



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

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

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Soroptimistcities.org

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Community Partnership Program

THE POWER OF WOMEN VOLUNTEERS

Chartered in 1999, Soroptimist International of the TriCities is part of a global female volunteer service organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Soroptimists are women at their best helping other women to be their best. Our membership of 37 women volunteer thousands of hours annually to run our programs. **In the past year, our members donated over 2,650 hours of their time. Our organization is comprised 100% of women volunteers; we have no paid employees.**

We are proud to call Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody our home. We live here. We raise our families here. We work here. We volunteer here. We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with generous local businesses and community members to make our communities stronger.

We hope you will consider donating to our worthy programs.

Contact us: sponsorship@soroptimisttricity.org

Community Impact 2022-2023 Highlights

BEA'S KLOSET



of women served: 365
of agencies supported: 45
of Soroptimist volunteer hours: 680

Women & Girls awarded: 11
Soroptimist Volunteer hours: 240
Total Awards value: \$18,000
Awards given since 2000: 172
\$ given since 2000: \$199,000

2023 COMMUNITY AWARDS



GIVE HER WINGS FUNDRAISER



of annual Soroptimist volunteer hours: 550

of high school girls attending: 110
of women volunteer mentors: 45*
of women volunteer mentor hours: 360
of Soroptimist volunteer hours: 500

*women mentors from a variety of businesses, occupations & trades

DREAM IT BE IT



WARM PLACE FOR WOMEN



of Women & Children served: 1015
of Soroptimist volunteer hours: 700

Our Signature Programs

Providing women and girls with access to education is the most effective way to help them reach their full potential and live their dreams.

When women and girls are educated, they have opportunity, choice, and power to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

Soroptimist of the TriCities offers two signature programs to assist women and girls:

- **Education Awards for Women**
- **Dream It Be It – Exploring Career Possibilities for Girls**



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Education Awards for Women

Every year, Soroptimist distributes more than \$2 million in education grants to about 1,500 women all over the world. Soroptimist International of the TriCities alone has given out over \$100,000 in educational grants over the past 15 years.

Over half of our Live Your Dream Awards recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual assault. Nearly all the women and families we serve have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, teen pregnancy, and drug or alcohol addiction. Live Your Dream Awards recipients may use the cash award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education such as books, childcare, tuition, and transportation.

Every year, our club participates in this program and honours women in our community making the commitment to further education. Every year, Soroptimist of the TriCities gives out numerous awards to women and girls at our Give Her Wings Awards event.



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EDUCATION AWARDS

Since 2000, Soroptimist International of the TriCities is proud to have given out **\$199,000 in Awards.**

Provides educational grants to women with dependents who are the primary income earners in their household, to further their education.

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

GIVE HER WINGS AWARD

Provides educational grants to women who are the primary income earners in their household, to further their education.

Recognizes young women in Grade 12 who demonstrate that they make a difference in their community and/or school. The winner receives a bursary to help offset some of the costs of her post-secondary education.

BEA KELLY AWARD

RUBY AWARD

Recognizes women in our community who are making an extraordinary difference in the lives of women and girls locally or internationally, either through efforts in their volunteer, personal, or professional life.

Awarded to female immigrants or refugees who have arrived in BC in the last 5 years to assist in offsetting the costs post-secondary education or vocational/skills training.

SPREAD YOUR WINGS AWARD

Dream It Be It – Exploring Career Possibilities for Girls

Our Dream It Be It program provides teen girls in Grade 9 to 12 with the information to make educated choices and plans for their future careers. Held as a career fair-type conference in 2022, it exposed 110 high school girls to a wide range of career possibilities, by providing an opportunity to chat with 45 female mentors working in a variety of occupations, including numerous trades.



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Our Signature Community Projects



Named after a charter member of our club, [Bea's Kloset](#) is a free 'store' to help at-risk women start a new chapter in their lives. Women leaving transition or recovery homes or aging out of foster care are referred to the Kloset where they shop for free items needed for their new homes (linens, dishes, glasses, kitchen appliances, cleaning supplies and more). The Kloset is stocked gently used household items from generous community donors. We also need funds to purchase in demand items, such as pots and pans and to pay rent on the storage lockers that house Bea's Kloset. See this video for an overview of Bea's Kloset <https://youtu.be/nQOgVVpPRQc>.

Your financial support ensures we can offer this much-needed program, which has benefitted more than 2,200 women and their children since it was started in 2014. Contact us at beaskloset@gmail.com for more information.



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Partner with Us

Now in its 15th year, this monthly social evening offers 85+ TriCities vulnerable women and their children the opportunity for community, friendship, and mentorship while enjoying a hot meal, friendly faces, activities, door prizes and have a chance to shop for free gently used clothes. Guests attend Warm Place for Women free of charge.



Warm Place for Women



Your financial support ensures that we can continue to offer this beloved community program. Contact us at info@soroptimisttricity.org for more information.

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Partner with Us

Platinum \$10,000+

As a Platinum sponsor, you will receive the following benefits:

- 6 Complimentary tickets to our Give Her Wings Awards event
- Designation: As a Platinum Sponsor
- Platinum sponsor recognition on website and at all Soroptimist of the TriCities events.
- Corporate banner prominently positioned at events
- Platinum Sponsor recognition on all promotional materials and social media
- Prominent logo positioning included in the Soroptimist International of the TriCities Annual Report.

Gold \$5000 - \$9,999

As a Gold sponsor, you will receive the following benefits:

- 4 Complimentary tickets to our Give Her Wings Awards event
- Designation: As a Gold Sponsor
- Gold Sponsor recognition on website and at all Soroptimist of the TriCities events
- Gold Sponsor recognition on all promotional materials and social media
- Gold Sponsor recognition in the Soroptimist International of the TriCities Annual Report.

Silver \$2000 - \$4999

As an Silver sponsor, you will receive the following benefits:

- 2 Complimentary tickets to our Give Her Wings Awards event
- Designation: As a Silver Sponsor
- Silver Sponsor recognition on website and our Give Her Wings Awards event
- Silver Sponsor recognition on all promotional materials and social media
- Silver Sponsor recognition in the Soroptimist International of the TriCities Annual Report.

Bronze \$500 - \$1999

As a Bronze sponsor, you will receive the following benefits:

- Designation: As a Bronze sponsor
- Bronze sponsor recognition on website and our Give Her Wings Awards event
- Bronze sponsor recognition on all promotional materials and social media

Friends of Soroptimist International of the TriCities: In-kind Donations

- Friend of Soroptimist International of the Tri-Cities recognition on website and sponsored event

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