

Scholarships & Awards

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Since the programs inception in 1972, our club has provided education awards to assist hundreds of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families.

In the last year, we provided 4 awards totaling \$9,000. On March 8, 2018, Angel (pictured right), a mom of three and an Olympic College student, received her award at a special luncheon in her honor.



OUR PROGRAMS



Women Helping Women

Launched in late 2016, Women Helping Women is our newest service project aimed at helping women achieve their career and life goals through mentorship and support. During the first year of the program, our members met with and provided support to 6-8 women on a career path at Olympic College.

In the last year, in addition to offering emergent financial support and resources, we created quarterly activities for women including smart shopping education at the farmers market and local grocery stores, family gift making projects, a summer family picnic, and the “Art of Crock Cooking” class (pictured left) where each participant left with their very own crock pot donated by one of our members.

LOCAL IMPACT

Mission-In-Service Projects

Held 3-4 times a year, a local non-profit organization is selected as beneficiary of a mission-in-service project. Members volunteer or offer monetary or in-kind support that fills a specific need.

In the last year, we held service projects to benefit Meals on Wheels Kitsap home-delivered meals program and Kitsap County Human Trafficking Diversion Program graduation. The YWCA ALIVE Shelter was beneficiary of two service projects. In March (pictured right), we donated 17 “Smooth Moves” baskets of cleaning & other supplies for Domestic Violence victims transitioning out of the shelter. Then, in May, we held an undergarment and pillow drive to support the shelter.



Education



Awareness

Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative

In 2011, we adopted a formal anti-human trafficking initiative, “Break Free Kitsap”, aimed at educating and raising awareness about trafficking and sexual exploitation in Kitsap County.

In the last year, we -

- * hosted 2 free community film viewings about Human Trafficking with an average of 30-40 individuals in attendance
- * provided financial support to Scarlet Road, the Human Trafficking Diversion Program and a program graduate, and Kitsap Special Assault Investigations and Victim’s Services (SAIVS) Program
- * Recipient of “Imagine Life Without Violence” Grant for restricted use in support of Terry’s House, a shelter for human trafficking survivors.