

October 1, 7-10 p.m.
Sun City Ballroom, 2 Texas
Drive
\$25 per ticket.

This fundraiser event benefiting The Nest Empowerment

WOMEN HELPING OTHERS

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This fundraiser event benefiting The Nest Empowerment Center in Georgetown is a reserved table seating event with 1950s-1960s music provided by a DJ and a dance and hula hoop contest. Additional activities will take place. The ticket includes a Sonic hot dog and ice tea from Sonic. There will be other retro treats available at minimal cost, so please bring cash. Open to both residents and non residents. Tickets may be purchased at www.sctexas.org and scroll down to "Tickets."

supplies, homework help, job readiness training, connection to community resources and other supportive, therapeutic and enrichment services provided in a positive environment by caring adults.

Community service opportunities are offered weekly during the calendar school year to GISD high school students. There is a 100 percent graduation rate from high school with students who use the The Nest program. The Nest also offers a summer employment program and The Georgetown Project recruits kids for intern jobs where they are paid a salary.

A member of WHO, Carolyn Rowland has been volunteering at The Nest for one year and has been teaching an art class for the children.

Women Helping Others will be sponsoring a Sock Hop fundraiser/dance — Hop in the Nest — on October 1. The artwork created by the students will be live auctioned at the event with all proceeds going to The Nest Empowerment Center.

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.