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Soroptimist International of
Farmington Valley, CT**

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

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I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR
WOMEN & GIRLS - DONATION \$ _____

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SI of Farmington Valley, CT
c/o Tracy Scala, President
20 Crown Point Road
Canton CT 06019**

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. A 501(c)(3) organization, Soroptimist relies on charitable contributions to fund its programs. Visit www.soroptimist.org to learn more or to make a donation.

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What is Soroptimist International?

Soroptimist is an international volunteer service organization for professional and community-minded women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Soroptimist is made up of two Latin words “Soror” and “Optima,” and it means “**The Best for Women.**”

Founded in 1921, Soroptimist comprises approximately 100,000 members in more than 120 countries and territories worldwide. A 501(c)(3) organization, Soroptimist International understands the needs and issues of women and works collaboratively with our local volunteer clubs to improve living conditions and opportunities for women and girls, globally and locally.

Soroptimist is a membership-driven organization with affordable annual dues. There are no other financial obligations involved, just volunteer time and energy to make great things happen for the women and girls in our communities.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

* **Women's Opportunity Award**

Helping women who need training or education to improve their earning capabilities

* **Violet Richardson Award**

Honoring a young woman between the ages 14 and 17 who volunteers in the community

* **Ruby Award**

Acknowledging the efforts of women in the community who, through their personal or professional activities, are working to improve the lives of women and girls.

* **Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence**

Preventing and eliminating domestic violence is a Soroptimist focus. Each year, Soroptimist promotes participation in an event on November 25 (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) that targets domestic violence as a workplace concern.

* **International Projects**

Soroptimist projects throughout the world include: **Project Punjab: Helping Girls into School** - Punjab Province, Pakistan. **Project Independence: Women Survivors of War**, provided direct aid to women in war-torn countries such as Afghanistan, Bosnia and Rwanda and helped them meet basic needs for their families. **Project Sierra: a Family and a Future**, supports women caring for children in extreme poverty and provides a caring secure family home for children who are alone or at risk of abandonment (partnering with Hope and Homes for Children in Sierra Leone, West Africa).

* **Local Service Projects**

Grace Academy – Hartford CT; Prudence Crandall Center – New Britain CT; Teaching ESL to Refugees – Hartford CT; Self-Defense Workshops – throughout CT; "Welcome" Kits for Shelter residents – New Britain CT; Self-esteem workshops/mentoring for local girls; Friendship Link - SI Karachi, Pakistan

SOROPTIMIST MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES A VARIETY OF BENEFITS INCLUDING:

Fulfillment – Working on projects that improve the lives of others leads to personal satisfaction and recognition from the community.

Friendship – Cultivating relationships with other women who have similar interests and values is a central aspect of Soroptimist membership.

Diversity – Meeting and learning about women from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and participating in projects that address the needs of women throughout the globe, contributes to world peace and understanding.

Networking – Associating with other women representing a variety of professions facilitates valuable business contacts.

Leadership – Developing skills at the club level results in enhanced professional capabilities as well as leadership opportunities at all levels of the organization.

Convenience – Belonging to an association with organized programs and professionally developed resources frees members from administrative constraints, while enabling them to concentrate on providing volunteer service.

Services – Joining Soroptimist provides access to additional benefits, such as: several insurance options; low-interest credit card; and a subscription to Soroptimist International of the Americas' award-winning magazine.

For more information about Soroptimist membership, complete & mail the form on the reverse side or email:

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You may also visit our website

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