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**Soroptimist Hosts Holiday Celebration for Kids Kottage**  
*Soroptimist International of Washoe County to host a holiday celebration  
for the children residing at the Kids Kottage*

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**RENO** – Soroptimist International of Washoe County is hosting a holiday celebration for the children living at the Kids Kottage emergency shelter. The holidays can be especially difficult for these children, and organizers hope this event will raise their spirits. The Soroptimist volunteers will provide games, face painting, a bounce house, cookie decorating, holiday music, and lunch. The highlight will be a visit from Santa, who will present each child with a new gift purchased just for them, along with a hand-made “Lap-ghan” made by the senior crochet group from the City of Reno’s Northwest Recreation Center. The celebration will take place on Sunday, December 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new Kids Kottage Gym, located at 2075 Longley Lane in Reno.

“Many of these children face violence, abuse, or neglect in their lives.” says Christine Wells, event organizer. “It is a joy to see them light up and just be children during this event.” adds Christine. Members raise money throughout the year to sponsor this and other community events and scholarships that help to improve the lives of women and children. Supporting the Kids Kottage has been their primary youth-program focus since the club began in 2005. Donations are always welcome to help fund this and other community service projects.

For more information or to help support future Kids Kottage projects, call Soroptimist International of Washoe County, 775-815-6202.

**SUMMARY**

**What:** Kids Kottage Holiday Celebration

**When and Where:** 11:30 – 3:00, Dec. 14 at the new Kids Kottage Gym, 2075 Longley Lane, Reno.

**Who:** Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Washoe County, 775-815-6202

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*Editor’s Note: Founded in 1921, Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Soroptimist comprises approximately 95,000 members in more than 120 countries and territories worldwide who contribute time and financial support to community-based projects that benefit women and girls. The Women’s Opportunity Awards program, which provides cash grants for head-of-household women seeking to improve their economic situation through additional education and training, is Soroptimist’s major project. Soroptimist International of the Americas is a 501(c) (3) organization. For more information, visit [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org).*