



**Soroptimist International of San Francisco's "Shelter from the Storm Project" is ...**  
**Calling all young artists and creative minds!**

Soroptimist International of San Francisco is sponsoring a YOUTH ART CONTEST open to all students in grades 9-12. The theme of this contest is Domestic Violence Awareness or Stop Domestic Violence.

Every October we honor National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and every November, International Domestic Violence Awareness Month by getting domestic violence resource information to victims in a safe way. An incredible piece of youth art with local and national resource hotlines is prominently displayed in Muni bus shelters. This raises awareness about domestic violence and informs the public of resources available to help women in life-threatening situations.

**Both the winning artist and her or his school will receive cash awards of \$250 each.**

**Contest Rules:**

- Contest begins Monday, September 21, 2009.
- Deadline for Submissions: Tuesday, December 15, 2009.
- One entry per person is allowed.
- Participating students are asked to create a poster in color with pencils, paint or gel pens, etc., on a plain white sheet of paper that is at least 8 1/2 x 11 inches, but no larger than 16 x 20 inches.
- Send or deliver your poster and entry form by December 15th, 2009 to:

Soroptimist International of San Francisco  
c/o MG West Inc.  
611 Mission Street, 3rd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105

- All entries must be accompanied by an attached entry form that includes the following artist information: first name, last name, grade in school, mailing address and e-mail address, if available, your school's name, address, phone number, principal's name.
- The entry must further contain the following statement signed by a parent:  
*"I understand the poster contest rules, and hereby grant the Soroptimist International of San Francisco or their assignees permission to use my child's artwork from the Domestic Violence Awareness Poster Contest for the purpose of illustration, publication or broadcast."*
- Artwork not selected will be returned upon request.

As part of our effort to get resource information to victims, survivors and their family members and friends, and also to increase awareness of this issue, the winning poster will appear in 15 Muni bus shelters in San Francisco during October and November 2010. We hope you and your students will help us with this goal! Thank you.

Gail Dekreon and Celeste Lane, Co-Chairs