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Investing in Dreams

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In this time of gratitude, who are the women you think of and honor for being an inspiration? Are they famous or well known in the world? Are they community leaders, mentors, or coworkers; or are they women in your family, friends, or neighbors?

In the 10 years of our club's existence, Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River believes that the women, who change lives, improve our world or inspire others, are right here in our community. Our Club members and supporters believe every woman or girl striving to achieve a dream or goal should have the opportunity and resources to do just that.

As a worldwide service organization, Soroptimist International is committed to inspiring action and creating opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and international partnerships. In the ten years since our club was chartered, we annually offer programs for women and girls that lead to social and economic empowerment via the following programs:

- ❖ "Live Your Dream" educational scholarships for single mothers who have or want to earn an Associate or Bachelor degree or vocational certification
- ❖ Support homeless K-12 students - providing new undergarments and basic necessities

Over the years, our Club has been able to provide these opportunities because of the generous support from our community, through their attendance at our various fundraisers and special events. However, the number of fundraising events in our community continues to grow, and many worthy organizations face challenges with similar events planned on the same day or weekend. As an alternative, our Club is implementing a new "Investing in Dreams" Giving Campaign to raise money for our amazing programs, without conflicting with other organizations' fundraising events.

The funds from the "**Investing In Dreams**" campaign will be earmarked for expanding our existing programs listed above, as well as new programs such as:

- "Dream It Be It" Career and Life Preparation workshops for vulnerable high schoolers - we will be helping them to create goals, build skills to pursue a career and overcome obstacles. They will also learn valuable independent living skills, such as stress management and organizational techniques.
- "Dress a Girl" - sewing new dresses for girls to deter traffickers. A girl who wears excessively worn or dirty clothes is a target for traffickers because it appears that no one cares for her. Whereas a girl wearing a new dress will be missed, so traffickers will not try to kidnap her.

Please help us make a difference in the lives of women and girls as well help prepare them to be fully independent working adults. Please send your donation of any amount to SIRCGR, PO Box 2913, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741, payable to either "Soroptimist Int'l of Rancho Cordova & Gold River" or "SIRCGR." If you would like your donation to be earmarked for a specific program described above, please indicate that with your donation. If not indicated, rest assured that your donation will be applied to our programs, and not to general club operating expenses. If you have any questions, please contact me at siranchocordova@soroptimist.net or call me at 916-833-1218. If you are unfamiliar with our organization, please visit our website <http://www.soroptimistranchocordova.org/>. Thank you!

Respectfully,

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