

## Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award

The Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award acknowledges women who are working to improve the lives of women and girls through their personal or professional activities. These women have identified and focused on a need in their communities, which has significantly contributed to the improvement of women and girls' lives. Award winners at the club level are eligible for additional awards at other levels of the organization. The finalist receives a \$5,000 donation to the charitable organization of her choice.

Although Soroptimist clubs are free to honor a woman for a lifetime of good work, the majority of the work should have occurred within the past two years. The work of these women helps to promote the issues that are important to the Soroptimist organization. Honorees are ordinary women who have worked in extraordinary ways to benefit women and girls. Examples of the type of work honored include the following: spearheading an effort to open a domestic violence shelter, starting a mentoring program for at-risk girls, or lobbying companies to provide on-site child care. The program enables local Soroptimist clubs and the Soroptimist organization to thank these women and encourage others to explore ways to assist women and girls.

Previous award winners, Soroptimists and Soroptimist employees are not eligible for the award.

The recognition program begins on the club level. Award winners at the club level are eligible for additional awards at other levels of the organization. The deadline for nominations is December 1st.

Attached is the nominating form for the Making a Difference for Women recognition award. We are planning a recognition dinner for our award winners. Give some thought to all the wonderful women we know who have given so much to our community.