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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Join Us on the Bridge!**

**Soroptimist International of Raleigh, NC organizes “Join me on the Bridge” event to celebrate 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women’s Day.**

*Local “Bridge” event is part of a global campaign developed by Women for Women International to unite women all over the world, showing that we can build bridges of peace and hope.*

**Raleigh, NC, February 26** On Sunday, March 7, 2010, from 3-4 pm, a number of groups and individuals from the Triangle area will join together to cross the pedestrian bridge behind the Legislative Building, located at 16 West Jones Street. This event is taking place to celebrate the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women’s Day, observed on March 8. Participants will carry peace flags in solidarity with similar events across the globe, inspired by Women for Women International’s “Join me on the Bridge” campaign.

This local event, organized by Soroptimist International of Raleigh, NC, will be an opportunity for individuals and organizations to demonstrate support towards ending violence against women and will symbolize the building of bridges for peace and development for women in war torn countries around the world. Bridge gatherings will take place all across the UK, the US, and numerous countries across Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization for business and professional women. The name, Soroptimist, means "Best for Women". The mission of Soroptimist is to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. Women for Women, a grassroots organization, works to provide training, direct aid and emotional support to women survivors of war.

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**Notes to Editors:**

2010 is the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women’s Day, a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievement of women past, present and future.

Founded in 1921 in California, Soroptimist International continues to grow and thrive with nearly 100,000 women in over 120 countries worldwide. Soroptimist International of Raleigh, a 501c(3) organization, was established in 1987. Our local service projects are focused on improving the economic well-being of women, ending violence against women, and our Triangle Women of Distinction Awards.

For more on Soroptimist International of Raleigh, visit [www.soroptimistraleigh.org](http://www.soroptimistraleigh.org)

For more on Women for Women International's programs around the world, visit [www.womenforwomen.org](http://www.womenforwomen.org)

For more information on the Join me on the Bridge campaign, go to [www.womenforwomen.org/bridge](http://www.womenforwomen.org/bridge)