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Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women Nomination Letter

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Dear Colleagues,

Soroptimist International of Greenville is currently seeking nominations for the **Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women** (formerly known as the *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 one of the following **focus areas - Status of Women/Human Rights; Economic & 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 a \$250 award to be donated to the charitable organization of the winner's choosing. Our **Ruby Award** recipient then advances to other levels of the Soroptimist organization. One finalist is selected by online poll 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.

Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, a full service financial services firm, is the proud sponsor of the Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women. Established in 1832, Janney is committed to providing clients exceptional service built on experience, integrity and trust. These core values make Janney a great match for the Soroptimist Ruby Award, and demonstrate Janney's investment in improving the lives of women and girls.

In early spring 2011, a formal celebration, the **2011 Upstate Women of Distinction Celebration** will be held in Greenville. Winners of the **Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping 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, past honorees, sponsors and local dignitaries. Sponsor opportunities are available. 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 almost 100,000 members in approximately 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, Soroptimist members are involved as community volunteers and regularly support philanthropic efforts aspiring to inspire women and girls to live their dream.

Please consider the prestige and recognition the **Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women** program affords yourself or 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 (Soroptimist International of Greenville) and 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, December 15**, is quickly approaching. We welcome any comments or questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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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.