

PROGRAMME FOCUS REPORT FORM

FEDERATION: SI/Europe

NEW PROJECT/PROGRAMME X
CONTINUING PROJECT/PROGRAMME
FUNDRAISING

The core purpose of Soroptimist International is to advance human rights and the status of women. In order to do this, clubs undertake service projects in their communities that improve the lives of women and girls. In order to track the success in achieving the core purpose, SI clubs are asked to submit programme focus reports on their successful club projects. Once completed, forward to:

Union and/or Federation Coordinator : **Economic and Social Development coordinator SI Belgium and SI/E**

Part I. Identification

Date April 2005

Club Name: **ANTWERPEN**

Union/Region BELGIUM

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Project Title: **DIESTERWEG'S HULPKAS**

Project Partnerships: _____

Target Group : **destitute schoolchildren in Antwerp**

Part II:

Programme of Service Area* (Check the box/boxes that best describes your project): *Details overleaf.

Human Rights/Status of Women:

Education:

X

Economic and Social Development:

Health:

Environment:

International Goodwill and Understanding:

Describe your project

(1) What you did, (2) Why you did it, (3) How you did it, (4) Results and recommendations

(1) For over 100 years, "Diesterweg's Hulpkas voor behoeftige schoolkinderen" (Help for destitute schoolchildren) has been working for destitute schoolchildren of the city schools of Antwerp.

The financial support of needy schoolchildren of the city schools of Antwerp still continues nowadays. More and more families seem to be living on the outskirts of society. Unemployment, the quest for better living conditions in a foreign country, broken homes, insurmountable debts, ..., are the source of a less than enviable financial situation. The children are always the first victims.

Without making any distinctions whatsoever, the Diesterweg's Hulpkas tries to fill the gaps. The association supports the expenses for special holidays at the seaside or in the woods as well as contributing with the extra fees for playground attendance and holiday residences.

Diesterweg's Hulpkas helps in the utmost discretion.

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(2) For the celebration of the 75th anniversary of SI Club Antwerpen we wanted to make a special effort to support effectively different organizations (9 in total) which are committed to the softening of the life of needy people in society, in Antwerpen and abroad.

(3) Several activities to collect funds were organised (theatre, concerts, selling of products, auction of peace dolls made by artists, etc.)

(4) A contribution of **1.500 €** was made to support the work of the Diesterweg's Hulpkas.

Project Costs: Estimated number of Hours Spent: the club members organised a number of activities (theatre, concert, selling chocolates, lanyards, decorated notebooks, auction of peace dolls made by artists, etc); in two years time, nearly 26.000 € were available for the 9 chosen projects.