

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

## Soroptimist Club Grants for Education and Economic Empowerment

### 2022-2023 Impact Report

This report provides information about the impact of the Club Year 2022-2023 (CY22/23) Soroptimist Club Grants for Education and Economic Empowerment. Soroptimist funds the Soroptimist Club Grants to assist clubs in starting or continuing projects in their communities that invest in the dreams of women and girls through access to formal education and this contribute to our Big Goal. This report includes the outputs and outcomes of the CY22/23 grants and sample projects.

\$50,000 in grants were disbursed to 26 awarded clubs in August 2022 to be used for projects in club year 2022-2023. Awarded clubs submitted impact reports in August 2023 to report on the progress of their projects. The outcomes and outputs reported below are collected via the impact reports.

### Outcomes and Outputs

- 100% of clubs reported reaching their stated objectives
- 963 women and girls were reached
- The average cost per life changed was \$51.90
- 31 grants were funded for a total of \$75,000
- 7 clubs gained a total of 21 new members
- 47% clubs received media attention
- 88% of clubs developed new partnerships
- 94% clubs plan to continue their projects

### Sample of CY22/23 Soroptimist Club Grants

#### **SI/Aizu (Japan Kita Region)**

\$1,000

*Project Title:* Beginner's PC Class for Single Mothers

The "Introduction to Personal Computers Course" was held for single mothers residing in the Mother and Child Living Support Facility Haru. 12 classes were provided, and club members attended to provide hands-on support so the course could run smoothly. The course covered basic computer operation, document creation, and use of the Internet and e-mail, all required skills for the current job market. Members also assisted by providing childcare so the women could focus on their courses.

Five women completed the course and SI/Aizu will provide a secondary level class in the 23/24 club year with another Club Grant. Participants shared comments such as "I feel more positive by learning" and "I had the opportunity to learn for the first time in a long time, and I felt that learning was fun."

#### **SI/Capistrano Bay (Desert Coast Region)**

\$2,500

*Project Title:* Dream Assist Award

The Dream Assist Project helps women in the community with needed educational materials to meet their educational goals and overcome the many obstacles they face. SI/Capistrano Bay worked in conjunction with the EOPS (Extended Opportunity Program & Services) of Saddleback Community College to find eligible women in need and provide the requested materials. The women completed an application wherein they request the needed materials, shared their educational goals and any obstacles, as how the materials will benefit them in reaching their goals. The Dream Assist Committee reviewed the applications and purchased the materials. Prior to the grant, SI/Capistrano Bay was able to fund eight women with educational materials; with the club grant, they were able to help 23 women with their needs.

#### **SI/Asuncion (America del Sur Region)**

\$3,000

*Project Title:* Professionalization of Domestic Services

SI/Asuncion offered a 12 week course in training local low-income women to professionalize the provision of domestic skills so that the women can better market themselves and command a decent wage for their work as they provide cooking, cleaning, and/or childcare for others. Members provided the class in both soft and technical skills, with the use of hands-on lessons and members sharing trainings from their own careers and business.

45 women completed the course, and reported that they feel more prepared for the job market or even starting a home-based business that will allow them control of their own income.

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Club Name	Region	Project Title	Amount Granted
Asuncion	America del Sur	Professionalization of Domestic Service	\$3,000
Santa Cruz, Bolivia	America del Sur	Soroptimist School	\$1,500
Cubatao	Brazil	Empoderando Meninas e Mulheres (Empowering Women and Girls)	\$2,000
Sao Vicente	Brazil	Vincentian Girls growing up in Education	\$2,500
Araguari	Brazil	HANDS THAT EMBRACE LIVES	\$2,500
Brasilia Norte-Sul	Brazil	ENCOUNTER WITH THE SUNFLOWERS	\$2,000
Curitiba-Batel	Brazil	: COURSE OF FLORAL COMPOSITIONS FOR WOMEN	\$2,500
Sao Bento Do Sul	Brazil	Dream It, Be It: Professional support for girls	\$2,000
Los Angeles	Camino Real	Dream It Be It/Smart Girls Conference	\$500
Conejo Valley	Camino Real	DIBI partner with Girls Scouts of America	\$2,000
Wake Forest	Central East Coast	SI Wake Forest DIBI Empowerment Forum	\$1,500
Huntington Beach	Desert Coast	Dream Beyond	\$1,500
Capistrano Bay	Desert Coast	Dream Assist Project	\$2,500
Grand Erie	Eastern Canada	Live Your Dream Award - Soroptimist Learning Success Series	\$2,000
Aizu	Japan Kita	Beginners PC class for single mothers	\$1,000
Daegupalgong	Korea	Giving Wings to the Girls' Dreams of Education!	\$3,000
Flat Rock Area	Midwestern	Dream It Be It	\$500
Willimantic CT	North Atlantic	Overcoming Obstacles to Employment	\$2,500
Centre County	North Atlantic	SICC Dream It, Be It with GLOW Camp	\$1,500
Manila Tourist Belt	Philippines	LYD Extend Support	\$2,500
ROSARIO	Philippines	BABAE (Bigger Aspirations and Bolder Attempts towards Empowerment	\$2,000
Mandaluyong	Philippines	Rise Up and Succeed	\$2,000
Lucena	Philippines	Second Chance Education for Mothers	\$1,000
Tagkawayan	Philippines	Dream It, Be It : ASSEET PROJECT (Assistance for Solo Parents and Students Economic Empowerment in Tagkawayan)	\$2,000
Nova Central	Philippines	SI Nova Central LYV-DIBI Accelerator Project: "Education is the key."	\$1,500
Madera	Sierra Pacific	Madera Dream it Be it - program assistance	\$2,500