

Fact Sheet -- Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

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The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women acknowledges women who, through their personal or professional activities, work to improve the lives of women and girls. 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: spearheading an effort to open a domestic violence shelter, starting a mentoring programs for at-risk girls, or lobbying an employer to provide on-site child care facilities. The award enables a Soroptimist club to thank these women and encourage others to explore ways to assist women and girls.

The annual Soroptimist Ruby Award not only honors the women who offer mentoring, a hand up in economic self-sufficiency, nourishment, clothing, housing, health and safety, or educational opportunities as well as nurturing commitments to the women and girls. It also offers a cash donation to the awardee's choice of non-profit recipient.

Eligibility:

Women who are improving the lives of other women or girls through their professional or personal activities are eligible for the Soroptimist Ruby Award. These women have identified and focused on a need in their communities which has significantly contributed to the improvement in the lives of women and girls.

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. Previous award winners, Soroptimists or immediate family of Soroptimists are not eligible for the award.

Applications:

Applications are available at the SITM website: www.sitmnev.org (see the Alerts box on the home page). Completed applications may be emailed to SITM at Rubyaward@sitmnev.org or mailed to SITM at P.O. Box 20125, Reno, NV 89515. For further information, contact Doris Phelps at (775) 825-0199. Completed applications are due Friday, December 2, 2016.

SITM – Ruby Award past recipients:

2016 Moshay Akala, Women's and Children's Center of the Sierra
2015 Julia Ratti, Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada
2014 Cary Groth, UNR Athletics
2013 Becky Blank, Aly's Prom Closet
2012 Cindy Hildenbrand, Safe Embrace
2011 Marcia Hoch, TMCC
2010 Lilli Trincherro, Celebrate Diversity Endowment

Organizational Profile:

Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows (SITM) is part of a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Since 1978, SITM has been working in northern Nevada to help people – mostly women and girls – help themselves move toward a better life. SITM accomplishes its work throughout the year with the active participation of nearly 70 members. Soroptimists are women of all ages, cultures and ethnic groups. Members represent a wide array of professions including medical professionals, attorneys, teachers, corporate and nonprofit management, business owners, the arts community, other community leaders and government officials.