

**OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT
ANNUAL MARGARITA MIXOFF & MORE!**



Please let us hear from you if you would like to join us as we work to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Regular evening meetings are held at 6:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, at Los Robles Greens Golf Course, 299 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361

To learn more about Soroptimist, please visit:

- ◆ Soroptimist International of Conejo Valley web site: www.siconejo.org
- ◆ Camino Real Region web site: www.caminorealregion.org
- ◆ Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) web site: www.Soroptimist.org
- ◆ Soroptimist International (SI) web site: www.Soroptimistinternational.org
- ◆ LiveYourDream.org



Helping women & girls to
LIVE THEIR DREAMS
through the Soroptimist
Dream Programs



**Live Your Dream:
Education &
Training
Awards for Women**

In 2023, we presented \$7,750 in cash awards to 7 recipients. This award aids women seeking to improve their economic status by gaining additional skills, training and education. Recipients may use the cash grants to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain additional education or training. Award recipients go on to enjoy improved employment prospects, greater earning potential, higher self-esteem, and serve as positive role models for their children.



**Dream It Be It:
Career Support
for Girls** is a

program that targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to their future success. It provides girls with tangible strategies to accomplish their career goals, and access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. A program that will help girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults.

Both Dream programs help women and girls achieve social and economic empowerment, and ensure women and girls have access to the education and training they need to reach their full potential and live their dreams. Soroptimist is committed to investing in programs that have a sustainable, measurable change for women and girls.

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Investing in Dreams



★ **OUR MISSION**

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

★ **OUR VISION**

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.



Soroptimist

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noun. A global volunteer network of women in 130 countries and territories who work to improve the lives of women and girls.

Best for Women. What the organization strives to be — Women at our best, helping other women to be *their best*.

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Soroptimist Facts

- The name "Soroptimist" means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.
- Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.
- We have about approximately 30,000 members and supporters in countries across North America, Latin America and the Pacific Rim.
- We are one of five federations that make up Soroptimist International, which has clubs in more than 120 countries throughout the world.
- The organization is particularly concerned with providing women and girls access to education, as this is the most effective path to self-determination.

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Soroptimist Members in Action Service Awards & Projects We Support

In September 2023, we presented several non-profit organizations with cash grants to support their programs that fit with the Soroptimist mission.

- ♦ **Conejo Free Clinic** for their mammogram fund for low-income women who are underinsured or uninsured.
- ♦ **James Storehouse** is using this cash grant to purchase four bicycles, helmets and locks for women, which will give them safe, reliable and efficient transportation so they are able to pursue education, maintain work and get to appointments.
- ♦ **Kids & Families Together** who partners with **Heart 2 Heart** will use the grant for their Resource & Kinship Family Support Center.
- ♦ **RAIN Communities** provides transitional housing to homeless women and their children. This cash grant will fund their transportation assistance while the women work to regain permanent housing and self-sufficiency.
- ♦ **Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA)** for their *Live Your Dream Awards: Education and Training for Women* program.
- ♦ Our International project for **CIFORD Kenya**, to support their Girls in Leadership Initiatives program and to provide a new water conservation tank that enables families access to clean drinking water.

Throughout the year, we also participate in Community events and hands-on Service Projects which include:

- ⇒ Donated backpacks & school supplies to **Heart 2 Heart** and **Kids & Families Together** for foster & kinship families.
- ⇒ Tote bags filled with personal items were given to **Heart House**, a temporary shelter rescue home established by the local Interface Children & Family Services (Human Trafficking Response Program) for women who have been victims of domestic sex trafficking.
- ⇒ Clothing donations to **Safe Harbor**, an organization that works with Rape and Assault Victims and provides a safe place for medical exams and police interviews.
- ⇒ Dream It Be It program at **James Storehouse**, that provides resources to foster and at-risk youth.

And many others!



Backpacks & school supplies to Kids & Families Together with Heart 2 Heart



Tote bags to Heart House for survivors of domestic sex trafficking



Water Tank for CIFORD Kenya, sponsored by SI of Conejo Valley

Benefits of Membership

Membership provides opportunities to:

- connect and develop friendships with club members and Soroptimists throughout the world
- develop a sense of pride in helping to improve the lives of women and girls
- be involved in personal/professional growth and leadership development
- experience unity and purpose through working with others to achieve common goals & community involvement
- gain a sense of achievement through direct involvement with service projects on local, national and international levels
- work with like-minded women for human rights for all, equality, development and peace



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Chartered in November 1981, **Soroptimist International of Conejo Valley** has actively served local women and girls in our community for over 40 years. SI of Conejo Valley collaborates with and supports many community, national and international organizations.

Our major fundraising event is the Annual Margarita MixOff & More! Proceeds from this event fund our Service Awards Program and Dream programs.

The *Live Your Dream Awards* program provides cash grants to benefit women and girls in their educational pursuits.

In 2016, we selected Conejo Free Clinic as the recipient of our Signature Project, and we sponsored the Conejo Free Clinic's new Dental Office reception room with a sponsorship donation of \$10,000.