



**SOROPTIMIST**  
International of Greater St. Louis

## FACT SHEET

Soroptimist International of Greater St. Louis was chartered in 1973 by 18 members. The Board of Directors meets the first Monday of each month and the general membership meets the third Tuesday of each month. SIGSL is a non-profit organization whose mission it is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

*Over the past 45 years Soroptimist International of Greater St. Louis has contributed over \$600,000 in education scholarships and grants to community organizations.*

### Scholarships and other community projects include:

SIGSL awards the Soroptimist International of Greater St. Louis **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN MEMORY OF EMMA SCHOLL AND ELEANOR BERGFELD.**

**LIVE YOUR DREAM: EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARDS FOR WOMEN** this program (formerly the Women's Opportunity Awards program) assists women by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and job prospects.

**DREAM IT, BE IT: CAREER SUPPORT FOR GIRLS** This global program provides girls in secondary school with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams.

### Some of the community organizations we have made grants to include:

**ALIVE (ALTERNATIVES TO LIVING IN VIOLENT ENVIRONMENTS)** – Their mission is to provide counseling, emergency sanctuary and other critical services to adults and children who have been impacted by domestic abuse.

**FRIENDS KATHY J. WEINMAN SHELTER FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INC.** – They support survivors of domestic violence by providing basic necessities of life while they reside in shelters and leave to establish new homes.

**ST. MARTHA'S HALL** – Their mission is to break the cycle of violence and improve the lives of women and girls. They work to end poverty and violence by addressing other issues that affect their economic, social and political process.

**WOMEN'S PLACE** – the region's only drop-in center of support for women seeking help due to domestic violence. Unlike other organizations serving victims of abuse, Women's Place does not require appointments nor do they require qualifying criteria to receive services.

In order to provide this community assistance Soroptimist International of Greater St. Louis holds three annual fundraisers each fall, winter and spring.

We now accept all major credit cards via PayPal for our fundraisers  
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