

# Frequently Asked Questions



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## What is a Sister City?

A sister city, county, or state relationship is a broad-based, long-term partnership between two communities in two countries. A partnership is officially recognized when the highest elected appointed official from both communities signs off on the sister cities agreement. A city can have any number of sister cities, and sister city organizations include representatives from nonprofits, to municipal governments, the private sector, and civic organizations.

## What does Sister Cities Do?

We are a nonprofit member association for United States sister city organizations. Our staff provides assistance and resources to our members to help them strengthen their sister city organizations and expand their activities. For more information on membership, please visit our website at [www.sistercities.org/membership](http://www.sistercities.org/membership).

## How can I get involved?

To find out if your city is a member of Sister Cities International, see our online directory at [www.sistercities.org](http://www.sistercities.org). You can find primary contact information for each member city on our website, which you can use to reach out to your local sister city committee. Many programs have Facebook pages, which is a quick and easy way to connect with them. You can also email us at [info@sistercities.org](mailto:info@sistercities.org).

## How can I create a new Sister City?

Talk to your local sister city program about their process. You can also visit our Cities Seeking Cities page at [sistercities.org/cities-seeking-cities](http://sistercities.org/cities-seeking-cities) for more information on how Sister Cities International can help you establish a new sister city relationship.

## What difference do Sister Cities make?

Sister cities promote peace worldwide on multiple levels. From providing students with their first opportunity to travel abroad and experience another culture; to creating valuable professional experiences and building connections between organizations; sister cities strengthen local and global communities and promote world peace while bringing tangible economic and social benefits to participating cities.

## How can I contribute to Sister Cities International?

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