

Sierra Nevada Region Soroptimist's Biennial Project

HELP THE WOMEN OF DARFUR

“Black Africans have been driven out of their villages and it is estimated that at least 400,000 people are dead and 2.7 million have been displaced. About 250,000 refugees live across the border from Sudan in Chad with 80% of them being women and children.”

Soroptimists are all about PEACE. If we can't make peace happen, we will do whatever it takes to make a difference regardless! Here is the Sierra Nevada Region's answer to a problem we all know about but feel helpless to abate.

The Solar Cooker Project helps women escape rape, and murder by supplying them with solar cookers thus avoiding leaving the refugee camps to gather wood for their cooking fires. Because the firewood is depleted anyway, each woman is given a kit that includes two solar cookers, two pots, two pot holders, a year's supply of plastic cooking bags and skills training for refugee women and girls. Each lightweight, small and fairly inexpensive kit costs \$30.

The Solar Cooker Project has an income-generating aspect. Raw materials are sent to the camps and the refugee women are hired to assemble them on site. Others train the women and girls over 15 years of age in the cookers proper use. After a camp is trained, a maintenance program is instituted to repair and replace cookers as needed.

As Soroptimist enjoy a challenge ~ we are tracking the response from the clubs in the region and will make sure every member is tallied into the total derived from each club on a pro-rated basis. Small clubs will be able to compete fairly with large club. The club having the highest number cooker's sold by April 1, 2011 will be treated to a Solar Cooker Project meal prepared by the Board of Directors from the Sierra Nevada Region!

To participate in **“Kay's Cookers”** [The Solar Cooker Project](#)

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PLEASE be sure to use the Official SNR Order Form to receive credit for your club. Treasurer Gina will send all money on to Jewish World Watch on our behalf.

Thank you for your support!

