



S O R O P T I M I S T

Best for Women

ABOUT SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL of CANTON/STARK COUNTY

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) has more than 1,300 **clubs** in 20 countries and territories.

The SIA of Canton-Stark County club was chartered on June 9, 1941. The club participates in the Soroptimist Federation of the Americas identifying projects: Live Your Dream Awards, Ruby Award for Women Helping Women, Women of Distinction Award, and the Midwestern Region Virginia Wagner Award.

Locally, club members participate in projects to end domestic violence, and to stop trafficking project. Along with donations to the area Domestic Violence Shelter, the club (via its Furnishing a Fresh Start program) provides beds and bedding to women and their children who are leaving the shelter. Other programs supported by SIA Canton/Stark County include Lehman Middle School's Captain's, and the Dream It, Be It camp middle school girls. At the March Awards Banquet, outstanding local women are honored and help women working to improve themselves and their families' with monetary awards.

Through an endowment, we are pleased to sponsor the Sally Donze Historical Women Essay contest. Soroptimist International of Canton/Stark County has chosen to offer this opportunity to Stark County students in grades 6-8.

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