**Giving Committee**
**2019-2020 Final Report**

**Giving Committee Members:**
Co-chairs - Kim Huber, Carol Burr
Board Liaison - Carrie Pavis
Communications Liaison - Shari Hopper
General Committee - Janet Earl, Joanne Edwards, Laura Burghardt, Linda Bates, Margaret VanLanMartin, Starlyn Brown, Erin Smith, Tonya Powell, Vanessa Haro, Kit Oldham, Pam Baldwin, Carolyn Dusenbury, Marge Rivas, Sue Bechtol, Danielle Leiper, Cathy Raevsky, Gretchen Bender Camp Fire Committee - Chair, Janet Earl; Kit Oldham, Carrie Pavis, Carol Burr, Kim Huber

**Budget**
Community Grants and International Good Will and Understanding - $18,057.51

- Community Grants Starting Balance - $14,557.51 Balance: $0
- IGU Starting Balance - $3500 Balance: $0

Awards & Scholarships Starting Balance - $17,595 Balance: $0
Camp Fire Starting Budget - $36,346.13 Balance: $16,628.61

The Giving Committee met every fourth Wednesday, noon-1:30 at Linda Bates' office. Community grants (Local Projects and IGU) were vetted by the committee as a whole. Sub-committees were set up for each award and recognition with two, three or four members who selected a coordinator to oversee the work and report to Giving Committee co-chairs.

Each sub-committee coordinator has submitted a final report for the Giving Committee. Final Reports, contacts, selection procedures, and templates of letters for winners and non-winners to be placed in Dropbox for next cycle's Giving Committee.

Financials Attached Separately.

# Dottie Locke – Imagining Possibilities Award

The Imagining Possibilities Award recognizes young women, upon reaching adult age, are either leaving the foster care or group home system and have demonstrated outstanding initiative, leadership, and a potential to succeed in achieving a career and/or educational goal. The purpose of this award is to acknowledge these individuals and recognize their potential while overcoming many obstacles.

We awarded two deserving young women this year with $1000 each. (1) Jade Taylor recommended by Youth for Change. (2) Raven Sky Dominquez recommended by Mountain Circle Family Services.

We updated the website (with the help of Joyce Brown) to include the Imagining Possibilities Award and updated the application to a fillable one. We also developed an information packet to be dropped off at various foster facilities and updated the contact information of those facilities. The forms and information can be found in Drop Box.

The awardee information is listed below.
Jade Taylor
710 Walnut St. #2
Chico, CA 95928

Stevie Van Eck
Youth For Change
578 Rio Lindo Ave Suite 3
Chico, CA 95928

Raven Sky Dominguez
274 Picholine Way
Chico, CA 95928

Miles Gregory, Case Manager
Mountain Circle Family Services
3120 Cohasset Rd
Chico, CA 95973

The Giving Committee
The Dottie Locke/Imagining Possibilities Subcommittee
Janet Earl
Sue Bechtol
Tonya Powell

**Betty Boles Final Report 2019-2020**

The Betty Boles Award recognizes women over 40 years of age who have completed or are in the process of completing a training program and who are entering or improving their prospect in the workforce. It is a club-only award with a cash grant.

Committee Members: Carol Burr, chair; Sue Bechtol, Pam Baldwin, Vanessa Haro

We developed a flyer and with Joyce Brown's help a fillable application form for the website. We also made multiple contact with agencies that serve women in the award category and recommend persistence in gathering applicants. In this cycled we had 16 women apply.

Contacts:

Butte County Career Technical Education
2491 Carmichael Drive, Suite 500
Chico, CA 95928
530-879-7462
email: CTE@bcoe.org

Contacts:
Jennifer Foglesong, Senior Director of CTE Butte County Office of Education
Colleen Salinas, Lead RDA Instructor
Jean Parker, Lead Veterinary Assistant Instructor

Chico Housing Action Team
PO Box 4868 Chico CA, 95927
info@chicohousingactionteam
Contact: Leslie Johnson
Leslie.aclu@gmail.com

The Esplanade House
181 E. Shasta Avenue
Chico, CA 95973 Phone: (530) 712-2600, Option 4
Fax: (530) 895-1848
Email: EHouseGeneral@buttecaa.com Contact: Kayla Ortiz

We awarded two $2000 to two deserving women: Crystal Comer and Anna Carrasco. We were not able to hold the award ceremony due to the pandemic.

Carol Burr

**Butte College Scholarship Report**

Three members volunteered to evaluate applications: Carolyn Dusenbury (Lead), Pam Baldwin and Linda Bates.

There were 45 applicants for the Soroptimist Scholarship. Two winners were selected. [see Attachment 1]

SI Chico works with the Butte College Foundation [hereafter BCF] on this award. Corinne Martine, Foundation Program Administrator, was our contact in 2019/2020. She was very helpful and answered all of our questions very promptly. She plans to retire but you can the Scholarship contact name and information at http://butte.edu/foundation/contact.html

The letter of congratulations to the winners will be deposited in Dropbox.

The dates to remember:

April – May: Email from BCF to reviewers that apps are ready for review and deadline to notify BCF. *The instructions were a bit fuzzy. There is a scoring rubric provided, you don't have to use it if the reviewers find it cumbersome.*

May: forward winners Scholarship contact at BCF and Giving Committee Chairs [Attachment 1]

June: winners notified by BCF. SI Chico team leader sends letters of congratulation to winners.

August: Butte's Scholarship Award Event – SI Chico should send at least one member to represent the club

February: SI Chico Awards Lunch. Winners and guests introduced. Awards lunch outline gives details on what needs doing

The timeline we used was:

October:

- confirm the contact information for the scholarship coordinator http://butte.edu/foundation/contact.html
- email the coordinator to introduce yourself, the other reviewers (with emails) and the date of the SIChico awards lunch in February.
- If you do not have information on the winners selected the previous May, the coordinator can send you the apps and contact information.
- December: contact last year's winners with date, time and place of lunch and ask to save the date. Give them all your contact information. Since the applications were completed several months ago, the Team can contact the winners for an update on their activities, interview them, or whatever would be helpful to prepare for the awards lunch.

January:

- Using the outline for the award lunch, provide the information for the lunch program, names for certificates, lunch guests, nametags, photo release
- send another email with the December information (if they haven't responded), and give them some information about how the lunch meeting will unfold, what they are expected to say and for how long, pictures, photo release, etc. [Attachment 2]
- Prepare remarks for lunch (usually based on the program copy). Remember to thank Team members.
- make arrangements to greet them at the door and escort them to the appropriate table

February: awards lunch

March:

- Communicate with BCF to make sure they have the reviewers contact info
- Communicate with Review team about time frame for evaluation when known
- When you get the email with the apps, make sure the other reviewers were got it too
- Ask reviewers if a meeting is necessary to get everyone on the same page for evaluation.

April –Receive apps, work with other reviewers on how to evaluate apps. Probably best to have a final meeting to make decisions.

May:

- forward winners to BCF contact. Send to Giving Chairs. Verify contact info for congrats letters with BCF
- end of May –send congratulation letters to winners.
- fill out voucher to send $2000 to BCF by June 30 to fund scholarships

August: SIC reps attend Scholarship Event at Butte

To: Butte College Foundation
Kim Huber and Carol Burr /. Giving Committee Chairs

From: Soroptimist International of Chico
Date: April 28, 2020
Re: 2020/2021 Soroptimist Butte College Scholarships

It is a pleasure to put forward the names of two singular young women to receive $1000 each as the winners of the 2020/2021 Soroptimist Butte College Scholarships

Applicant 77872. Julissa Villalobos Valencia

Julissa graduated from Red Bluff High School with a 3.8 GPA. She has completed 74 units at Butte with a GPA of 3.64. Julissa aspires to graduate with a degree in aeronautical engineering and ultimately become an astronaut. She is hoping to matriculate to UCLA. Julissa is a DACA student.

To prepare for her future she was selected as a NASA California Space Grant Intern in summer 2019 and a NASA Astrobiology Intern Program conducting research at Lassen Park. She attended a Great Minds in Stem conference, and is active in the MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) program at Butte College.

A couple of sentences in her application gives a fuller picture of the determination and talent that will take Julissa far.

> *In 2017, my senior year of high school, my counselor told me I wasn't good enough to even apply to the University of California, Santa Cruz. In January of this year, I was accepted into the Lamat Computational Astrophysics Research Program at the same university. This summer I will be working with Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, professor and chair of astronomy and astrophysics at UC Santa Cruz, whose research uses computer simulations to explore transient phenomena such as collisions, mergers, and disruptions of stars—especially those involving black holes, neutron stars, and white dwarfs*
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> *Although women remain a minority in the STEM fields and even fewer of color, I want to change that by advancing into higher education. I aim at being an influential role model . . . If I could be the somebody that I needed when I was younger, I would make it happen because there's nothing more powerful than a girl who believes in herself.*

Applicant 77129. <u>Lulonee Thompson</u>

Luonee graduated from Core Butte Charter School with a 3.6 GPA. She has completed 13 units at Butte with a 4.0. Her goal is to become a Registered Nurse. Her letter of reference is from a therapist at Chico Creek Counseling who interacted in a professional setting with Lulonee for two years and wrote:

*Lulonee is an intelligent, hard-working and resilient young woman who, in spite of what many might view as incredibly adverse circumstances, has managed to excel in both her academic and personal life. I have witnessed Lulonee's ability to envision, execute and exceed in any and all goals she sets out to achieve. I can think of no one more deserving of the opportunity to pursue and fulfill her dream of becoming a Registered Nurse as well as the first in her family to both attend and graduate from college.*

Lulonee's community service activities include Safe Space to shelter the homeless in cold weather in 2017 and 2018 and service to the Chico Cat Coalition in 2018. She was active in playing Soccer for several years.

Lulonee's application reflects being able to overcome adverse circumstances and pursue her dream successfully. She states that:

*I was born into poverty, and my mother, brother, and I, jumped from homeless shelter to homeless shelter to be able to get by. I also grew up watching addiction and being a part of abuse. The hardships that I am overcoming from my past help me to become the best person I can be. I believe this scholarship will help me . . . through college. I didn't think I would get this far, and now . . . I am a first generation college student.*

Thank you for the opportunity to review the excellent pool of applicants for this award. The aspirations, hopes and dreams of all these students is nothing short of remarkable. It was a very difficult selection process with so many strong students making excellent progress toward their goals.
Sincerely,
Soroptimist International of Chico
Linda Bates, Pam Baldwin and Carolyn Dusenbury – Review Team

Attachment 2: Follow up email
Tue 1/7/2020 5:08 PM
Dear,
A few things I didn't mention before. I didn't receive any messages from you so I hope everything was clear.

In order to put your picture on our FB page or in the newspaper, we will ask you to sign a photo release that it is ok to use your picture when you arrive. The meeting starts at noon. We would appreciate it if you could arrive about 11:40. Please let me know how many guests (and their names) you have asked or will ask to come. We need to let Manzanita Place know how many tables we need and make name tags for you and your guests. We are happy to provide lunch at no cost to you and 1 guest. Additional guests are very welcome but will have to pay $16 for lunch. We will also ask you to introduce your guests and ask them to stand or wave. It would be perfect if you could get the names to me by February 12. I wasn't as clear as I should have been about your remarks to the club. One of us will introduce you with a few words about your achievements. We would love 2-3 minutes to hear from you to add anything important that we missed and tell us about your educational goals and how the scholarship will help you reach them.

**<u>Soroptimist Ruby Award</u>**

The Soroptimist Ruby Award honors women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Honorees are women who have worked to improve the lives of other women or girls. Their work has had a significant impact and inspires and

encourages other women. This award is for $2,000 and the award recipient may be eligible for further awards with Soroptimist International at Regional & Federation levels. Women may nominate themselves or another woman they feel is deserving of this honor.

President Carrie developed a letter soliciting applications complete with a special ruby logo. She also made changes to our website to make it clearer and put the application link there under the Awards & Scholarship section. This year we honored Diane Puckett, Founding Executive Director of the Peg Taylor Center.

Giving Committee

Ruby Award Subcommittee

Carrie Pavis

Pam Baldwin

Janet Earl

**Positive Parenting Award**

The Positive Parenting Award recognizes women (and men) who are working on improving parenting skills, building self-esteem, and eliminating negative coping skills.

Committee Members: Vanessa Haro, chair; Erin Smith, Joann Edwards

There were five applicants for the Positive Parenting Award, all of whom came from Imagining Possibilities and the Betty Boles Award.

Because the criteria for Soroptimist awards overlap, we were able to use the contacts of these other committees to identify candidates.

In the next cycle Betty Boles and Positive Parenting committees can again work together to create a strong pool of applicants.

**AAUW Tech Trek Program**

Soroptimist Award: An award to sponsorship one girl each year to the Tech Trek Summer Camp is made to the AAUW Chico Branch and funded from the Legacy Fund – Faye Bedford Children's Award.
AAUW Tech Trek Program: This Statewide program selects and sends girls who are entering the 8th grade to the week-long Tech Trek summer camp at UC Davis. The camp focuses on STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and math) and is designed to invite members from that professional community to work with girls at the Summer Camp who desire to know more about that field. The girls live in dorm rooms and eat at a school facility as part of the program to acquaint the girls with campus life.
Selection Procedure: Girls who are completing the 7th grade, having expressed an interest in STEM professions, and who are achievers in STEM subjects, are asked by their middle school teachers if they would like to apply for the Tech Trek program. Those who do are asked to write a letter about their academic and professional goals. Those letters are sent to the Tech Trek coordinators of their city's AAUW branches. The girls are interviewed and a local decision is made as to who is sent to Tech Trek camp.

Soroptimist Award Luncheon: In March, a girl is selected by the AAUW branch to attend the award luncheon, the last of the Giving Committee's yearly awards programs and generally held in April. The SIC Giving Committee liaison, at this point, will be in active communication with the AAUW Branch to coordinate the activities of the luncheon. The student is invited to speak at the luncheon. She is accompanied by AAUW branch member(s), at their own expense, and may bring a parent or mentor/teacher at no cost; additional guests are charged a set fee for the luncheon

Events Affecting 2020 Tech Trek Program: The COVID-19 pandemic has made it necessary to cancel Tech Trek for 2020. It appears that the State AAUW board is reticent about sending this year's selected students to camp at UC Davis in 2021. Both AAUW branches have agreed via email that the SIC funds for the 2020 awards are to be used exclusively for Tech Trek student-related activities, and may be used to develop a local program for the STEM students, possibly through the CSUC campus.

Chico Branch 2020-21:

- President – Jan Britton, President – brittonadv@comcast.net
- Treasurer – Marilyn Myrick – myrick.marilyn@gmail.com
  - Check is payable to AAUW Chico Branch and mailed to Treasurer
- Tech Trek Coordinator – Joan Cleveland – joancleveland@comcast.net

Paradise Branch 2020-21:

SIC Tech Trek coordinator for 2020 (Kit Oldham) was asked by the Paradise Branch if an award could be made to a student who is a Camp Fire survivor. Award was given for $900 in funds from the Camp Fire fund.

- President – Satsi Vieth – satsiedv2@gmail.com
- Treasurer – Nancy Wirtz – nancyr.wirtz@gmail.com
  - Check is payable to AAUW Paradise Branch and mailed to Treasurer
- Tech Trek Coordinator – Carol Holzgrafe – carol@holzgrafe.com

**Violet Richardson Award 2019/2020**

1. Subcommittee created with the following people: Starlyn Brown, Coordinator, Laura Burkhart, Tonya Powell and Diane Fossum.

2. Created packets that included a cover letter and application, a Soroptimist brochure, and a half page summation of the award on card stock. All included in 8x11 manilla envelopes which were left with the contacts for each organization.

3. Identified the following 6 organizations to contact to seek applicants for the award. The person on the subcommittee in charge of contacting that organization is listed next to the organization and the contact person in the organization is listed below the organization.

   a. Pleasant Valley High School – Laura Burkhart

      1475 East Avenue, Chico, Ca. 95926

      Contact: Debbie Novak, Pleasant Valley High Counselor

      530-891-3050

   b. Chico Hight School - Tonya Powell

      901 The Esplanade, Chico, Ca. 95926

      Contact: Angie Wisdom

      Senior Office Assistant/Counseling

      530-891-3026 X 121

   c. Fairview High School – Tonya Powell

      290 East Avenue, Chico, Ca. 95926

      530-891-3092

      Contacts: Nancy Medina, Target Case Manager: 891-3092 X142

      Mark Hardesty, Counselor: 891-3092 x 142

   d. Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley- Starlyn Brown

      601 Wall Street, Chico, Ca. 95928

      Contact: Rashell Brobstm Director: 530-624-2490

      For this year only, dealt with Juleah Cordi who works for Assemblyman Gallagher: 530-899-0335

   e. Paradise Junior and Senior High School – Starlyn Brown

      5911 Maxwell Drive, Paradise, Ca. 95969

      Contact: Head Counselor, Noel Jurado

      njurado@pusdk12.org

      530-872-6425 X 3028

      530-370-2440 (cell)

f. National Charity League – Diane Fossum

Personal contact for this year only.

4. Received 5 Applications and gave awards to 2:

a. Alexa Miramontes, 1125 Walnut Glen Court, Chico, Ca. 95926 for her work with Latinos Unidos

b. Jessi Garrett, 14999 Black Oak Terrace, Forest Ranch, Ca. 95942 for her work with Ability First

Each young woman received an award of $1,000

**Chico Community Scholarships**

SI Chico has been a contributor to CCS for many years. This year due to Covid-19 our committee did not know how to proceed with our donation, because there were no award nights.
President Carrie Pavis reached out to CCS to find out what the process was and who was chosen for our award. We awarded two $1000 scholarships. One went to Chico High School and one went to Fairview (not sure of the names of the individuals who received them). I then went on to find out how to get the money to the scholarship awardees and I was told that we donate the money to CCS, and they get the money to the awardees. Below are some details I took from their website and a donation form will be in Dropbox. I was also told that in November they sent out a request for donations and that it would be best if we could donate then because it helps them with their budget. We can still be involved in the screen process and if we want to hand out an award, we can do that also.

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All scholarships are given in amounts of $750 or more. Those donating this amount may name, select and present the scholarship if desired. Help with scholarship selection is greatly appreciated. Donations of less than $750 are placed into the general Chico Community Scholarship Association Fund and are given as a part of a larger scholarship. Careful stewardship of all monies received is managed by the CCSA Board of Directors with guidance from professional CPA's and investment advisors. Donations of any amount are appreciated and welcome. Named fund opportunities are available should a donor choose.

**Scholarship Application Screening Night for groups wishing to their select students**

*Date:* Thursday, February 27, 2020 5:30–8:30 p.m.
*Location:* Enloe Conference Center, Room 102 - 1528 Esplanade
Carrie Pavis