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Soroptimist Int'l Club of Rancho Cordova and Gold River Seeks Award Applicants

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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Soroptimist Int'l of Rancho Cordova and Gold River is now accepting applications for the Live Your Dream Award, formerly known as the Women's Opportunity Award, and the Ruby Award. Application forms are available at <http://www.soroptimistranchocordova.org/awardapplications/>.

The Live Your Dream Award provides to women, who serve as the primary wage earners for their families, with the financial resources to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. This cash award can be used for tuition, books, childcare, transportation, food, electricity bills or any other education-related expense. This program, which begins on the club level, was created in 1972 to help women improve their ability to provide for their families. Live Your Dream Applications and reference forms must be signed no

later than 11/15/17, and received by 12/16/17.

The Ruby Award honors women who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of other women either as a volunteer or paid employee or leader of an organization. Examples would be a woman who helps to establish a domestic violence shelter, a woman who starts a mentoring program for at-risk girls, or a woman who lobbies her company to provide on-site child care. This program will give the club and the entire organization the opportunity to say, "thank you" and encourage others to explore ways to assist women. Past recipients include the Executive Director of A Community for Peace and Executive Director of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. An individual may nominate themselves or someone may nominate them. The nomination form also must be signed no later than 11/15/17, and received by 12/16/17.

Applicants need not reside

within Rancho Cordova or Gold River city limits. However, applicants may apply to only one club. Please email Sheryl Longworth at siranchocordova@soroptimist.net or call 916-833-1218 for more information.

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. If you would like more information about Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova or how to become a member, please visit the club's website <http://www.soroptimistranchocordova.org/>; or email siranchocordova@soroptimist.net. If you aren't ready to become a member, but would like to volunteer for future projects, please email siranchocordova@soroptimist.net and sign up at www.LiveYourDream.org.

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