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MISSION, B.C. – The Safe OnLine Outreach Society is please to acknowledge the donation of \$750 dollars from the Soroptimist of Abbotsford and Mission toward the cost of a new computer.

The Safe OnLine Outreach Society (SOLOS) is a charitable non-profit society that is attempting to respond to the alarming issue of online sexual exploitation through education and awareness initiatives aimed at youth serving professionals. The SOLO Society is urgently seeking funding to continue working on this issue. During its' first year of operation the Project received international recognition, presented educational materials to over 800 professionals and developed an "Introduction to Online Sexual Exploitation" curriculm entitled

Soroptimist International of the Americas is volunteer service organization for women in business, management and the professions. Soroptimist International of the Americas is part of Soroptimist International, comprising almost 100,000 members in about 120 countries around the world. The first Soroptimist club was formed in 1921 by a group of 80 women in Oakland, Alameda County, California. They chose their name from two Latin words meaning "best for women." Members represent a wide array of professions, including doctors, attorneys, teachers, chief executive officers of companies, business owners and government officials.

"This donation is a generous statement of support and endorsement," says Merlyn Horton, Project Coordinator for SOLOS, "We are very appreciative of the Soroptimist donation."

The SOLO Project was funded for the 2002/2003 year by the Vancouver Foundation, a non-governmental community foundation, founded in 1943 as a collection of funds that form a permanent endowment for charitable purposes.

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