

2021 Year- End Report from The President

For Women Helping Others, 2021 brought the opportunity to begin to get back to some form of normalcy after the prior year of shutdowns and meetings on Zoom. Our membership grew from 281 reported last year to 326 members.

Volunteer opportunities were significantly reduced in 2021 due to COVID. WHO did manage to add back some volunteerism and social events such as Gals About Town and volunteering at BIG.

As we look towards 2022, we hope to add tours back to our agenda as well as renew outreach opportunities with our Seniors, Children, Veterans and those less fortunate in the community.

A big part of WHO's goal is to raise funds for local nonprofits. We celebrate our year-end total of \$106,236.20 donated. YOU made this happen!



After several months of Zoom meetings, in-person meetings began in June. Our members were so excited to be able to be together again, in spite of the fact that there could be no hugging, LOL. There were 8 speakers this past year to whom we presented funds totaling \$4,000.

At the beginning of the year, the 2021 Board leadership presented to the Programming Committee and full Board of Directors an idea for a WHO Fundraiser not previously done. The result was a Silent Auction & Dinner in support of the nonprofit in Georgetown, Ride on Center for Kids (ROCK).



Members worked on the fundraiser from February until September 18, 2021, the day of the event. The evening was fun, yummy, and financially successful for ROCK with \$24,126.20 raised for ROCK. What a great success all the way around.

All Sun City residents were involved along with WHO and together we raised \$69,110 for the Opportunities, Meals on Wheels program. WHO produced \$39,110 with St David's Foundation providing \$30,000 in matching funds. We were also so happy to provide funds to some organizations last summer totaling \$7,000 in our Summer Giveaway.

As our last contribution of the year, we were pleased to give \$2,500 to the Holiday Meals Delivered. WHO worked hard on this Annual Christmas Day event. Cookies were baked, toiletries collected, gift cards for seniors in need and many served as drivers or meal preppers. This year's giving of our time and pocketbooks brought happiness and help to many.



In addition to funds raised, WHO provided:

- Library Houses for Head Start and Seniors
 - Donated 400 Children's Books and 200 Adult Books
- Fan Drive donated to Family Elder Care
- Wonders and Worries Product Drive - supplies for children
- Hope House Product Drive - cleaning products and full-size toiletries
- Helping Hands – year-round dry goods
- Caring Place - cash drive at Friendsgiving in lieu of year end food gifts

With a new year ahead of us, please remember to renew your \$10 WHO membership.

Thank you to the Board of Directors of WHO, new Directors of Membership, Outreach, Finance, and Communications, and the Programming Committee for doing a great job this past year. Thank you to all for supporting our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Fierle

President