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## Making A Difference for Women Nomination Letter

November 30, 2008

Dear Colleagues,

Soroptimist International of Greenville is currently seeking nominations for the Soroptimist **Making a Difference for Women Award**. This year's program will honor a woman who uses her personal or professional influence to improve the lives of other women in the Soroptimist **focus area of Economic and Social Development**. You were identified as a potential source for nominations because of the nature of your high profile in the community.

This recognition program is international in scope. It begins at the Greenville Soroptimist club level, with a Certificate of Recognition to be presented to the winning candidate. And, new in 2009 a \$250 donation to the charitable organization of the top finalists' choice. Our Making a Difference for Women Award recipient then advances to other levels of the Soroptimist organization. One finalist is selected to receive the annual award, a \$5,000 donation to the charitable organization of her choice. The finalist also receives an invitation to accept her award at Soroptimist International of the Americas' annual meeting.

On **Tuesday, March 24, 2009**, a formal celebration, the **2009 Upstate Women of Distinction Celebration** will be held at the Upcountry History Museum. Soroptimist International of Greenville's winners of the **Making a Difference for Women, Women's Opportunity and Violet Richardson Awards** and inductees to the **Greenville County Women's Hall of Fame** will all be honored. Also present, will be members of Soroptimist International of Greenville, sponsors and local dignitaries. We anticipate media coverage of this event.

Founded in 1952, Soroptimist International of Greenville is part of Soroptimist International (SI) of the Americas. Greenville members join with approximately 95,000 members in about 120 countries and territories worldwide to contribute time and financial support to community-based projects that benefit women and girls. In addition to the major service projects mentioned above, and other community volunteer and philanthropic efforts, the club has created and supports the Soroptimist "Dare to Succeed" a mentoring program working with women recovering from drug, alcohol and substance abuse by providing practical life skills training.

Please consider the prestige and recognition the **Making a Difference for Women Award** program affords your nominee and complete the enclosed form. Feel free to nominate yourself, a coworker, someone within your agency, or someone else you feel deserves the recognition. For more information, please visit [www.sigreenville.org](http://www.sigreenville.org) (Soroptimist International of Greenville) and [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org) (Soroptimist International of the Americas) online or call us at the numbers above. We look forward to hearing from you as the **deadline, January 23**, is quickly approaching. We welcome any comments or questions you might have.

Sincerely,

*Catherine*

Catherine A. Sadler  
Publicity/ Committee Co-Chair

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President-Elect/ Committee Co-Chair  
Enclosures

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. A 501 (c)(3) organization, Soroptimist relies on charitable contributions to fund its programs. SI Americas is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organization's Seal of Excellence and is a member of the United States Women's Chamber of Commerce Association.



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## Making a Difference for Women Award Nomination Form

The Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award honors women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Honorees are women who have worked to improve the lives of other women or girls. For the 2009 award, their work must have had a significant impact, and also inspired and encouraged other women in the **focus area of Economic and Social Development**.

Women may nominate themselves or another woman they feel is deserving of this honor. Please complete this form with a detailed essay, and return them to the participating Soroptimist club listed on this form **on or before January 23, 2009**  
**Deadline.**

Winners of the club-level award, a \$250 donation to the charitable organization of the top finalists choice, will compete for additional recognition at other levels of the Soroptimist organization. The winner of the finalist award, who should be available to accept the award in person, will receive a \$5,000 donation to a charitable organization of her choice.

### Section I: Nominee Information

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Nominee

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Address

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Telephone

Fax

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E-mail Address

Please include a detailed statement/essay (no more than 750 words) describing why you (if you are nominating yourself) or your nominee (if you are nominating someone else) should receive the Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award.  
**(Note: it is necessary to get the written permission of the nominee. See below.)**

*I consent to my nomination for the Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award and to the accuracy of the information contained in this nomination form. I understand that my application and supporting information become the property of Soroptimist International of the Americas upon submission, and that Soroptimist shall have sole discretion in using these materials for the purpose of publicizing the Making a Difference for Women Award program.*

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Nominee Signature

Date

### Section II: Nominator Information (if different from nominee)

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Nominator

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Address

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Telephone

Fax

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E-mail Address