



Soroptimist International of Friday Harbor

Improving the lives of women and girls,
here in the islands and throughout the world

Women's Emergency Fund

The Soroptimist Women's Emergency Fund provides emergency assistance to any woman and her family who is resident on San Juan Island whose other options for assistance have been exhausted. The assistance can be to address a one-time problem, or can be designed to provide a full solution to a chronic problem. This program supports and fulfills the Soroptimist mission of improving the lives of women and girls.

Referral: A woman must be referred to the Soroptimist by a **social service agency, a church or a service club.**

Vetting: The referring organization is responsible for verifying the emergency, and vouching that other possible sources of assistance have been exhausted. Referring organizations may wish to contact the San Juan Island Family Resource Center for assistance in verifying what other resources are or are not available.

Contact Information: To make a referral, the organization should contact Soroptimist President, Sharon Pigman, or President-elect, Dana Bune, at sifridayharbor@soroptimist.net and provide information about the request and the amount requested.

Approval: The Board will consider the request and can directly approve assistance up to \$500.

Larger requests need to be voted on by the membership at a regularly scheduled business meeting, and thus take longer to process.