

Our Story

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer organization that helps women and girls live their dreams with the focus on education. The first Soroptimist club began in Oakland, California, in 1921, and Soroptimist now has clubs in 120 countries and territories.

The name Soroptimist is a coined Latin word from *soror*, meaning sister, and *optima*, meaning best. Together they translate to "Best for Women."

Soroptimist International of Riverside, since its charter on April 10, 1948, offers business and professional women who live or work in the Riverside area an opportunity to become involved in community service.



Soroptimist International of Riverside, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

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Soroptimist International of Riverside meets at noon on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Join us!

Meetings are held at:
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 **SOOPTIMIST**
International
of Riverside, Inc.

Serving Riverside since 1948

OUR MISSION

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



SOOPTIMIST[®]
Investing in Dreams

LIVE YOUR DREAM: DREAM IT, BE IT CONFERENCE

Girls creating collages at the LYD Conference



CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS

LIVE YOUR DREAM: DREAM IT, BE IT CONFERENCE

Since 2008, this conference has acquainted 7th and 8th grade girls in AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) to career options, with workshops and activities aimed at setting goals and outlining the steps to achieve them.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RIVERSIDE

Since 2013, SI Riverside has provided funds to purchase home appliances for a single mother moving into a Habitat home. In 2015, the "HelpHers" program was developed that includes hands on program goals including minor repairs, painting and landscape work.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RIVERSIDE

Presenting donation to Habitat For Humanity CEO



ARLINGTON TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE

Filling backpacks for the children served by ATA



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Since 2005, SI Riverside has been providing backpacks filled with school supplies to the children in financial need at Arlington Temporary Assistance. We also hold food and toy drives.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

Since 2000, SI Riverside has volunteered time and donated funds and supplies to the Transitional Living Program to assist young adult women ages 18-22 as they pursue their education and employment.

MENTORING FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Since 2016, through our Friendship Link, SI Erlangen, Germany, we sponsor a student exchange program to help advance personal and professional development of young women.

MENTORING FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Sent exchange student to Erlangen, Germany



TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

Bicycles donated for client transportation



CLUB AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

LIVE YOUR DREAM EDUCATION & TRAINING AWARD

Established in 1972, this is a monetary award that assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by improving their education, skills and employment prospects.

DREAM IT, BE IT SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2014, this monetary scholarship is awarded to an AVID high school senior who attended the Live Your Dream: Dream It, Be It Conference in her middle school years and is planning to attend college in the fall of her high school graduation year.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD

Established in 2014, this monetary award is given to a high school girl who gives back to the community through her volunteer work.

RAINCROSS SERVICE AWARD

This recognition was established in 2021. SI Riverside selects an organization to nominate a woman who has contributed significantly to our community through her volunteer work.

GOLD KEY AWARD

Established in 1972, this recognition award is presented to an outstanding woman from the Riverside Area who has given fifteen or more years of volunteer service to our community. The Gold Key award is our most prestigious recognition.