

SOROPTIMIST

INTERNATIONAL OF MODESTO

Public Service Announcement

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Soroptimist International of Modesto is part of the worlds' largest classified service organization for executive and professional women. In addition to supporting international projects, Soroptimist Clubs accomplish their service goals based on individual community needs.

Each year we vote on a local beneficiary of our annual Mardi Gras Auction. **This year our donation, in the amount of \$12,400.00, was presented to “Kids Works”.**

“Kids Works” is a program of Doctors Medical Center Foundation that uses puppeteers and life-sized puppets to present important educational messages to over 35,000 area students each year. The program reaches out to children grades K-8, with each performance tailored to be age-appropriate. Topics have included: Personal Safety, Tobacco Education, Disabilities and Differences, Substance Abuse Prevention, Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Nutrition and Dental Health.

The Mission of Kids Works is to heighten public awareness and provide education regarding the effects of lifestyle choices and to provide an opportunity to discuss relevant social issues in a non-threatening environment.

Supported by many businesses and individuals in the community, Kids Works is a non-profit program and operates on donations and community contributions. The “Adopt-A-Puppet” aspect of the program is their main fundraiser in which local merchants or individuals can make annual donations to help offset the costs of programs to the schools and puppet upkeep.

We as Soroptimists, applaud Kids Works for their work with children in our community. To learn more about KidsWorks, call Randi Linee at 579-9115 ext.19 or email rlinee@dmcf.org . For information regarding Soroptimist, please call Linda Diggs-Gray at 968-9531.
