

Why We Need Your Help

There is a greater need than ever for the support that Soroptimist of Benicia gives to our community.

The numbers of domestic violence, sexual assault, hunger and desperation has grown exponentially in 2020, while our ability to raise funds has been reduced dramatically. That is why we ask for your support.

What does economic empowerment mean? Women are economically empowered when they have control over their own finances and well-being, and when they have a voice in the financial decisions to shape their lives and the lives of their families. When women and girls are empowered, they have a personal sense of autonomy, self-confidence, and the power to control their private and public lives. We focus on access to education because we believe it's the most effective way toward empowerment.

Soroptimist International of Benicia is a 501(c)(3) organization. Our tax id is 94-2359493. Donations are tax-deductible, and will be used solely to fund our projects and programs that benefit women and girls.

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Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.



BRIGHT PAST
BRILLIANT FUTURE



Soroptimist International of Benicia

INVESTING IN DREAMS



Women at their best,
working to help other
women to be their best

Who We Are

Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in Oakland, California, when women were not permitted to join service organizations. Our name, loosely translated from Latin, means best for women. Our network of 72,000 club members in 121 countries work at a local, national and international level to Educate, Empower and Enable opportunities for women and girls.

At **Soroptimist International of Benicia** (SIB) we pride ourselves in the daily contribution to individual and community well being.

Who we serve

We believe it's time to change the narrative for women and girls in our community, state, country and world. The best way to make that change is through education and financial assistance. The statistics are dismal for uneducated women and those caught in a cycle of abuse.

The women and girls we serve are some of the most courageous, powerful and inspiring people you'll ever meet. Each and every one of them is a superhero. SIB is proud to support these women through **grants, awards, education and shelter.**



How We Serve

Grants

LIVE YOUR DREAM Award program is a unique education-related grant for women who provide the primary financial support to their families.

Awards

SIB scholarship program awards multiple scholarships to exceptional Benicia and Liberty High students.



Mentorship

SIB mentors high school age girls to instill within them a desire for volunteerism while providing invaluable support, guidance, and opportunities for growth and leadership.

Education

SIB and SI/Accra, Ghana: Girls in Ghana don't go to school when they menstruate. SIB partners with SI/Accra to provide feminine products and education on reproductive health, with an emphasis on the overall importance of education.

Shelter

SIB partners with Safequest Solano to provide a safe house. The House of Hope is for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking.

SCOOP Closet

SIB, through the Family Resource Center, provides necessities to women and girls that aren't covered by Social Services Programs.

Social Events- Spring Fling and Saturday of Service

SIB sponsors an annual dance event for young people with special needs, and a day of Bingo for seniors at Casa Vilarrasa.

Covid-19 Projects

- SIB donated funds, food, and gift cards for fellow Benicians impacted by Covid-19.
- SIB members made over 350 masks for seniors and other community members in need.
- In partnership with the Solano Community Foundation, SIB donated \$8200 this summer to the "Snack Pack Project", providing meals for 100+ students per day, 7 days a week.
- Members collected over 1200 pounds of food and \$350 in gift cards for Holiday Giving Boxes, to be delivered to several organizations

Fundraisers

A Partial List

- SIP with Soroptimist-Gala Wine Tasting Event
- Holiday Cash Raffle
- Bewitching Tea and Spring Tea
- "You've Been Flocked" fundraiser