



*Improving the lives of women and girls
through programs leading to social
and economic empowerment.*

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

Designated Contributions – Frequently Asked Questions

Beginning on September 1, 2015, SIA is changing the way members can make individual contributions to support federation programs by allowing for designated contributions. Members will now have the option to designate their gift, of any amount, to support the **Live Your Dream Awards**, **Dream It, Be It**, or **Unrestricted Program Support**, which will help fund all SIA programs, including Soroptimist Club Grants, the Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence, and others.

Why is SIA making this change?

SIA understands that many donors have favorite programs they would like to support. Maybe they feel most connected to helping women receive educational assistance through the Live Your Dream Awards. Maybe they want to help more girls receive guidance and support through Dream It, Be It. Or perhaps, they want to make sure all SIA programs have the necessary financial support. This change will allow individual donors to play a larger role in directing how their contributions are used and better see the impact of their support.

What will happen to the Laurel Society?

Individual gifts made to any of these three funds (Live Your Dream Awards, Dream It, Be It, or Unrestricted Support) will be recognized in the Laurel Society. Donors will be able to say “I made a donation to fund the Live Your Dream Awards and am recognized in the Laurel Society for my gift.” Contributions for Soroptimist International, the Disaster Recovery Fund or Memorial/Honorarium gifts will not be credited toward recognition in the Laurel Society.

Can a monthly gift be designated to a specific program?

Yes! When [enrolling in monthly giving](#), a donor will have the option to select the designation for her gift from the drop down list. This can be updated at any time using this same form to select a different designation. If there are any questions about monthly giving, donors can reach Shevaun Brannigan, Development Assistant, at Shevaun@soroptimist.org or 215-893-9000 x120. If a designation is not selected when enrolling in monthly giving, the gift will automatically be designated to Unrestricted Program Support.

Can my club designate our Club Giving contribution?

Not at the moment. Club Giving will continue as unrestricted program support to ensure that all programs have the funding that they need. However, clubs interested in making a gift of more than \$10,000 designated to a specific program or project can discuss their wishes with SIA's Senior Director of Development, Nancy Montvydas, at NancyM@Soroptimist.org or 215-893-9000 x125.

Can I split my gift between different designations?

Donors can easily split their gift between the three designations by marking the amount on the contribution form that should be applied to each designation. If making the gift online, donors will need to make each contribution separately (for instance, making a \$30 contribution to the Live Your Dream Award and then selecting Unrestricted Support to process another \$20 contribution). If monthly donors want to split their monthly gifts, they should set up different monthly giving accounts with each going to the designation of their choice.