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VICTIMS OF POVERTY

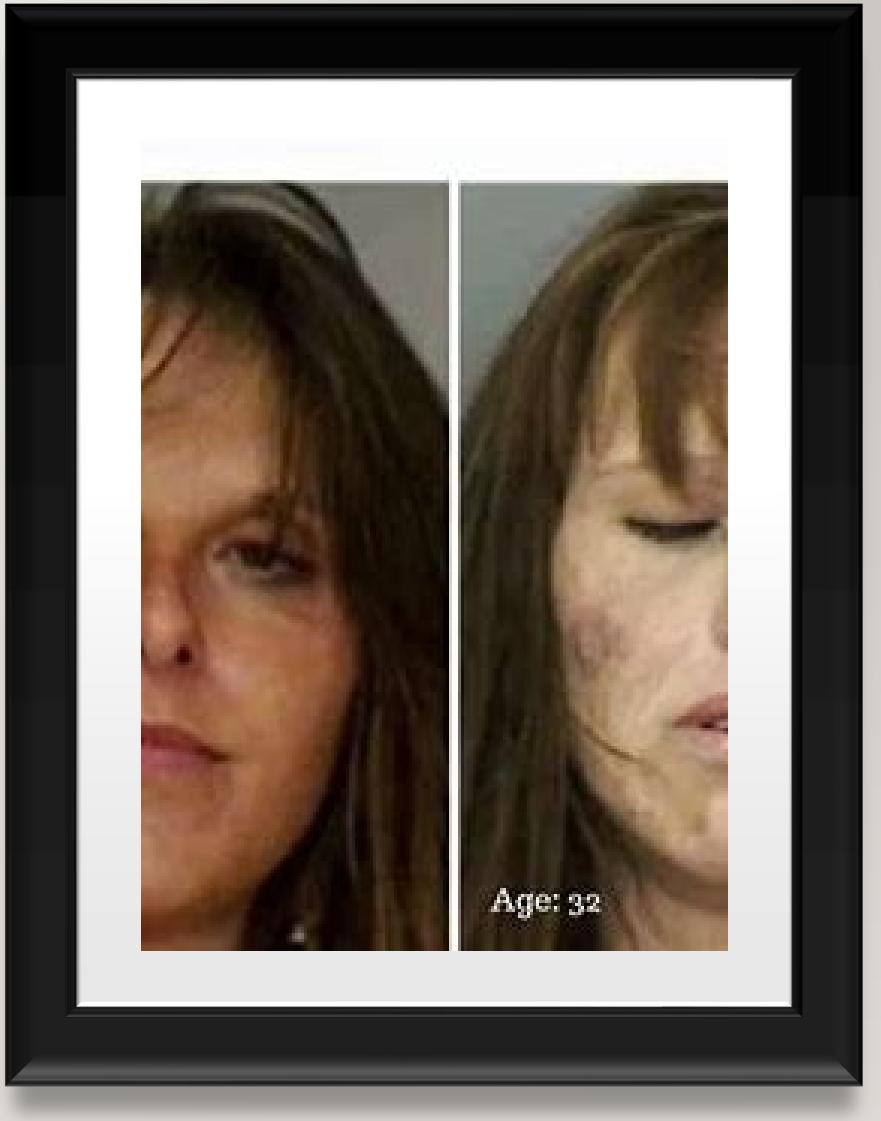
- The United Nations Social Policy and Development Division identifies inequalities in income distribution and access to productive resources, basic social services, opportunities, and more as a cause for poverty.
- Groups like women, religious minorities and racial minorities are the most vulnerable.
- People living in poverty make up 15.7% of our population, which is over 140K of our family, friends and neighbors.

VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- 1 in 2 women in the US reported domestic violence at some point in their lifetime.
- Oklahoma has the highest domestic violence rate with 49% of women reporting the abuse.
- On average about once every 5 days in Oklahoma, a person dies from domestic violence.
- Black females are 3x's more likely to be a victim of domestic violence.

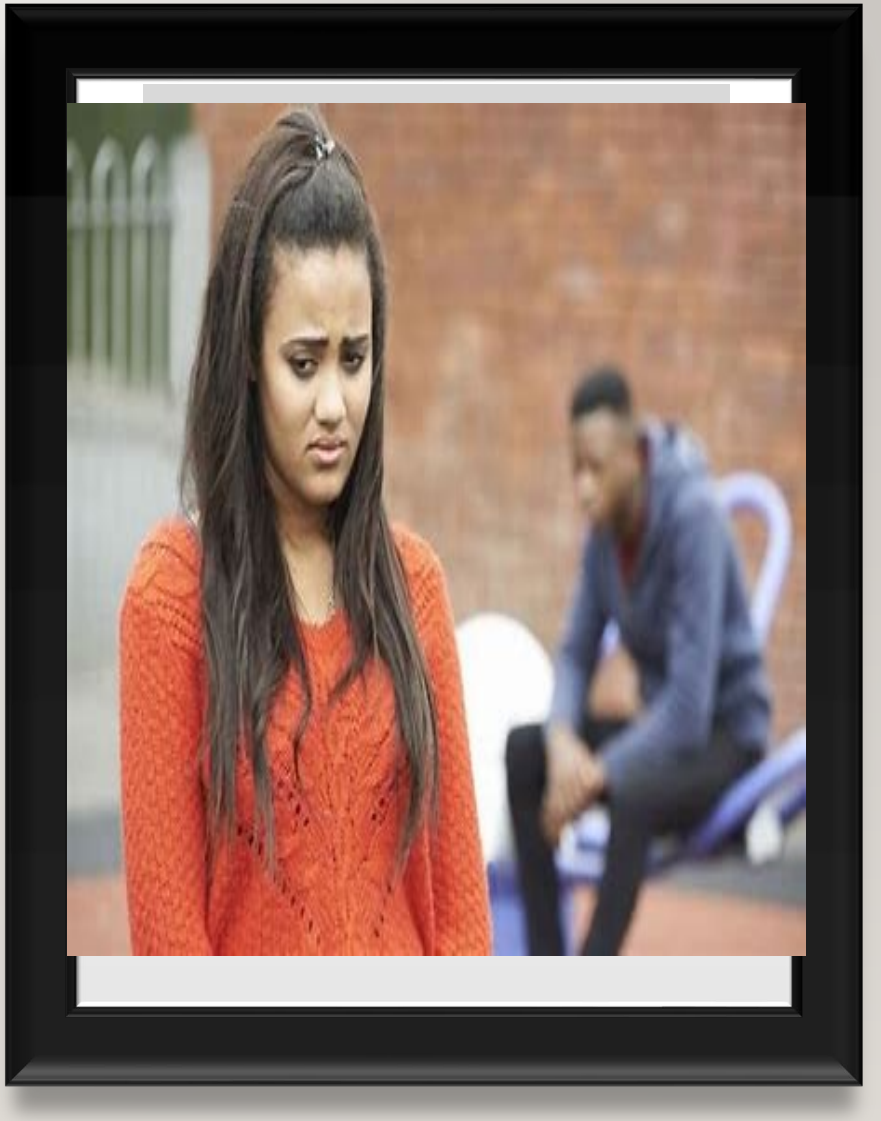
VICTIMS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

- 20.7 million females age 12 and older in the US had a past 1-year substance use disorder.
- Women are more likely to become addictive to stimulants like cocaine, meth, and prescription drugs.



VICTIMS OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

- 1 in 3 Teens ages 14-20 have be victims of dating violence.
- 12% of 9th – 12th grade girls have been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they didn't want to.
- 43% of college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behavior.



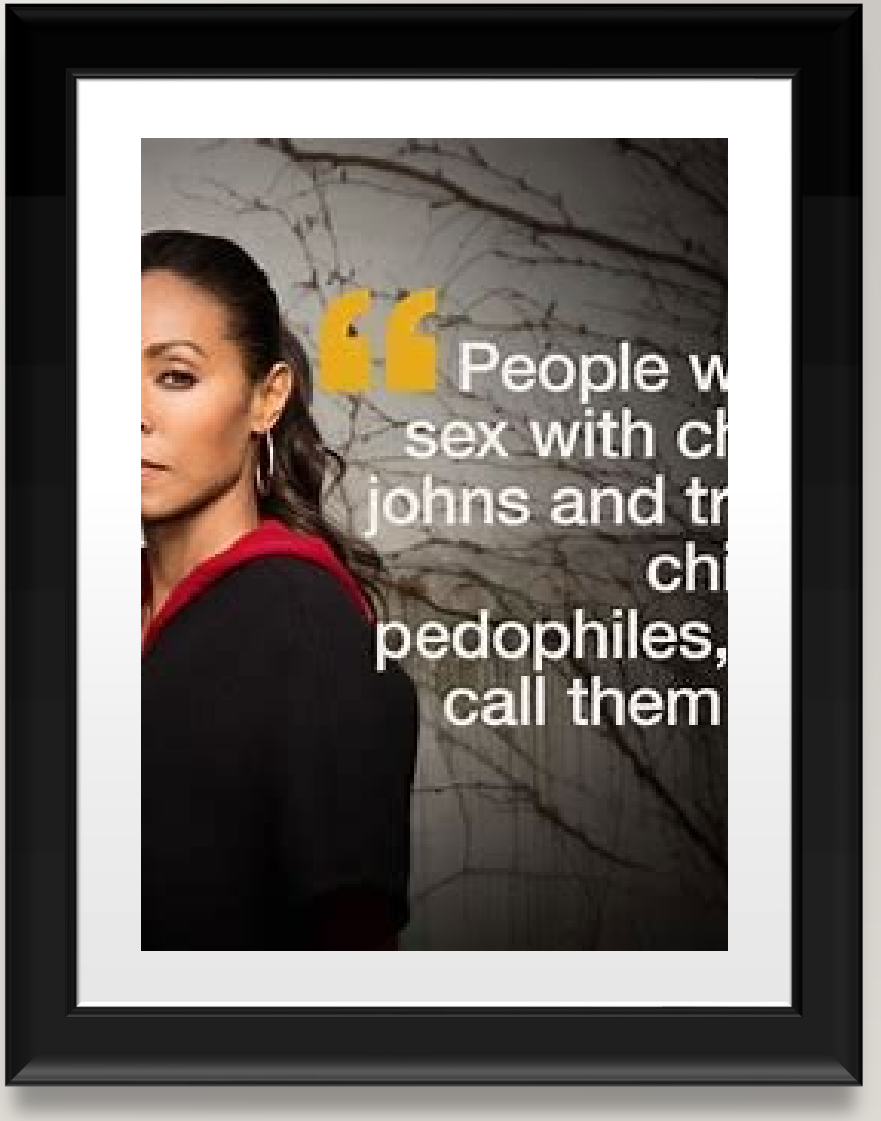
VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- The United States ranks as one of the worst countries in the world for Human Trafficking.
- An estimated 15k to 50k women and children are forced in sexual slavery in the US every year.
- 9,619 cases involving 17,000 victims were reported in 2023.
- California, Texas and Florida have the highest reported cases per capita.

VICTIMS OF MOLESTATION

Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse

- Child Maltreatment is defined as neglect, physical abuse, psychological abuse and sexual abuse.
- More than 90% of abusers are people children love and trust.
- 50% are abused by someone outside of the family whom they know and trust.
- Children (babies) younger than 1 year old have the highest rates of victimization!



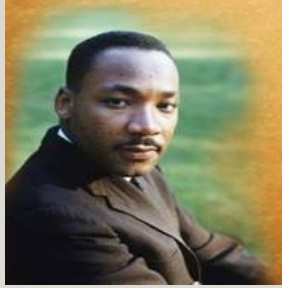
VICTIMS OF DIVORCE, LOSS OF SPOUSE – SINGLE PARENTING

- A child in a single-parent household is far likely to experience violence, continue in poverty, become drug dependent, commit a crime or perform below their peers in education.

- 25 million children are growing up without fathers in the home. That's 40% of the kids in America.

- 70% of gang members, high school dropouts, teen suicides, teen pregnancies and teen substance abusers come from single mother homes.

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"



Martin Luther King, Jr

American activist

(1929-1968)

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Education is the pathway to economically empowering women and girls.

When Women Learn

families live healthier lives

(Source: Population Reference Bureau)

When Girls Go to School

they are more likely to get paying jobs and their financial contributions to their families—and their nations—increase

(Source: Population Reference Bureau)

When Girls Have Educated Moms

they are more likely to be enrolled in school and to reach higher levels of education

(Source: Population Reference Bureau)

When Women are Educated

their countries are more likely to have greater economic growth

(Source: World Bank)

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APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday September 13 5-6pm
Huntsville-Madison County
Downtown Public Library
915 Monroe Street Huntsville, AL 35801

Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Awards are for women who are the primary income earners for their household getting a degree or training certification. There is one $5,000 award and two $3,000 awards.

Applications are due by
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

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IGNITING CHANGE FOR WOMEN

OUR GLOBAL IMPACT IN FY23/24

3.1 MILLION +
in education awards disbursed

2,269
inspiring women received an award

40,000 +
volunteer hours

762
new members joined Soroptimist because of the *Live Your Dream Awards®*

"Thank you again for your wonderful award program and for recognizing my struggles, but also my hard work and determination to live my dreams."
Western Canada recipient

"Regarding the future, I feel excited, since thanks to you I am about to fulfill one of my dreams and to be sure that my family will not need anything in the future."
Panamanian recipient

WOMEN ARE ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERED

completed their education and improved their standard of living

increased their self-esteem

are now living in a safe environment - of the 56% who are survivors of gendered violence

HOW TO GIVE A LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

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Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

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How to Give a *Live Your Dream Award*: A Step-By-Step Guide

Giving a *Live Your Dream Award* has a lot of important pieces, so we have provided this streamlined handout to make sure you don't miss anything!

Questions? Email us at LYDAwards@soroptimist.org.

Step one: Make sure you're designated as the LYDA club chair on your club roster and be sure to sign a confidentiality agreement that your club keeps in your records.

> *Online application system users:* Your confidentiality agreement is built into the online system.

Step two: Review the club toolkit. Grab a snack and get comfortable--there is a lot of information and resources!

Step three: Recruit applicants and be sure to use the most up to date application. Connect with local colleges, training programs, women's shelters, etc.

> *Online application system users:* Make sure you can login to your account and refer women to apply online.

Step four: Review applications as you receive them for eligibility and completeness. Reach out to applicants with any questions if anything on their application seems incomplete or confusing. If you have questions, so will your judges! Remind applicants that the more detailed they are, the stronger their applications will be for the judging process.

Reminder: the deadline for applicants to apply to their local club is November 15! If you don't receive enough applications by the deadline, or if you have TOO many, reach out to your region chair to help redistribute.

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Step five: Conduct your judging. Make sure all judges have signed a confidentiality agreement and that you keep it in your club records!

Step six: Notify ALL applicants (including those not chosen). Calling AND emailing is best and be sure to follow up if you don't get a response. DO NOT simply mail them their award funds or notification of their status—they may have moved since completing their application and you do not want it to be lost!

Your club should keep all applications received for at least one club year, and all applications that receive funds in perpetuity.

> *Online application system users:* Notify applicants through the online system AND call or email personally with more information about the timeline for receiving the funds and other logistics.

Step seven: Give the award funds PROMPTLY. Be sure to confirm mailing addresses before sending any checks!

Step eight: Report your impact to SIA! The deadline is February 1 (if your region has district level judging) or February 15 (if your region does not have district level judging). ALL CLUBS must complete the club reporting form to get credit for their hard work and participating in the program.

> *Online application system users:* Don't forget to indicate your club's decision for each application on the online application system. The automated emails are there to help you!

Step nine: Honor your recipient(s) and share their story. Get signed media consent forms from all recipients (do NOT share any information if they have not explicitly said you can), and make sure to let them review anything you're sharing about them before you promote it publicly. They can select on the form how much information they are comfortable with sharing.

> Optional: Host a celebration but do not wait for an event to distribute the funds.

Step ten: Keep all applications securely in club records for at least one year, and keep any applications that received funding in perpetuity along with completed media consent forms.

RHEA'S EXTRAORDINARY STORY
SURVIVING GENERATIONAL POVERTY

The Live Your Dream Awards will enable me to finally complete my college education, which in turn would help me reach my goals of doing more for the street children I am helping.

JANA'S EXTRAORDINARY STORY
SURVIVAL OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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“My education has given me the opportunity to make this world a better place. I can relate to frightened families. I can offer them hope and healing with no judgements. I want to be a voice for the oppressed and disenfranchised.”

TERRIEA'S EXTRAORDINARY STORY
SURVIVAL OF CHILD ABUSE, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

"My prayers look a lot different today than when I was a little girl. There were many times being exploited on the streets or in my addiction I thought I was going to die and I didn't care."

ROCHELLE'S EXTRAORDINARY STORY SURVIVING POVERTY, SEXUAL ABUSE AND TEEN PREGNANCY

"I will be more than a teacher and a second mother to my students. I will help them find value in life no matter how difficult it can be … and help others the way kind-hearted people are helping me now."

NATALIA'S EXTRAORDINARY STORY
SURVIVAL OF CHILD ABUSE, KIDNAPPING, RAPE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING

"Even though life was rough, I was still a very happy child with many dreams and ambitions ahead."

SANDRA'S EXTRAORDINARY STORY
SURVIVAL OF MOLESTATION, RAPE AND TEEN PREGNANCY

"My dream is to earn a bachelor's degree and eventually a masters in order to leave all these hardships behind. I want to show my children that even through all the messy obstacles it can be done, and goals can be reached."

LISA'S EXTRAORDINARY STORY

SURVIVING THE SUDDEN LOSS OF SPOUSE WITH FOUR CHILDREN AND NO INCOME

"I knew I had a responsibility to my children and to myself; I looked into their four little, beautiful faces and realized that I was the only hope they had, that as their mother I had to find a way to survive this."

Soroptimist *Live Your Dream Awards*
2024-2025 Award Money Based on 2023-2024 Award Distribution

Soroptimist International of the Americas funds the region-level *Live Your Dream Awards*. Each region receives one $5,000 award and additional $3,000 awards based on the number of club awards distributed in the region in the previous club year. The chart below outlines the 2024-2025 funding based on club award distribution in the 2023-2024 club year.

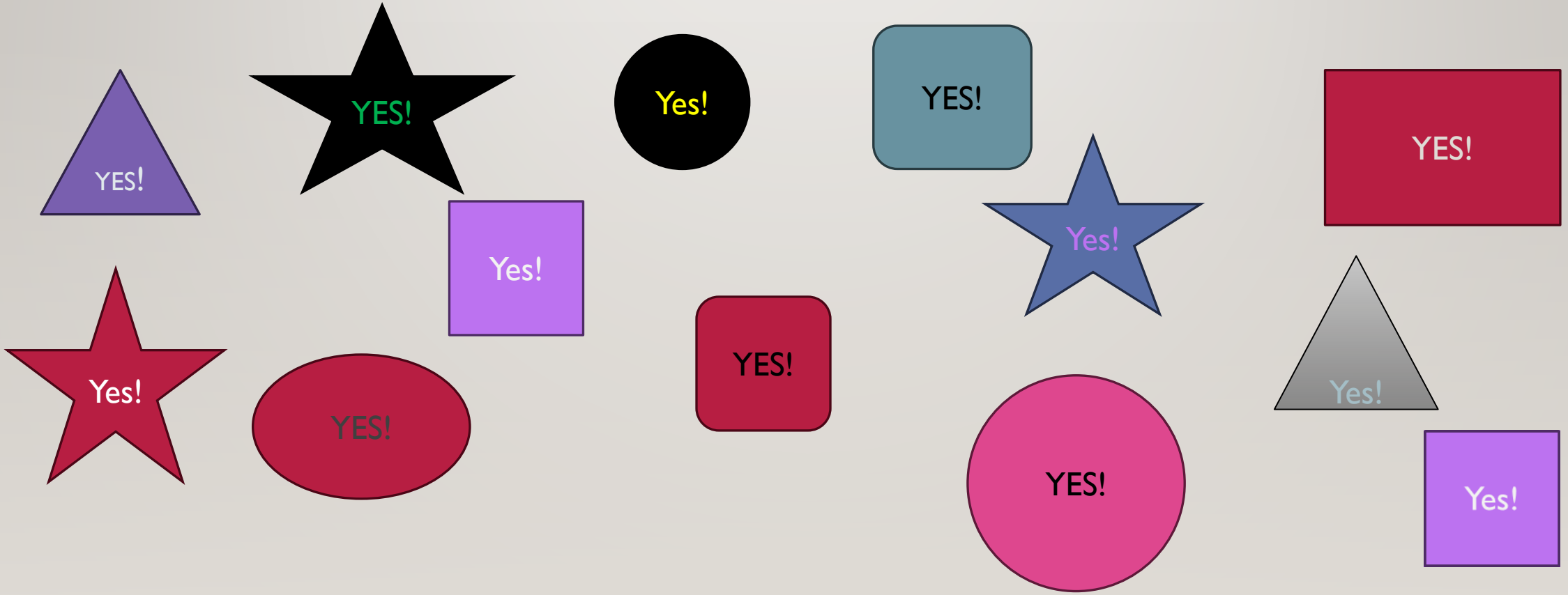
Region	# of Club Awards Given 23/24	Region Award Funding Amount from SIA 24/25	# of Region Awards 24/25
America Del Sur	48	$8,000	2
Brazil	25	$5,000	1
Camino Real	125	$17,000	5
Central East Coast	42	$8,000	2
Desert Coast	201	$23,000	7
Eastern Canada	54	$8,000	2
Founder	107	$14,000	4
Golden West	101	$14,000	4
Japan Chuo	69	$11,000	3
Japan Higashi	45	$8,000	2
Japan Kita	43	$8,000	2
Japan Minami	118	$14,000	4
Japan Nishi	21	$5,000	1
Korea	82	$11,000	3
Mexico/Centroamerica	32	$8,000	2
Midwestern	76	$11,000	3
North Atlantic	83	$11,000	3
Northwestern	181	$23,000	7
Peaks to Plains	69	$11,000	3
Philippines	203	$23,000	7
Sierra Nevada	109	$14,000	4
Sierra Pacific	158	$20,000	6
South Central	64	$11,000	3
Southern	36	$8,000	2
Taiwan	45	$8,000	2
Western Canada	70	$11,000	3
TOTAL CLUB AWARDS	**2207**	**$313,000**	**87**

# of Club Awards Distributed in the Region	Region Award Funds per Region	# of Regions	# of Awards	Total Award $	Region
1-30	1 $5000	2	2 x 1=2	$10,000	Japan Nishi, Brazil
31-60	1 $5000 1 $3000	8	8 x 2= 16	$64,000	America del Sur, Central East Coast, Eastern Canada, Japan Higashi, Japan Kita, Mexico/Centroamerica, Southern, Taiwan
61-90	1 $5000 2 $3000	7	7 x 3= 21	$77,000	Japan Chuo, Korea, Midwestern, North Atlantic, Peaks to Plains, South Central, Western Canada
91-120	1 $5000 3 $3000	4	4 x 4= 16	$56,000	Founder, Golden West, Japan Minami, Sierra Nevada
121-150	1 $5000 4 $3000	1	1 x 5= 5	$17,000	Camino Real
151-180	1 $5000 5 $3000	1	1 x 6= 6	$20,000	Sierra Pacific
181-210	1 $5000 6 $3000	3	3 x 7= 21	$69,000	Desert Coast, Northwestern, Philippines
	Totals	**26**	**87**	**$313,000**	

OUR CHALLENGE

Soroptimist Federation	Southern Region
# of Applications Received 2023-2024	# of Applications Received 2023-2024
7,187	272

OUR CHALLENGE

Increase Number of Awards
from
36 to 40

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AND ALL THE CLUBS SAID…