



Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls 2007-2008 Impact Report

Each year, Soroptimist International of the Americas awards \$175,000 in Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls to Soroptimist clubs throughout the federation. These grants help clubs make a real difference in the lives of women and girls in their communities by addressing specific local needs.

For the 2007-2008 club year, twenty-nine clubs received grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each. Grants were given to clubs in six different countries, including Brazil, Canada, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines and the United States. Twenty-six grant projects have been completed. Three clubs have been granted an extension in order to complete their project.

As a result of these grants:

- 7,414 women and girls were helped;
- 22 clubs gained new members;
- 23 clubs received media attention; and
- 23 clubs developed new partnerships.

More specifically, Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls helped women and girls in the following ways:

- 3,029 women received job training and help securing employment;
- 2,340 women and girls attended dating and domestic violence prevention classes;
- 1,436 domestic violence and/or rape victims and their families received shelter, support, employment training and/or counseling;
- 293 girls attended after school or weekend personal development workshops;
- 190 women received mammograms;
- 98 women received computer-skills training;
- 18 women received supplemental financial support and one-on-one mentoring and tutoring to support their educational efforts;
- 8 women received complete dental restorative services; and
- 2 women and their children received a brand new home built for them.

In total, Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls improved the lives of 7,414 women and girls at a cost of only \$23.60 per life enhanced.

Please find below a complete recipient list for the 2007-2008 Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls:

- SI Araguari (Brazil) \$10,000, *Educa Vida*
- SI Auburn, USA (Northwestern) \$10,000, *Initiative for the Prevention of Domestic Violence*
- SI Brasilia Norte-Sul (Brazil) \$8,500, *Profiting from Recycled Tabs*
- SI Caloocan (Philippines) \$10,000, *Soroptimist Break Poverty Cycle*
- SI Cape May County, USA (North Atlantic) \$2,000, *Girl Power Conference*
- SI Coronado, USA (Desert Coast) \$1,000, *Live Your Dream: Helping Women Stay in School*

- SI Crescent City, USA (Founder) \$2,000, *Rape Crisis Comfort Kits*
- SI Curitiba-Batel (Brazil) \$3,000, *Enterprising Women*
- SI Dorado, USA (South Central) \$8,000, *Supporting Safe House*
- SI Fargo, USA (North Central) \$2,000, *Soroptimist Empowering Women to Build for Themselves*
- SI Fukuoka-Kita (Japan Minami) \$8,500, *Foreign Language Classes*
- SI Fukuoka-Minami (Japan Minami) \$6,000, *Dating Domestic Violence*
- SI Goiania Cora Coralina (Brazil) \$5,500, *Hygiene and Beauty School*
- SI Greenville, USA (South Atlantic) \$7,000, *Dare to Succeed*
- SI Makati (Philippines) \$6,000, *Barangay Fairview*
- SI Mandaluyong (Philippines) \$5,000, *Participatory Project*
- SI Nagasaki (Japan Minami) \$5,000, *Dating Domestic Violence Prevention*
- SI Pachuca, Mexico (Mexico/Centroamerica) \$10,000, *For a Life Free of Violence*
- SI Pasco-Kennewick, USA (Northwesten) \$10,000, *Dental Restorative*
- SI Pocomoke City, USA (South Atlantic) \$10,000, *Soroptimist Samaritan Shelter*
- SI Santos-Praia (Brazil) \$5,000, *Hope's Store*
- SI Sao Vicente (Brazil) \$5,000, *Bem me Quer*
- SI Takamatu, SI Middle-Kagawa, SI Tosan (Japan) \$5,000, *Mammography Saves Lives*
- SI Toms River, USA (North Atlantic) \$8,000, *Adopt a Village*
- SI Toronto (Eastern Canada) \$5,000, *Street Haven*
- SI Valenzuela (Philippines) \$7,000, *Soroptimist Skills Scholars*
- SI Winfield, USA (South Central) \$2,000, *H.U.G.S Program*
- SI Yakima, USA (Northwestern) \$4,000, *Yakima Portfolio Project*
- SI Yamaguchi (Japan Nishi) \$4,5000, *Domestic Violence Victims Support Project*

Listed below are in-depth descriptions of a few select grant-funded projects. For a detailed description of any club project not listed below, please contact the Program Department at program@soroptimist.org.

SI Brasilia Norte-Sul (Brazil) \$8,500, *Profiting from Recycled Tabs*

Funds were used to purchase sewing and crochet equipment, fabric accessories, educational materials, instructor salaries and publicity for an on-going economic development project that trains new artisans and offers advanced training for women already in the program. Club members recruited women for the program, taught some of the classes and oversaw the quality of the work.

SI Toronto (Eastern Canada) \$5,000, *Street Haven*

Funds were used for plants, sod, gardening tools, outdoor furniture and recreational equipment used to create a therapeutic garden on the grounds of Street Haven, a homeless shelter for women. Club members organized and participated in hands-on gardening work parties.

SI Fukuoka-Minami (Japan Minami) \$6,000, *Dating Domestic Violence*

Funds were used to provide dating violence prevention lectures at high schools and universities. Funds were also used to organize symposiums for counselors, psychologists, university staff and staff of non-profit organizations. Funds were also used to train facilitators. Club members served as the liaison between the speakers and the schools or organizations and created and distributed informational materials.

SI Pachuca, Mexico (Mexico/Centroamerica) \$10,000, *For a Life Free of Violence*

Funds were used to purchase computers, office materials, sewing machines and materials, a stove and cooking supplies for a domestic violence shelter which houses women and teaches them computer and sewing skills. Club members purchased the items and set them up in the shelter. They also served as instructors for some of the trainings.

SI Makati (Philippines) \$6,000, *Barangay Fairview*

Funds were used to purchase pigs, chickens, feed, fertilizer, a watering system, pens, training fees and publicity for a neighborhood project that provided women with training on rearing livestock and growing vegetables as a source of income. Club members provided training and participated in the hands-on monitoring of the project. Club members also offered instruction on the marketing of foods.

SI Cape May County, USA (North Atlantic) \$2,000, *Girl Power Conference*

Funds were used for meeting space, educational materials, publicity, food and transportation for *Girl Power*, a day-long conference for middle school girls to foster good decision-making and build self-esteem. Club members led workshops, facilitated registration and helped in the cafeteria.