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WHO members pose before packaging cookies in December.

# WHO provides sweet treats for homebound residents

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Who gathers to package baked cookies for homebound seniors and needy families? Women Helping Others, that's who.

WHO members, dressed in their tackiest holiday sweaters, look forward to this annual event each year, where they socialize while putting together the bundled goodies. WHO baked and

packaged the cookies for Holiday Meals Delivered, formerly the Georgetown Christmas Day Program.

Nina Stancil, past president of WHO, said all kinds of cookies were baked.

"We encouraged members, as well as all of Sun City, to bake," she said.

The cookies were laid out on eight 12-foot tables as 50 women

bundled about a dozen cookies into holiday bags at a time. About 375 dozen cookies were distributed.

This effort has been an annual tradition in the Georgetown community for about 25 years. Back in 2010, WHO baked sweet treats for 100 families. This year, Holiday Meals Delivered served 100 seniors from Meals on Wheels and 157 families from The Caring

Place. Recipients received a gift bag consisting of toiletries, a calendar, WHO cookies and gifts. A hot turkey meal was given by The Sheraton Georgetown Hotel and H-E-B provided bread and rolls. Volunteers delivered the meals and goodies to each family.

WHO was formed in 2010 in Sun City, when a dozen women were willing to exchange their weekly lunch-out-with-the-girls for a

brown bag lunch and the chance to make a difference in their local community.

From that small beginning, WHO has evolved to over 300 women strong. Members meet monthly with the goal of advancing the quality of life for others through donations of time, service and financial assistance.

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