

## **Pig roast for charity**

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Grand opening event feeds patrons for donations to Help Them to Hope

WAUKEGAN -- For more than 40 years, June Maguire has donated her time and money to various charities and community organizations.

Saturday was no different for the Waukegan resident who took a look inside a new store and downed some food all in the name of the non-profit Help Them to Hope charity.

The parking lot in front of the Sherwin-Williams store at 3424 W. Grand Ave., was packed with people and grilled barbeque treats to celebrate the store's grand opening. A minimum \$3 donation was also collected for the charity.

"I have been giving to Help Them to Hope since the 1960s," said Maguire, who has been following the charity since stories were first published in News-Sun in 1959.

"I remember reading about those families and what they needed, and it touched me. It is nice that I can help out and contribute to this charity because all the money goes to people who need it," she said.

Although Help Them to Hope might have been the secondary event to the Sherwin-Williams opening, charity president Richard Ribando was flattered that one of the largest paint companies in the country would partner with the group to help collect donations.

"This is the first time a company has reached out to us," Ribando said while collecting donations from residents in front of the store. "We appreciate all the help that we can get. I have probably handled \$1 million since I started doing this, and all the money has gone where it needs to go. That is a good thing."

Sherwin-Williams manager Rodney Hilton, who has done charity work with PADS Crisis Services over the years, was pleased to help for another worthy cause.

"It always feels good to help out when you can," Hilton said. I love to give and assist different charities. I think it is important that we all do our part."

Donations made to the fund are distributed to nine social agencies in Lake County which provide the basics to a better life. They are A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center, Catholic Charities, Community Social Services, C.O.O.L. (Christian Outreach of Lutherans), Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center, PADS Crisis Services Inc., The Salvation Army of Lake County, Kids Hope United, **Open Arms Mission** and Mothers Trust Foundation.