

YES! I'm interested in getting involved with Soroptimist International of Farmington Valley (SIFV).

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Are you interested in becoming a Soroptimist?  
Check to receive a membership packet.

Are you interested in supporting our mission and programs that help women and girls? We thank you for your financial donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
Check payable to SIFV.

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SOROPTIMIST  
Best for Women®

## SOROPTIMIST International of Farmington Valley Connecticut



### OUR VISION

Women and girls will have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.



### OUR MISSION

To improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.





**WOMEN AT THEIR BEST,  
WORKING TO HELP OTHER WOMEN TO BE  
THEIR BEST**

Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in Oakland, California, at a time when women were not permitted to join service organizations. Our name, loosely translated from the Latin, means “the best for women.”

Today, Soroptimist International of the Americas, a 501 (c)3 organization, has about 1,300 clubs in 21 countries and territories who work to economically empower women and girls. Soroptimist clubs receive assistance in their volunteer efforts by participating locally in programs developed and sponsored by the Soroptimist organization.

Soroptimist projects throughout the world include:

- Stop Trafficking
- Disaster Grants for Women and Girls
- Women, Water and Leadership Appeal



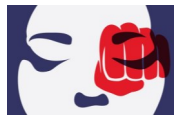
We put our mission into action with these signature projects:



This education and training award helps women to improve their economic and social status through education grants and recognition.



The program empowers girls to break cycles of poverty, violence, and abuse by giving them the self-confidence and knowledge they need to achieve success in their future careers and personal lives.



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

**OUR LOCAL CLUB PROJECTS & FOCUSES**

**GRACE ACADEMY**

SIFV provided educational workshops and financial support to middle school girls from low-income families in Hartford, Connecticut.

**PRUDENCE CRANDALL CENTER**

SIFV has provided financial support to a domestic violence safe house in New Britain, Connecticut and prepares Welcome Kits for their residents who are domestic violence survivors.

**PUBLIC AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES**

SIFV has sponsored forums at the local library with state representatives and advocates.

Soroptimist membership provides a variety of benefits including:

**FULFILLMENT**

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

**FRIENDSHIP**

Cultivating relationships with other women with 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 Soroptimist organization.

**EDUCATION**

Special programming and guest speakers at our club meetings and conferences help to educate members on the issues that affect women and girls locally and globally. Each member receives a subscription to the award-winning magazine from Soroptimist International of the Americas.

