Rancho Cordova Soroptimists Want You!

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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Soroptimist Int'l of Rancho Cordova & Gold River invite you to join our legacy of community impact! Since the club was chartered in August 2009, it has made tremendous, measurable impact on Rancho Cordova and the world. Here are some of those statistics:

- Over 240 homeless teen girls in the Folsom Cordova school district, are now passing their P.E. classes because they are no longer ashamed to change into their P.E. uniforms, allowing their peers to see their beautiful new undergarments and are doing better in school in general, because of their higher self-esteem and confidence, due to the new bras and panties we bought for them, over the last 8 years.
- Over 1200 domestic violence survivors, over the last 7 years, feel more normal and loved because they received one of our Comfort Kits.
- Over 300 children of domestic violence survivors, over the last 4 years, also "felt the love" and are also able to restart their young lives with their very own Comfort Kid kit.
- Approximately 150 girls per year, since 2014, stayed in school, because 15-30 minutes of using a heating pad, that we provided to the school nurses at both Cordova and Kinney High schools, relieved their menstrual pain enough so they could return to class, rather than be sent home for the day.
- A total of 200 kindergartners and 1st graders, over 2 years at a Rancho Cordova elementary school, had personal time with Santa, received 2 free 5x7 portraits with Santa, a Christmas party and a book as a gift, who would have ordinarily been denied this holiday tradition because of their family's extreme poverty in December 2012 and 2013.
- We've helped make 15 homeless high school senior girls, over 3 years, feel like a princess for their Senior Ball, with a new dress and shoes, mani/pedi, hairstyling and makeup consultation. These girls would have missed this high school tradition and memory, if not for our club's assistance.
- We raised enough money to buy 40 Solar Cookers for families fleeing the genocide in the Sudan.
- Over 750 girls won't be a target of traffickers due to the hundreds of Dress a Girl Around the World dresses that we helped make between 2015 and 2016.

Our club has helped approximately 4,185 women and girls over the last nine years. We would love you to be a part of our club's success; to continue existing programs, like the ones described above, as well as offer even more programs like "Life Preparation" workshops for teens. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please email siranchocordova@soroptimist.net to find out when and where the club meets or visit http://www.soroptimistranchocordova.org/.

Soroptimist is an international 501(c)3 non-profit organization who seeks to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are people at their best, working to help other women to be their best. Please send an email to siranchocordova@soroptimist.net to receive more information about our club, how to become a member, or just learn how you can volunteer with our club members or visit http://www.soroptimistranchocordova.org/. ★