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Adam Kaplan
Sister Cities International
Washington, D.C.

Dear Adam,

It is with great pleasure I recommend Ms. Donna Scantlebury as a candidate for the Board of Directors of Sister Cities International.

Donna has been a member and supporter of Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International (GFLSCI) since 2006 beginning as a participant on the medical committee and in 2011 elected as committee chair for Panama City, Panama.

Since 2012 Donna represented GFLSCI at the Sister Cities International Conferences. While attending the conferences Donna participated in many of the seminars and workshops which helped to broaden her interest in the great opportunities offered through Sister Cities International including donating tickets to the Presidential Galas in Washington.

As Panama City Committee Chair Donna fulfilled responsibilities each year visiting Panama City meeting with several community leaders establishing relationships which helped to develop several programs between Panama City and Fort Lauderdale including:

- The Sister School Program between Panama City and Fort Lauderdale brought students together from a local elementary school to share letters and information about each other's schools.
- The Sister School Program expanded to include the "If I Were Mayor Essay Contest" offering 5th grade students in Panama City the opportunity to submit their essays along with 5th grade students from Fort Lauderdale. The winners of the essay contest are invited to meet the Mayor and City Commissioners and to receive their awards during a Fort Lauderdale City Commission Meeting. 2018 was the 7th year for the Essay Contest.
- Through the Sister School Program several high schools students from Panama City visited and toured Florida Atlantic University. Several professors welcomed and encouraged these students to consider attending a university in Florida.
- Medical programs helped to raise awareness of the needs in Panama City Children's Hospital. The support for this program resulted in donations of much needed hospital equipment and donations of scarves to Panama City Children's Cancer Centers.

- Committee relationships were developed between Panama City, Panama, Agogo, Ghana, Mugla, Turkey and Cap Haitien, Haiti.

I personally believe Donna Scantlebury captures the true message of Sister Cities International and would be a great addition to the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Marianne Winfield
Executive Director