

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
OF LOS ANGELES
2021-2022**

ANNUAL REPORT



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

Mission

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

SI of Los Angeles' membership consists of volunteers who create, conduct, develop, and/or support programs that promote the health, safety, and personal and professional growth of women and girls.

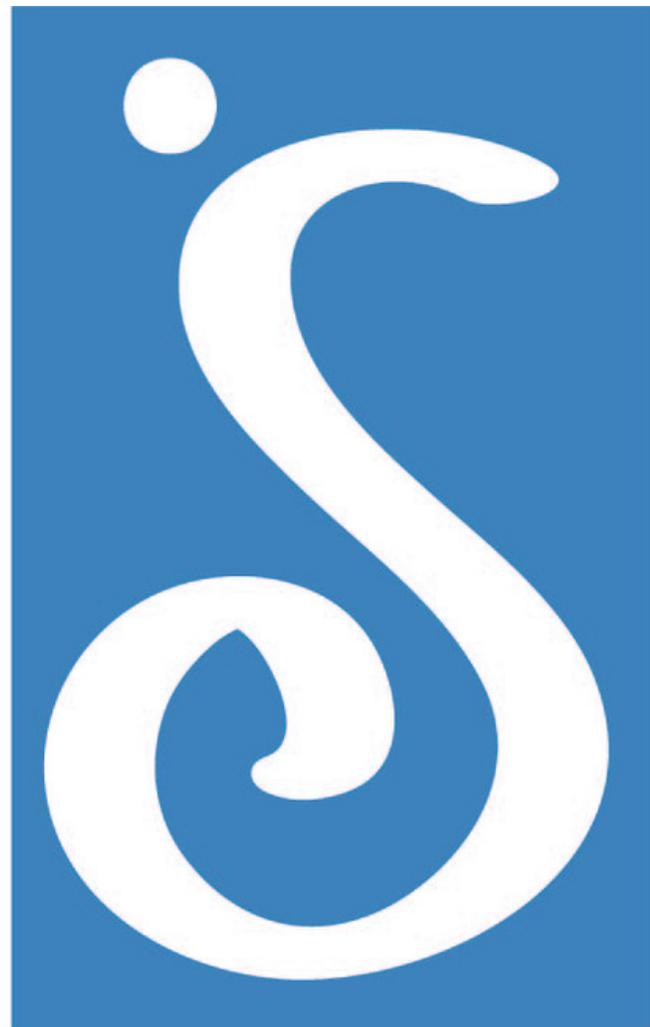


SIA Federation Representation by SI Los Angeles Members

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I am proud to report that during the 2021-2022 Club Year, Soroptimist International of Los Angeles has provided the following services to our local community:

- SI of Los Angeles held a very successful Dream It Be It program in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Venice
- SI of Los Angeles awarded two Fellowship Awards (\$6,500) and three Live Your Dream Awards (\$3,000)
- SI of Los Angeles donated thousands of medical-grade hand sanitizers and sanitizer wipes to local non-profit agencies, our region's Live Your Dream awardees, our Dream It Be It participants and staff, as well as the Los Angeles County Commission for Women
- SI of Los Angeles is engaged in improvement of the facilities at the Soroptimist Grove at Griffith Park in partnership with the Friends of Griffith Park
- SI of Los Angeles gives significant support to the provision of temporary housing for over 200 men, women, and children via a local non-profit agency

This club year also marks our club's 100th Birthday. Looking back at SI of Los Angeles' accomplishments over the past 100 years, we see an ocean of service which includes thousands of dollars given in scholarships, grants, fellowships, and educational loans; housing provided to over 5000 individuals in need of a temporary haven; as well as support of our community and other local non-profits via donations of meals, clothing, medical equipment, and so much more.

I am very proud to be a member of SI of Los Angeles, and am very excited to see what the next year will bring!

Amy Poulos
President, SI of Los Angeles



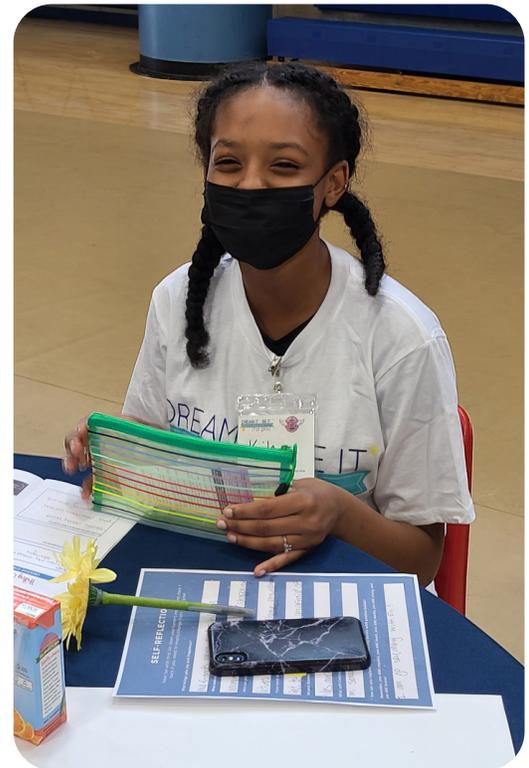
DREAM IT ★ BE IT

CAREER SUPPORT

{for girls}

SI of Los Angeles is proud to participate in Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls. Since 2015, Dream It, Be It has given more than 84,000 girls worldwide the tools they need to achieve their education and career goals. 88% of former participants report feeling more confident about their future success. 86% report feeling more prepared to pursue their career goals, and 91% feel they created achievable goals for their future.

This year SI of Los Angeles collaborated with the Boys and Girls Club of Venice Smart Girl Program. Our 30 participants explored topics such as discovering your dreams, exploring careers, creating achievable goals, rising above obstacles, and balancing stress. We look forward to partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Venice again.





The Live Your Dream Award is granted to local women who provide the primary financial support for their families. The award supports their efforts to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects.

Meet our 2021-2022 Awardees



Vanessa plans on transferring to Cal-State Los Angeles after finishing her credit hours at Los Angeles City College. She was a foster child and homeless for many years. She has also served in the Army and, while deployed in Desert Storm, was sexually assaulted. She wants to start an organization that will assist with the rental process. She is a single mother with a son. Her goal is to work with a program or start a program to assist low-income people to find and retain employment. Vanessa states "I want to live a better dream for my child."



Upon completion of her studies at West Los Angeles College, Govanna plans to transfer to USC and study social work. She has a background of homelessness and domestic abuse. Govanna is responsible for her mother, who has suffered a stroke, her three-year-old, and a foster child. Her goal is to help former and current foster children and be an advocate for both parents and children. Govanna wants to be able to change the narrative for foster children so that "the ball is in their court from the start."



Carla is attending Los Angeles Trade Tech where she is enrolled in their Culinary Arts program. She wants to own and operate a small bakery catering to folks who are diabetics. In addition to Culinary Arts, she wants to pursue Professional Baking while learning about Restaurant Hotel Management. Carla is a single mom with a 17-year-old daughter and she also has her mother living with her while she is working on her educational goals. She calls her family "her harshest critics and her most supportive fans."



The Joan Johnson Graduate Fellowship Award 2021-2022 Recipients

SI of Los Angeles is proud to have offered our Fellowship Award to deserving graduate students since 1948!

Qualifications include being in a graduate degree program at an accredited institution of higher education in Los Angeles County, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The field of study is open, but consideration is given to candidates who have high financial need and work for the betterment of the community through volunteer efforts, with particular attention to the betterment of women and girls.



Jessica Judd

Jessica is pursuing a dual degree in Education and School Psychology (MEd/EdS) from Loyola Marymount University with an anticipated completion date of June 2024.

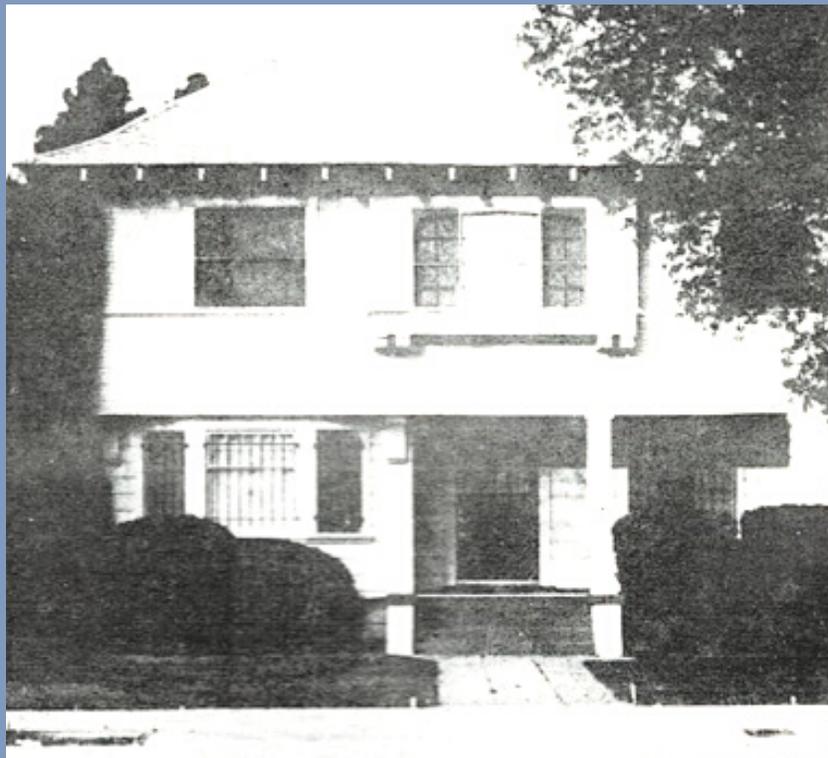
Caroline Henry

Caroline is pursuing a Master's of Physician Assistance Practice at USC with an anticipated completion date of May 2024.



Providing Shelter

For almost 30 years, SI of Los Angeles' major community service project has been providing two multi-residence houses for charitable use. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, over 200 men, women, and children found refuge in these homes.



SOROPTIMIST GROVE IN GRIFFITH PARK

Since 1932, Soroptimist International of Los Angeles has been proud to lay claim to a little corner of Griffith Park, the Soroptimist Grove. This beautiful spot in the Ferndell area of Griffith Park boasts picnic tables and BBQs, and is located close to the Trails café and a children's playground.

In honor of our 100th Birthday, SI of Los Angeles, with the Friends of Griffith Park, donated beautiful new BBQs and picnic tables for the Soroptimist Grove.



SI of Los Angeles is growing!

We are proud to share that we have added five new members to our club in the 2021-2022 club year! We are even prouder that this gives us a member retention rate of 120%.

Meet our newest members



Vanessa Collins joined SI of Los Angeles to honor the memory of a recently departed friend and Soroptimist. A graduate of Whittier College, she currently works as Grocery Category Manager for a large chain of grocery stores. Vanessa reports “I am excited to be part of an organization that will keep women moving forward and to help continue the legacy of the Soroptimist and the stories that still need to be made.”

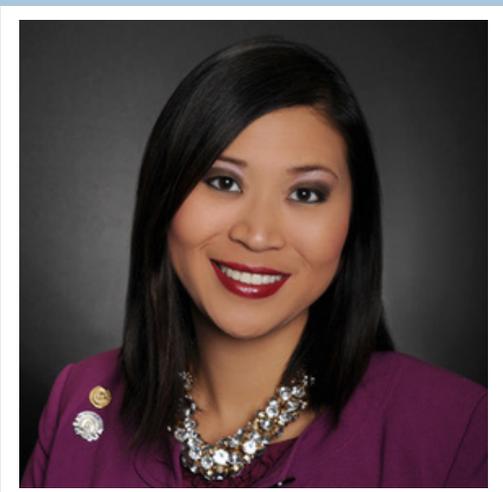
Sheri Ellis is our newest member of SI of Los Angeles! She is a project manager for Strategic Technology Enablement for a large health insurance company, having previously worked as a tech writer and database developer. She is already using her impressive knowledge in technology and project management for SI of Los Angeles.





Athena Oanessian joined SI of Los Angeles at the beginning of the year. A creative and driven entrepreneur, Athena has successfully launched her own business creating hard-bound yearly planners/all-in-one self-development tools that transform people's lives. She brings great energy and enthusiasm to SI of Los Angeles and our projects.

Becky Stein is the fourth member of her family to join SI of Los Angeles. She is a professor of Anthropology at a Los Angeles community college and has authored textbooks. Becky has attended SI of Los Angeles' events in the past and loves our scholarship awards. As a recent empty-nester she is ready to more directly support our mission.

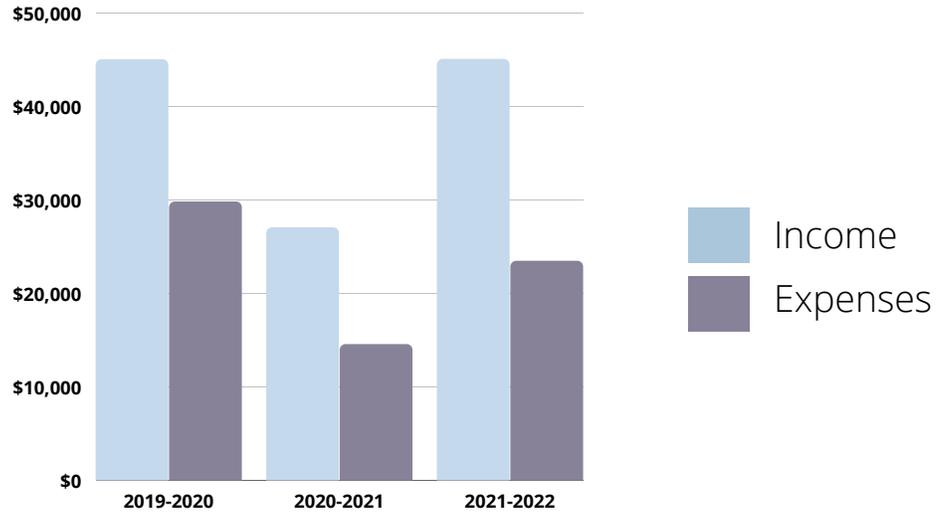


Cindy Wu immediately leapt to leadership roles as co-chair of our membership committee upon joining SI of Los Angeles. Leadership comes naturally for Cindy, who has expertise in many different areas including hospitality, real estate, import/export, education, consulting, and entrepreneurship. Cindy is a Realtor and is an active member of the El Monte School Board, and is the Los Angeles County Commission on Women's 2022 *Woman of the Year* Awardee in Education!

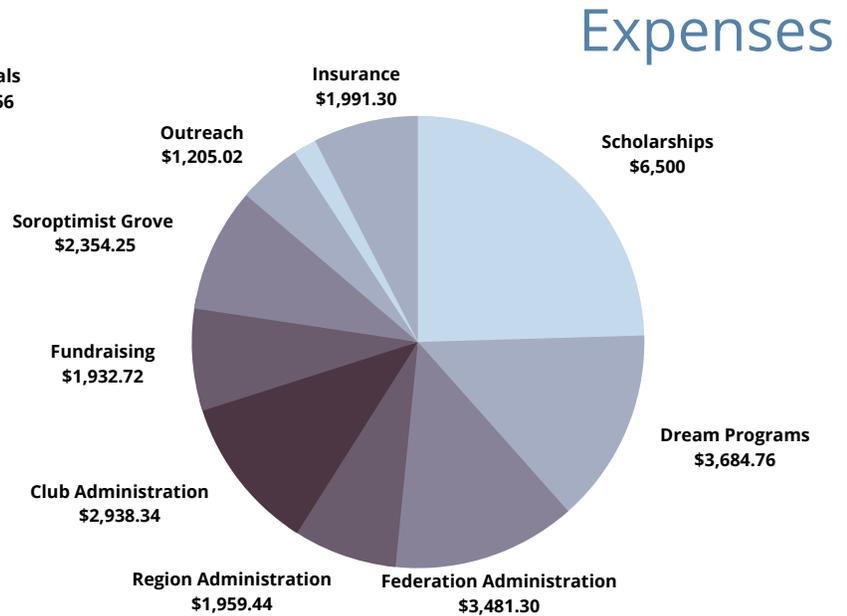
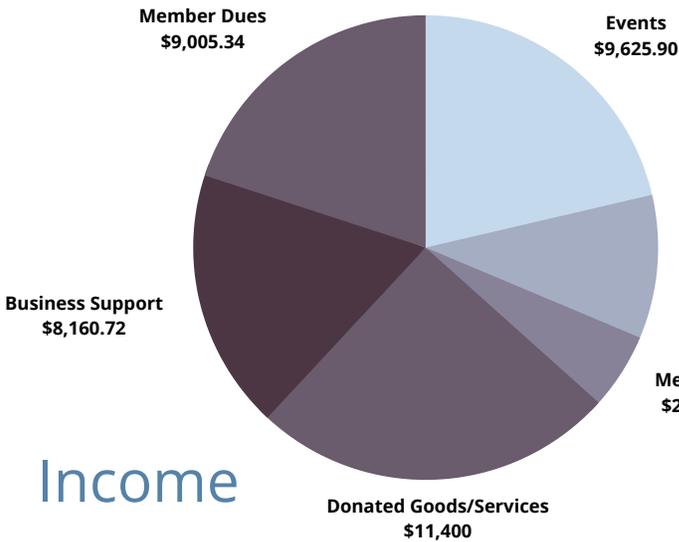
Financial Report

Thanks to community support, SI of Los Angeles has been able to grow to meet increasing need over the past three years, and we are looking forward to new ways to accomplish our mission of improving the lives of women and girls through access to education.

Income and Expenses - 3 years

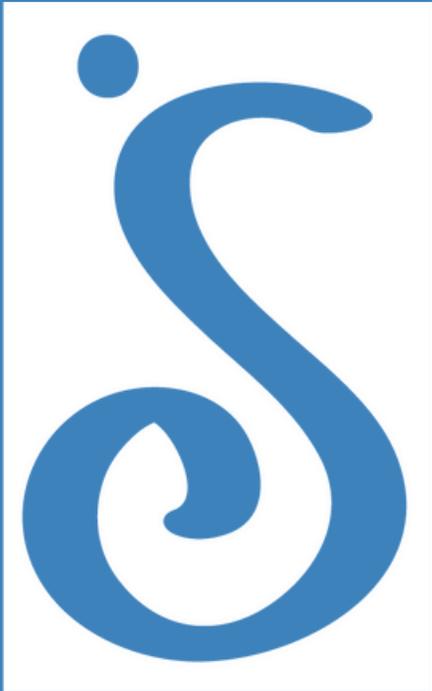


2021-2022 Income and Expenses



Donors

Our generous supporters make an impact every day in the lives of women and girls. We can't continue this life-changing work without you.



Individuals

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Michelle Bennett	Glynis Robert
Chris Blazey	Teresa Riddle
Mary Breskin	Gail Rolf
Yvonne Cazier	Carol V. Roddy
Tatiana Brandt Copeland	Irene Sipantzi
Emily Dell	Linda Smith
Deanne Tilton Durfee	Phil Stein
Sheri Ellis	Talmadge Tatum
Bobbi Enderlin	Adrienne Taylor
Louvonia Hall	Tony Taylor
Vivien Hines	Jonathan Tran
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Carolyn Lofrano	Ron & Shirley Troupe
Bill and Lorraine Mairs	Donna Tyndall
Cindy Martinez	Michael Washington
Catherine McCall	Ann Ways
Barbara Napper	Diana Weynand
Joyce Patton	Elizabeth Williams

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