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The women and girls featured in this brochure are recipients of Soroptimist Dream Programs. To read their stories visit Soroptimist.org or LiveYourDream.org





When women help other women, amazing things happen! Our clubs come together to make a difference for women and girls worldwide. Interested in more information on how to get involved?

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Soroptimist®

Investing in Dreams







Helping Women & Girls to Live Their Dreams

Providing women and girls with access to education is the most effective way to help them reach their full potential and live their dreams. When women and girls are educated, they have opportunity, choice and power to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

Our Dream Programs are primarily delivered locally by our clubs and members in 21 countries and territories. They provide the muscle and on-the-ground work that make our programs come alive.

Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women® annually awards about \$2.5 million in education grants to about 1,500 women who have overcome enormous personal obstacles including poverty, sex trafficking and domestic violence. 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 selfesteem, and serve as positive role models for their children.



Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls®

targets girls who face steep challenges like poverty and unstable home lives. It provides girls with tools to make educated choices and plans for their futures, and gives them hope and confidence. By reaching girls while they are still young, we not only can help them stay healthy and safe in the short term, but we can reduce the number of women in crisis in the future. To date, *Dream It*, *Be It* has helped put more than 35,000 girls on a positive path.



LIVE YOUR DREAMS Soroptimist also powers LiveYourDream.org—an online community offering offline volunteer opportunities benefiting women and girls. LiveYourDream.org inspires people from all walks of life to live their dreams, while helping less fortunate women and girls to live theirs. This is accomplished through hands-on volunteer opportunities, awareness and advocacy efforts, and/or financial support.

Soroptimist in Our Community

Soroptimists work together to invest in women and girls near and far by giving them resources to achieve economic empowerment. Here in **Rancho Cordova/Gold River** some of our work includes:

We grant at least one \$1,000 *Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award* each year. The women we help are simply amazing!

We produce a *Soroptimist Dream It, Be It* event where girls from underserved communities meet with mentors to gain practical knowledge of how to accomplish their life and employment goals. We are proud of our work to help put these deserving girls on a positive path so that their dreams may become reality.

Support homeless and at-risk students by working with the school district homeless liaison to help students overcome obstacles by helping providing appropriate shoes, undergarments, personal hygiene items, etc.

Create and distribute Comfort Kits to domestic violence and trafficking survivors via the Rancho Cordova Police Department.

Support female veterans receiving services at the Mather VA Hospital.

And we volunteer at community events!











