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A Message from the Chairman

2017 has been a year of change—both nationally and for the Sister Cities International network. While change is not always easy or simple, I am confident that the organizational, programmatic, and long-term sustainability developments Sister Cities International has been working on will greatly strengthen our ability to pursue our mission and enable better delivery of benefits and services to our members.

First, the change in national administrations has provided our organization with a unique leader: Mrs. Karen Pence, our first ever Honorary Board Vice Chairperson. In 2017, Second Lady Karen Pence has actively served as Sister Cities International’s advocate throughout her worldwide travels, supplementing the efforts of our Global Awareness Team and raising our visibility. Mrs. Pence understands firsthand the value of citizen diplomacy from a people-to-people and community-to-community perspective.

Second, we completed our President and CEO executive leadership transition from Mary Kane to Roger-Mark De Souza. We thank Mary for her dedication and many accomplishments during her six-year term of office, and welcome and look forward to a new chapter with Roger-Mark at the helm.

Third, our member services and resources are key for sustaining and attracting new member communities. In that regard, this past year we completed recertification as a J-1 Visa Provider. We also received a grant from the Stevens Initiative to support two sister city members with Middle East programs on virtual youth exchange. Finally, our new Strategy and Programs Conference Subcommittee, our NEXTGEN Subcommittee, and the City of Aurora are developing comprehensive Annual Conference and Youth Summit agendas for our 2018 conference.

Fourth, we have continued to grow an aggressive revenue generation mindset within leadership and management to ensure that we live within our means and diversify our financial base. We balanced the budget for the second year in a row, launched the ongoing Global Leaders Circle Fundraising Campaign, established a member recovery team to engage and re-attract lapsed members, continued to target replenishing the Reserve “Rainy Day” Fund, and stabilized and reduced our long-term line of credit while realizing a marked 4% growth in our Investment Portfolio. Finally, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of a supporting Foundation at the recommendation of the Long-Term Sustainability Task Force.

As the oldest and largest global volunteer network of citizen diplomats, our mission remains to promote peace—one individual, one community at a time. Thanks a million to all of you for your dedication, teamwork and continued financial commitment to Sister Cities International. With your support, 2018 will be a banner year!

Sincerely,

Tim Quigley, Chairman of the Board of Directors
A Message from the President

Fellow Citizen Diplomats,

During my first weeks at Sister Cities International, many of you shared with me how you have advanced the work of sister cities, been touched by it, or both. Your testimonies have run the gamut from humanitarian work, to trade delegations, to virtual exchanges among youth. Your initiatives have elicited private accolades and official recognition, such as the Council Bluffs Sister City Association receiving the Department of State’s Citizen Diplomacy Award! As I embark on this new mission, I am inspired by all of you—individuals, organizations, cities, and communities of all sizes.

On a more personal level, I keep hearing from family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues, “What a great organization! I know Sister Cities from… (insert life-changing experience here).” At our core, Sister Cities International recognizes, celebrates, and magnifies the catalytic power of people-to-people interaction through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time. I look forward to guiding our collective action in 2018 and beyond, focusing on three key areas:

**Ensuring a vibrant, engaged network.** People know us, but they may not know the full range of our initiatives. I will be working with you to deepen brand recognition, strengthen existing relationships, and broaden our membership. We exist to provide support to you, our members. We must build our capacity, energize our efforts, and offer you unparalleled service and engagement to sustain our mission.

**Providing leadership.** I have a firm belief in leadership inspired by collective input. Our Washington D.C. office, together with the Board and other leadership, provides vision, empowerment, and enrichment for the organization. We, however, take our cue from you, our members. Through our joint efforts, we can ensure future generations see our turbulent times through the prism of mutual respect and cooperation. Our upcoming conference in Aurora, Colorado reflects this vision as it combines our Annual Conference with our Youth Leadership Summit. Our network of State Representatives will also be integral to ensuring that we work cohesively to promote our shared mission.

**Sustaining our impact.** My goal is to sustain our impact with greater opportunities for investment—of creative ideas and inspired innovations as well as practical programming and financial support. I will be exploring opportunities like cultural, youth, and municipal exchanges, but I am also interested in partnerships centered on entrepreneurship, economic investment, sustainability, and resilience.

Mutual respect, understanding, cooperation: these hallmarks of Sister Cities cannot be delivered in packages to your front door or to your mobile device through digital soundbites. They must be fostered and nurtured by human interactions. An investment in Sister Cities International—whether it is your time, creative energy, financial support, expertise, or perspective—benefits us all. As your President and CEO I look forward to serving you. Now is the time for our leadership, for our engagement, and for our investment.

Together, we will continue to provide life-changing experiences to those in our communities and, through those lives, change history.

I look forward to meeting you and hearing from you all.

Sincerely,

Roger-Mark De Souza, President and CEO
Thank You to Our Global Leaders Circle

Our Global Leaders Circle is a thriving network of individuals, businesses, and organizations that have demonstrated their support for our mission to promote peace through mutual respect, cooperation, and understanding—one individual, one community at a time. With their commitment, we are able to foster the next generation of citizen diplomats through our youth programs; support partnerships in underserved areas like the Middle East and North Africa; and help U.S. communities thrive locally by building global connections around the world.

We are grateful for their support and their dedication!

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*Sustaining gift for 3+ years*
Who We Are

Our Mission

To promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation— one individual, one community at a time.

Sister Cities International was conceived at President Eisenhower’s 1956 People-to-People Conference as a network of citizen diplomats that would champion peace by fostering bonds between different communities around the world.

President Eisenhower reasoned that if people from diverse cultures could understand, appreciate, and celebrate their differences while building partnerships, their efforts would lessen the chance of new conflicts.

Sister Cities International is a nonpartisan 501(c) (3) nonprofit that serves as the national membership association for individual sister cities, counties, and states across the U.S.

Since its inception, our network has played a key role in strengthening important global relationships. Our members focus on four main areas of exchange:

- arts and culture,
- business and trade,
- community development, and
- and youth and education.

Sister Cities International serves as a hub for institutional knowledge and best practices in the field of citizen diplomacy. Our organization continues to strengthen the Sister Cities network through strategic institutional partnerships, services, programs, and support for its members.

Sister Cities International works to help members find partners as well as to expand and improve their programs. We motivate and assist private citizens, municipal officials, and civic and business leaders to conduct long-term, mutually beneficial sister city, county, or state relationships.

The mission of Sister Cities International is just as important today as it was 62 years ago. With international communication becoming easier and more widespread, the values that sister cities promote—mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation—are needed more than ever.
What Do Sister Cities Do?

Exchanges

Sister cities promote peace through people-to-people relationships that are sustained through exchanges. These exchanges cover a broad range of topics that fall under four categories: arts and culture, business and trade, community development, and youth and education. Check out the exchanges and events from our 2017 annual award-winning members below.

Arts & Culture

Houston-Karachi Sister City Association, Texas
(Innovation, Population 500,000+)

The Houston-Karachi Sister City Association worked with other local sister city associations and more than 40 collaborating organizers to put on the 16th Annual Houston Iftar Dinner. This free community event focused on promoting peace and celebrating the diversity of Houston’s multicultural community. Over 1,500 guests including elected officials, community leaders, and traditionally-dressed diplomats delighted in Turkish, Pakistani, and Greek cuisine while listening to several multicultural speakers throughout the evening.

SacramentoBethlehem Sister City, California
(Innovation, Population 100,001 – 500,000)

The SacramentoBethlehem Sister City Association partnered with Palestine Writing Workshop to publish several original Arabic children’s books. With contributions from both SacramentoBethlehem and the Boulder-Nabulus City Project, Palestine Writing Workshop wrote and illustrated six books, two of which won the prestigious Etisalat Award for children’s literature. The books were then displayed at public libraries in Sacramento.

Council Bluffs Sister Cities, Iowa
(Innovation, Population less than 100,000)

Council Bluffs, Iowa and Herat, Afghanistan commemorated their brand-new sister city agreement with a simultaneous, joint exhibition of women’s photography from each city. The exhibit of 30 photographs, launched on International Women’s day, recognized, honored, and shared the contributions of women from both communities through the lens of art.

Kettering Sister Cities Association, Ohio
(Best Overall, population 50,001 – 100,000)

Kettering Sister Cities Association held their annual festival, “Spass Nacht,” which featured a German band and authentic German fare such as sauerkraut, brats, and imported beers. The yearly event is a major fundraiser which supports student expenses on sister city exchange trips.
What Do Sister Cities Do? (Cont’d)

**Business and Trade**

City of Atlanta, Georgia  
*(Innovation, population 100,001 – 500,000)*

Atlanta, Georgia and sister city Toulouse, France launched the second iteration of their International Startup Exchange in order to provide selected companies a platform for global expansion and to identify potential partners, investors, and clients. The program also showcased each city as an economically-sound choice for future international operations.

Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation, New Mexico  
*(Innovation, population 500,000+)*

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Albuquerque’s first sister city relationship with Sasebo, Japan, the Albuquerque Sister City Foundation sent a delegation of five Albuquerque companies to meet with business leaders in Japan and Taiwan. As part of the trip, Mayor Richard Berry met with the heads of Japanese-based companies, Canon and Sumco, to acknowledge their roots in Albuquerque and to encourage their expansion across New Mexico.

Aurora Sister Cities International, Colorado  
*(Best Overall, population 300,001 – 500,000)*

Aurora Sister Cities International (ASCI) hosted a 27-member delegation from sister city Seongnam City, South Korea which included the city’s Mayor, the city’s trade team, and a group of entrepreneurs seeking partnership opportunities for their newly-developed technologies. ASCI also hosted a trade conference where companies from each city were paired together to share relevant technology developments and build meaningful ties to one another.

**Community Development**

Birmingham Sister Cities Commission, Alabama  
*(Innovation, population 100,001 – 500,000)*

In connection with Pirogoc Medical School in Vinnytsia, Ukraine, Birmingham Sister Cities (BSC) sent more than three tons of medical supplies including bandages, IV kits, antibiotics, and pain medication to refugees and volunteers embroiled in the regional conflict in the Donbas region of Ukraine. BSC plans to send at least two annual shipments of medical supplies to the Donbas region, where their sister city Krasnodon is located, moving forward.

Fort Worth Sister Cities International, Texas  
*(Innovation, population 500,000+)*

Fort Worth Sister Cities International’s 22 student youth board partnered with the Refugee Service of Texas and local churches to aid a refugee family of four from Iraq in setting up a home in Fort Worth, Texas. They successfully raised hundreds of dollars and supplied and assembled furniture, clothing, utensils, and toiletries for the family’s new home. They even provided the family a home-cooked dinner on their first night in their new apartment.

Columbia Heights/Łomianki, Poland—Sister Cities International, Minnesota  
*(Best Overall, population less than 25,000)*

To complete their two-year police exchange, Columbia Heights, MN/Łomianki, Poland—Sister Cities International hosted four Polish dignitaries to work with Columbia Height’s police department. In addition to exchanging professional knowledge about each city’s police force, the dignitaries toured the new public library and met with residents of Columbia Heights.
Highland Park Illinois Sister Cities Foundation
(Best Overall, population 25,000 – 50,000)
Members in Highland Park have provided multiple forms of aid to their sister city Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Highland Park donated jaws-of-life equipment to the Puerto Vallarta fire department, as well as training for two firefighters to operate the equipment. They also provided seed money for Corazon de Niña, a local orphanage, to purchase a tortilla maker that will provide sustainable income, life and business skills, and food for the home’s residents. They also purchased a vehicle that will enable the orphanage to deliver the tortillas to their customers.

Youth and Education
Tacoma Sister Cities Council, Washington
(Innovation, population 100,001 – 500,000)
Tacoma’s Fuhou committee sent 97 students, many of whom did not have regular opportunities to travel, to China for 12 days to experience the country and participate in their first cultural exchange. Additionally, one student traveled to sister city Biot, France to study under world-renowned glassblowing artists and experience French culture.

Chicago Sister Cities International, Illinois
(Innovation, population 500,000+)
In partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago Sister Cities International established the Global Youth Ambassadors Leadership Summit for young women ages 14-16. During the week-long event, which was open to girls from Chicago or any of their sister cities, attendees participated in workshops, met women in leadership positions, met peers from different backgrounds, and learned advocacy and leadership skills.

Tempe Sister Cities, Arizona
(Best Overall, population 100,001 – 300,000)
Over a three week trip, several educators in Tempe went abroad to some of Tempe’s sister cities including Germany, New Zealand, and Sweden to participate in an active teaching experience. By staying in the homes of local educators, preparing lessons, and leading class discussions with local students, Tempe educators fostered professional growth and understanding between their sister cities.
Where We Are

U.S. Partnerships Worldwide

Sister City Relationships by Region

Europe has 652 relationships
Middle East/ North Africa have 87 relationships
The Americas have 392 relationships

- Asia: 33%
- Europe: 34%
- Americas: 20%
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 7%
- Middle East/North Africa: 2%
- Oceania: 5%
Asia has 640 relationships

Sub-Saharan Africa has 133 relationships

Oceania has 31 relationships
Sister Cities International offers a number of services, resources, and discounts to help members find partners, promote their activities, expand and improve programming, and save time and money. At the heart of all of our services is assistance by our knowledgeable staff and leaders, who have experience working with hundreds of communities around the U.S.

Member Services

Communications
Sister cities programs do inspiring work around the world, but finding the right audiences for your work and establishing your voice in the din of modern media can be difficult. Sister Cities International can help you:

- Publicize your program’s success stories through blog posts, social media, and press outreach
- Promote upcoming exchanges and events through targeted emails, social media, and press outreach
- Help your program effectively navigate crises or controversies

Connecting with our Network
Sister Cities International’s greatest resource is our network of thousands of peers dedicated to citizen diplomacy. Members get access to our network through:

- Peer-to-peer learning and cooperation with other sister cities organizations to host exchanges, lead delegations, and develop new policies to find solutions for your program
- Connections to the diplomatic corps to gain insight and valuable connections
- Publicity in our Annual Membership Directory. This listing of all current member cities and their partnerships is distributed to our entire network, municipal and federal governments, and the diplomatic community

Governance and Policy
In the sister cities network, there is no such thing as “one size fits all.” Programs range in size, partnerships, sectors, countries, and more—which can present unique obstacles when it comes to governance.

Sister Cities International can help you establish an internal structure that suits the needs of your program and takes advantage of your community’s resources through:

- Advice on internal governance, including providing sample bylaws and reviewing your draft bylaws
- Development of new policies to address existing problems or future concerns
- Connections to other members who have had similar experiences or challenges in their own programs

As city governments become more involved in their local sister city programs, assistance with governance issues is critical to ensuring a smooth transition and buy-in from your stakeholders. For more information on this program or assistance with governance and policy issues please contact us at membership@sistercities.org.

Global Membership is open to non-U.S. cities, districts, counties, provinces, or other communities that wish to enjoy the benefits of the Sister Cities International network. Cities can only be registered by government employees, elected officials, or organizations formally recognized by local government as the representative of their sister city program. If you have questions about whether you are eligible, please contact us at membership@sistercities.org.
Cities Seeking Cities

Finding a new partner can be a long and difficult process filled with questions. Where should we look? What type of activities do we want to do? Are there industries or geographic qualities we’re looking for? Who do we reach out to, and what do we say? Sister Cities International members have access to our Cities Seeking Cities program, which provides them with hands-on assistance in establishing new sister city, county, or state partnerships.

About the Program

Through the Cities Seeking Cities program, Sister Cities International has helped dozens of cities start the partnership process from scratch and assisted many more at various stages of their search. Staff can work with your volunteers and city officials from start to finish: debriefing you on your needs, researching cities, helping you narrow your search, reaching out to foreign cities, assisting in the discussion process, and helping to craft and sign an agreement.

With connections to foreign Embassies here in Washington, D.C. as well as relationships with U.S. Foreign Service Officers around the globe, Sister Cities International is uniquely positioned to help you get in touch with decision-makers abroad. With our extensive experience brokering partnerships, our staff can help your community overcome the inevitable challenges along the way.

Whether it’s your first partnership or your tenth, Sister Cities International staff is available to assist and guide you through the process. For more information on finding new partners, visit us at www.sistercities.org/cities-seeking-cities or email partnerships@sistercities.org.

Cities Seeking a Sister City in the U.S.

Guiyang, China

Lapu Lapu, Philippines

Sisli District, Turkey

Samarkand, Uzbekistan
Resources and Discounts

Travel Insurance
Sister Cities International provides its members with discounted travel medical insurance through Seven Corners to protect international travelers in case of unexpected medical costs or hospitalization. Affordable daily rates are available for:

- Inbound delegations
- Outbound delegations
- Individuals
- Groups

Background Checks
All members receive access to discounted Intellicorp background check services for host families, chaperones, volunteers, and new hires to administer international exchanges. The comprehensive services include:

- Preferred pricing
- System & product training sessions
- Compliance information/online sample forms
- Personalized customer support
- Criminal product validation
- Secure online report ordering & retrieval

Medical Services
Sister Cities International partners with Passport Health to provide members with discounted immunizations and other medical services for travel. A visit to Passport Health ahead of travel includes:

- Discussion of destination-specific health risks and strategies to mitigate them
- Vaccine Record and Medical History Review to determine the vaccines you need
- Vaccine consultation and education
- All travel and routine vaccines, based on your health history and destination
- Complete malaria prophylaxis

Visa Consultations
Sister Cities International has partnered with a number of immigration lawyers throughout the U.S. to provide pro bono consultations on questions you might have regarding inbound or outbound visas. Appointments include:

- A free 30-minute consultation
- Answers to basic immigration questions
- Visa, documentation, and travel tips to help delegations prepare for inbound and outbound travel

Toolkits and Templates
Sister Cities International provides members with a number of resources to help build and run your sister cities programs. Some of these resources include:

- Templates for invitations and partnership agreements
- Guides to economic development, visa types, and sister city best practices
- Toolkits on communications and program building
- Presentations from previous conference speakers and panels
- Certificates of recognition
- Webinars on topics like fundraising, building new partnerships, and communications
Do you know a young person capable of changing the world? Sister Cities International offers several programs that foster the next generation of diplomatic leaders by connecting youth with other students worldwide and providing them with critical leadership skills for success in an increasingly globalized world.

High School Homestay
The High School Homestay Exchange Program allows Sister Cities International U.S. members to host students from other countries for a semester or year of high school in the U.S. through the J-1 Visa Program. High School Homestay is a life-changing experience for both visiting students and their host families, and builds deep-rooted bridges across cultures.

In 2016, Sister Cities International received J-1 designation from the U.S. Department of State. Our network of local and international J-1 coordinators help members navigate the exchange process, orient exchange students and host families, and assist as needed.

Over 19 participants who came from 5 different countries were hosted by 11 different US communities in 2017.

Young Artists and Authors Showcase
Each year, the Young Artists and Authors Showcase encourages youth from around the globe to express their creativity and global awareness through original artwork and literature. This competition is open to both U.S. member communities and their sister city partners. Works are sent from member cities to Washington, D.C. where a panel of judges selects winners based on originality, composition, and theme interpretation. Local sister city programs often host their own competition and send their community’s winner to compete at the national level. Grand prize winners in each category receive a $1,000 prize.

In 2017, young participants interpreted the theme “We’re Going Places.” The winning pieces were showcased at the Annual Conference in Virginia Beach before departing on a yearlong tour to cities across the U.S.

“World peace is going to happen when hearts are humbled and eyes are opened. That happens one person at a time—we all have to fight for it. I’ve found no better motivation for pursuing peace than traveling to see the world for myself.”

-Chelsey Cartwright, YAAS 2017 Finalist
YAAS 2017 Winners & Finalists

Art

**Grand Prize:**
“Around the World” Rodolfo Ledesma — Boynton Beach, FL
“Travel Time” Tyumentzev Ignat — Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

**Finalists:**
Yukimi Arakida – Hanamaki, Japan
Racovita Iulia – Ungheni, Moldova
Chuyuan Jiang – Delray Beach, FL
Abrefa Kleinheinz – Kumasi, Ghana
Yuno Murai – Fukui, Japan
Brigite Nikizag – Houston, TX
Tesoro Roman – Tempe, AZ
Isabelle Ruah – Bloomington, IN
Nanami Sakamoto – Osaka, Japan
Seaira Siv – Roanoke, VA

Literature

**Poems**

**Grand Prize:**
“An Island of Iron Knees (after Haiti)”
Jocelyn McGrat – Lakeland, FL

**Finalists:**
Rebecca Daugherty – Lexington, KY
Jacey Goodale – Osage, IA

**Essays**

**Grand Prize:**
“No, I Didn’t Need a Bodyguard.”
Hanae Yoshida – Lexington, KY

**Finalists:**
Veronica Driz – Chandler, AZ
Hannah Mauser – Osage, IA

Photography

**Grand Prize:**
Sophia Rowe – Sacramento, CA

**Finalists:**
Chelsey Cartwright – San Jose, CA
Ryan Joseph Dacoylo – Cagayan de Oro, Philippines
Andrea Hernandez – Bakersfield, CA
Anton Kot – New Haven, CT
Jaina Lanum – Roanoke, VA
Zoe Parra – San Antonio, TX
Daria Tolochko – Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
Chen Yu – Zhengzhou, China
Chen Yunzhe – Zhengzhou, China
Li Yuxin – Zhengzhou, China
Sister Cities International’s annual Youth Leadership Summit offers high school youth from around the world the opportunity to meet with like-minded peers to learn about global challenges and the importance of diplomacy while exploring the field of international affairs. The 2017 Youth Leadership Summit theme was “Oceans and Food Safety.”

Exploring World Issues
Students began their stay in Virginia Beach, VA with an evening orientation where Sheila Shamber, a Program Officer at the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and Sherry Mueller, an author and Professor at American University, talked to students about international affairs and diplomacy. Following the speakers, students watched a performance by local cultural dance groups.

The next day, students toured the Brock Environmental Center—one of the ‘greenest’ buildings in the nation—and visited the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center to learn about the importance of marine ecosystems to the environment as well as the food chain. After the tour, the students built oyster cages as a hands-on learning experience. They also toured the Virginia Beach boardwalk and took part in a Peace Corps panel that offered a glimpse into future careers in international affairs.

The Diplomatic Simulation
On Friday the 14th, students proudly displayed member city flags from all over the world during the annual Parade of Flags and joined the Opening Ceremony where they were welcomed by Mary D. Kane, Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms, and other distinguished guests.

Later on, students began their UN-style simulation on oceans and food safety. Acting as representatives of fictitious countries, they attempted to resolve the critical issue of overfishing together. The students negotiated with each other and cooperated in teams in order to try to reach a resolution.

“The Brock Environmental Center Tour was a great educational opportunity for me because it taught us about the different ways we could make an impact on the environment and allowed us to do so right then by making oyster cages.”

“I went into the summit expecting to learn solely about international affairs and environmental issues, but I ended up learning a lot about how to interact with the regular people in my community. It helped me improve my life skills in general.”
Final Experiences

On Saturday the 15th, the students watched Karim Wasfi, renowned cellist and Founder of Peace through Arts Inc., give a performance and a talk on peacebuilding. They loved his keynote so much that they took tons of selfies with him!

Later on, the students shared their experiences at the Youth Leadership Summit with other conference attendees. For many, the experience sincerely impacted their future plans and goals. Students ended their final evening in Virginia Beach at the Lou Wozar Diplomatic Awards Ceremony and Dinner with dancing.

On Sunday, students said their goodbyes to their peers and returned home with a new passion for citizen diplomacy, potential career paths in international affairs, and a better understanding of an urgent world issue.

“The conference is a great way to learn about new cultures and meet new people from all around the globe. One thing I was able to gain from the experience was learning more about U.S. diplomacy. I did not have much knowledge on this career path but after the conference I concluded that U.S. diplomacy could potentially be a career I would like to pursue in the future.”

“ It was a great way to learn more about diplomacy and meet new people! I learned so much about how diplomacy works from the simulation and guest speakers. I met so many new and interesting people at the conference and made lots of friends from all across the country!”
Each year, Sister Cities International, in tandem with a selected host city, holds an Annual Conference that brings together citizen diplomats from all over the world. These attendees, ranging from international city officials to volunteers, celebrate peace through people-to-people relationships by sharing best practices and learning about the latest innovations in subnational diplomacy. The 2017 conference was held in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Over 350 attendees
Citizen diplomats from the U.S., Rwanda, Chechen Republic, Cameroon, The Bahamas, Russia, Ireland, Mexico, China and more joined us in Virginia Beach for knowledge-sharing and peacebuilding.

90 youth leadership participants
Youth representing three countries attended key sessions with inspiring speakers like cellist and conductor Karim Wasfi.

Over 35 speakers
Speakers from embassies, municipal organizations, the Department of State and more presented to attendees on best practices and ideas for program building.

Highlighting the Importance of Peace through People
Opening Ceremony and Parade of Flags
Students participating in the Youth Leadership Summit proudly displayed over 120 member city flags to conference attendees ahead of the opening ceremony. During the ceremony, SCI Board Chairman Tim Quigley, former SCI President & CEO Mary Kane, Russell Held of the Port of Virginia, Chair of the Board of Virginia Beach City Public Schools Beverly Anderson, and Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms welcomed the audience to Virginia Beach, Virginia, shared their excitement for the days ahead, and highlighted the importance of peace through people.
Experts in Diplomacy and Peacemaking Share Their Expertise

Keynote Sessions
The conference boasted three keynote speeches about digital infrastructure, the importance of subnational diplomacy, and peacemaking through music.

Along with VIPs like the Ambassador of Slovenia to the U.S., Stanislav Vidovič, and Typhaine Biard Hamon from the Embassy of France, attendees’ favorite event featured a live performance by renowned cellist Karim Wasfi. Wasfi, who is the founder of Peace through Arts Global Foundation, also gave a riveting talk about the importance of cross-cultural understanding and cooperation for capacity building, business development, and the prevention of radicalization.

Additionally, the former Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, was awarded with the very first Sister Cities International Eisenhower Peace Prize which recognizes citizen diplomats who epitomize exemplary leadership and life-long dedication in advancing Eisenhower’s vision of peace through people.

The Best of Virginia Beach’s Sister Cities

City Welcome Reception Beach Bash
Conference attendees were able to sample the best flavors from five of Virginia Beach’s sister cities and take in the sun and sand at the City Welcome Reception Beach Bash. In addition to food, performances by the Original Rhondels and local dance groups had everyone up and dancing.

Engaging Conference Sessions

The 2017 Annual Conference
This year’s conference featured a host of experts in the fields of diplomacy, cities, international affairs, and more. Attendees had the opportunity to attend more than a dozen sessions on the topics of digital infrastructure, building local partnerships, youth engagement, developing arts & culture programs, peer-to-peer fundraising, and municipal exchanges.

Advancing Our Leadership

New Board of Directors
The SCI network of members elected, re-elected, and appointed 9 board members during the 2017 Annual Business Meeting. David Cortese of San Jose, CA was elected to the board, while Lee Guio of Union City, CA; Steve Kalishman of Gainesville, FL; Clare Petrich of Tacoma, WA; and A.J. Chahal of Santa Clara, CA were re-elected to their respective positions.

Shin Koyamada of Los Angeles, CA and Roger Lawrence of Baltimore, MD were appointed to the board, while Lawrence Uebner of Omaha, NE and Carol Roberson Lopez of Santa Fe, NM were re-elected as Board Treasurer and Secretary.

Oceans, Food Safety, and Fun

Youth Leadership Summit
90 youth from around the world participated in the 2017 Youth Leadership Summit. The Summit activities centered around a diplomatic simulation on oceans and food safety, which was moderated by the U.S. Diplomacy Center.

Students learned how different national interests drive international cooperation on critical issues and gained effective problem solving strategies, leadership skills, and insights into international affairs—while making lifelong friends along the way!

Highlighting the Best of Sister Cities

Annual Awards Dinner
The conference ended by thanking and recognizing our most outstanding sister city programs at the Lou Wozar Diplomatic Awards Ceremony and Dinner. The Annual Awards categories included Volunteer of the Year, Best Overall, and Innovation in Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Humanitarian Assistance, and Youth and Education. See the 2017 Annual Awards on page 20 for the list of winners.

Additionally, several awards were given to SCI State Representatives, board members, and honorary board members who contribute greatly to the organization. The dinner ended with dancing and a heartfelt goodbye to former President & CEO, Mary Kane.
2017 Annual Award Winners

**Best Overall Program**

- **Population Less than 25,000:** Columbia Heights/Lomianki Poland Sister Cities International, Minnesota
- **Population between 25,001 – 50,000:** Highland Park, Illinois Sister Cities Foundation
- **Population between 50,001 – 100,000:** Kettering Sister Cities Association, Ohio
- **Population between 100,001 – 300,000:** Tempe Sister Cities, Arizona
- **Population between 300,001 – 500,000:** Aurora Sister Cities International, Colorado
- **Population Greater than 500,001:** Chicago Sister Cities International, Illinois

**Innovation: Arts and Culture**

- **Population Less than 100,000:** Council Bluffs Sister Cities, Iowa
- **Population between 100,001 – 500,000:** Sacramento-Bethlehem Sister City, California
- **Population Greater than 500,001:** Houston Karachi Sister City Association, Texas

**Innovation: Economic Development**

- **Population between 100,001-500,000:** City of Atlanta, Georgia
- **Population Greater than 500,001:** Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation, New Mexico

**Innovation: Humanitarian Assistance**

- **Population between 100,001-500,000:** Birmingham Sister Cities Commission, Alabama
- **Population Greater than 500,001:** Fort Worth Sister Cities International, Texas

**Innovation: Youth and Education**

- **Population between 100,001-500,000:** Tacoma Sister Cities Council, Washington
- **Population Greater than 500,001:** Chicago Sister Cities International, Illinois

**Volunteer of the Year**

Barbara Roberts Mason, Lansing Sister Cities Commission, Michigan

**Youth Leadership Award**

Kalkidan Alemu, Fort Worth Sister Cities International, Texas
In November 2017, The Stevens Initiative, an international effort to build career and global competence skills for young people in the United States and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) by growing and enhancing the field of virtual exchange, awarded Sister Cities International a 1.5 year grant to use online, collaborative learning to increase cross-cultural understanding and equip young people with the skills needed to thrive in a 21st century economy.

Through December 2018, Sister Cities International will oversee two programs through its Special Education and Virtual Learning in the U.S. and Palestine (SEVLUP) grant in collaboration with team members in Gainesville, Florida and Muscatine, Iowa. The Gainesville program connects students in Florida and Qalqilya, Palestinian Territories in order to develop an ASL-Palestinian sign language video dictionary for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. U.S. students will develop a beginner level of Palestinian Sign Language while the Palestinian students will develop an intermediate level of American Sign Language through weekly conversations about their lives, cultures, and experiences being Deaf/Hard of Hearing in their own country.

The Muscatine program is working with sister city Ramallah, Palestinian Territories, to provide special education training for middle school educators and to expand intercultural curricula for special education students. Middle-school age students in Muscatine and Ramallah will communicate via live video chats, blog posts, and individual projects to deepen their local and global knowledge and understanding.

Students and educators/facilitators from both programs will attend the Annual Conference or Youth Leadership Summit in Aurora, Colorado in August 2018 and will participate in a session on virtual exchanges and the Stevens Initiative program.

For more information, please visit http://www.stevensinitiative.org/project/sister-cities-international/

“Of 43,000 deaf citizens in Palestine, less than two percent attend school and receive formal education. With the support of the Stevens Initiative, Sister Cities International, and our partners in Gainesville, Florida, we will be able to create a resource that expands educational opportunities for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing youth and allows participating students to build international friendships and enrich language skills.”

- Waleed Nazzal, General Manager of the Al-Amal Association for the Deaf.

“The Steven Initiative grant will help enable more children with special needs through supporting exchanges of experiences between both teachers and specialists in both cities of Ramallah and Muscatine and this will surely reflect positively on children as well.”

- Sally Aby Baker, Director of Culture and Social Affairs Department
Sister Cities International is governed by a 24-member Board of Directors who are elected by the voting membership of the organization. Board members serve three-year terms, and state representative, youth, and young professional representatives serve two-year terms. Board Members are elected at Sister Cities International’s Annual Business Meeting during the Annual Conference each summer. Board members each generously support Sister Cities International through a $2,500 donation each year they serve on the Board.

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Sister Cities International’s Honorary Board comprises key individuals who have shown great leadership to Sister Cities International through the years. They are long-standing volunteers from membership, former members of the Board of Directors, or former State Representatives who, because of their outstanding support and involvement in the organization, were voted as Honorary Board members. As a self-governing body, the Honorary Board stands ready to assist Sister Cities International members with a wealth of institutional knowledge and experience.

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The following policy is applicable to the names of cities, states, countries, and other administrative areas (provinces, oblasts, prefectures, protectorates, et al.). In Sister Cities International’s printed and online directories, community names are listed in Latinate form, either in common English or in their local form with respective diacritical marks (e.g. Gothenburg or Göteborg).

United States cities are listed with their respective state and may not include a country designation. Cities outside the United States may include a regional designation such as a prefecture or province when necessary to differentiate cities (e.g. Santa Fe, Cebu, Philippines and Santa Fe, Leyte, Philippines). Districts, boroughs, and other such communities may include the city in the listing (e.g. Brooklyn, New York City, New York or Haizhu District, Guangzhou, China). Communities listed may also include regional markers (e.g. Milwaukee County, Wisconsin or Warsaw Province, Poland). Dependencies, protectorates, departments, and areas of special sovereignty may also be listed under their sovereignty (e.g. Le Marin, Martinique, France or Curaçao, Netherlands). Cities in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales are listed under the United Kingdom along with their respective country/region. If a sister city relationship is formed with a city that subsequently changes its name the original name is listed in parentheses (e.g. Tamba (Kasuga), Japan).

Requests to alter the name of a city, region, or country in Sister Cities International’s directory may be directed to the Membership Department and may be subject to approval by Sister Cities International’s Executive Staff or Board of Directors for final judgment.

Sister Cities: Permanent relationships formalized when the mayors or highest elected/appointed officials from two communities sign a partnership agreement to establish a sister city relationship.

Friendship Cities: Less formal relationships which nonetheless are initiated by a partnership agreement between two cities. The nature of friendship city agreements varies from city to city depending on tradition and/or city policy. Although they are less formal, many friendship cities are as active as sister city relationships.

Emeritus Cities: Sister city relationships which have been put into Emeritus status by a mayor or highest elected official, usually due to dormancy. Emeritus relationships are sometimes returned to full sister city status by citizens who revitalize the partnership.

Charter Sister Cities: When two United States communities have the same sister city, the partnership that was first signed is acknowledged as the “Charter Sister City” relationship.

Although Sister Cities International is primarily an association for United States sister city organizations, some international communities join as Global Members to take advantage of Sister Cities International resources and to have their international partnerships listed in Sister Cities International’s Membership Directory.

To request edits, additions, designations as Charter Sister Cities, or any other changes to the Directory, please email partnerships@sistercities.org.
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Aruba 1
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Belarus 1
Belgium 10
Belize 2
Benin 1
Bolivia 2
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Canada 27
Cabo Verde 1
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Haiti 14
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Hungary 11
Iceland 2
India 22
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Iran 1
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Ireland 42
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Sweden 14
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Taiwan 53
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Trinidad and Tobago 1
Turkey 15
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Turks and Caicos Islands 1
Uganda 1
Ukraine 24
United Arab Emirates 1
United States 1
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Uzbekistan 2
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Wales, United Kingdom 1
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Sister City Partnerships by Region
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Santa Ana, California
Commerce City, Colorado
Apalachicola, Florida
Fort Pierce, Florida
Gulfport, Florida
Pembroke Park, Florida
Pinellas County, Florida
Pompano Beach, Florida
Surfside, Florida
West Park, Florida *

Peachtree Corner, Georgia *
Twin Falls, Idaho *
Havana, Illinois
Hazard Crest, Illinois *
Decorah, Iowa *
Marshalltown, Iowa
Bonner Springs, Kansas
Wilson, Kansas *
Grayson, Kentucky *
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky *
Midway, Kentucky
West Springfield, Massachusetts
Boye City, Michigan
Nebraska City, Nebraska
Papillion, Nebraska
Manasquan, New Jersey
Little Falls, New York

Trumansburg, New York
Carthage, North Carolina *
Oriental, North Carolina
Athens, Ohio *
Fairborn, Ohio *
Miami, Ohio
Oxford, Ohio
Trotwood, Ohio *
Albany, Oregon *
Bamberg County, South Carolina *
Fountain Inn, South Carolina
Pickens County, South Carolina *
Spartanburg, South Carolina
Briarcliff, Texas
Odessa, Texas
Port Arthur, Texas
Stanardsville, Virginia

* New Sister City
Making A World of Difference
Tempe Sister Cities board member and lead singer of Mogollon Band, Duane Moore, wrote a song with the help of local and international sister city friends honoring the mission of Tempe Sister Cities and Sister Cities International. His band performed the song at Tempe’s Oktoberfest.
Lower Hutt, New Zealand
Cusco, Peru
Trollhättan, Sweden

Arkansas
Gilbert
Bride, Isle of Man

Hot Springs
Hanamaki, Japan

Little Rock
Mons, Belgium
Caxias do Sul, Brazil
Changchun, China
Newcastle upon Tyne, England, United Kingdom
La Petite Roche, France
Ragusa, Italy
Pachuca, Mexico
Hanam, South Korea
Kaohsiung Municipality, Taiwan

North Little Rock
Uiwang, South Korea

California
Alameda
Jiangyin, China
Wuxi, China
Dumaguete, Philippines
Yeongdong-Gun, South Korea

Anaheim
Mito, Japan
Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

Bakersfield
Partyzanski District, Minsk, Belarus
Cixi, China
Saint Jean-de-Luz, France
Amritsar, India
Wakayama, Japan
Querétaro, Mexico
Bucheon, South Korea

Benicia
Tula, Mexico

Beverly Hills
Pudong District, Shanghai, China
Cannes, France
Herzliya, Israel
Acapulco, Mexico

Burbank
Gaborone, Botswana
Ōta, Japan
Incheon, South Korea
Solna, Sweden

Carlsbad
Karlovv Vary, Czechia
Futtsu, Japan

Carson
Sōka, Japan
La Carlota, Philippines
Paranaque, Philippines
Wanju-Gun, South Korea

Culver City
Lethbridge, Canada
Capo d’Orlando, Messina, Sicily, Italy
Kaizuka, Japan
Uruapan, Mexico
Iksan, South Korea

Cupertino
Changping District, Beijing, China
Guangzhou, China
Guiyang, China
Huizhōu Municipality, China
Xuzhou, China
Bhubaneswar, India
Copertino, Italy
Toyokawa, Japan
Hsinchu, Taiwan

Dublin
Bray, Ireland

Elk Grove
Concepción de Ataco, El Salvador

Fresno
Etchmiadzin, Armenia
Taishan, China
Châteauroux, France
Münster, Germany
Afula-Gilboa, Israel
Verona, Italy
Kochi, Japan
Djambul, Kazakhstan
Torreón, Mexico
Morogoro, Tanzania

Gardena
Ichikawa, Japan
Huatabampo, Mexico

Hayward
Ghazni, Afghanistan
Funabashi, Japan
San Felipe, Mexico
Faro, Portugal

Hemet
Ebeltoft, Denmark
Kushimoto, Japan
Marumori, Japan

Irvine
Tsukuba, Japan
Hermosillo, Mexico
Nowon-Gu, South Korea
Seocho-Gu, South Korea
Taoyuan, Taiwan

La Cañada Flintridge
Villanueva de la Cañada, Spain

Laguna Beach
St. Ives, Cornwall, England, United Kingdom
Menton, France
San José del Cabo, Mexico

Laguna Niguel
Al-Qa‘im, Iraq

Livermore
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
Yotsukaïdo, Japan
Snezhinsk, Russia

Livingston
Yingtian City, China
Oga (Wakami), Japan

Lodi
Lodi, Italy
Kōfu, Japan

Long Beach
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Qingdao, China
San Pablo de Manta, Ecuador
Yokkaichi, Japan
Mombasa, Kenya
Bacolod, Philippines
Sochi, Russia
İzmir, Turkey

Los Angeles
Yerevan, Armenia
Salvador, Brazil
Vancouver, Canada
Guangzhou, China
Split, Croatia
Giza, Egypt
San Salvador, El Salvador
Bordeaux, France
Berlin, Germany
Athens, Greece
Mumbai, India
Jakarta, Indonesia
Tehran, Iran
Eilat, Israel
Ischia, Italy
Nagoya, Japan
Beirut, Lebanon
Kaunas, Lithuania
Morgan Hill
Headford, Ireland
San Casciano in Val di Pesa, Italy
Mizuhu, Japan
San Martin de Hidalgo, Mexico
Seferihisar, Turkey

Mountain View
Hasselt, Belgium

Mountain View
Iwata, Japan

Newport Beach
Antibes, France
Okazaki, Japan
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Yocheon, South Korea
Vũng Tàu Province, Vietnam

Oakland
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SongShang, China
Tanggu District, Tianjin, China
Weifang, China
Santiago de Cuba, Cuba
Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana
Port-de-Paix, Haiti
Ocho Rios, Jamaica
Fukuoka, Japan
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Agadir, Morocco
Bauchi, Nigeria
Benin City, Nigeria
Funchal, Portugal
Nakhodka, Russia
Da Nang, Vietnam

Palm Desert
Ixtapa Zihuatanejo, Mexico
Gisborne, New Zealand

Palo Alto
Albi, France
Heidelberg, Germany
Tsuchiura, Japan
Oaxaca, Mexico
Enschede, Netherlands
Palo, Philippines
Linköping, Sweden

Pasadena
Vanadzor, Armenia
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Järvenpää, Finland
Ludwigshafnen am Rhein, Germany
Kasukabe, Japan
Mishima, Japan
Paju, South Korea

Rancho Cordova
Turrialba, Costa Rica

Redlands
Lini, China
Hino, Japan
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

Redwood City
Zhuhai, China
Ciudad Guzmán, Mexico
Colima, Mexico

Friendship City
Charter Sister City
Emeritus Status
Global Member
Richmond
Zhoushan, China
Regla, Cuba
Shimada, Japan

Riverside
Jiangmen, China
Erlangen, Germany
Obuasi, Ghana
Hyderabad, India
Sendai, Japan
Cuautla, Mexico
Ensenada, Mexico
Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea
Cần Thơ, Vietnam

Sacramento
Jinan, China
Ashkelon, Israel
Matsuyama, Japan
Mexicali, Mexico
Chisinau, Moldova
Hamilton, New Zealand
San Juan de Oriente, Nicaragua
Bethlehem, Palestinian Territories
Manila, Philippines
Pasay, Philippines
Yongsan-Gu, Seoul, South Korea
Liestal, Switzerland

San Bernardino
Yushu, China
Herzliya, Israel
Tachikawa, Japan
Mexicali, Mexico
Villahermosa, Mexico
Tauranga, New Zealand
Ilé-Ifé, Nigeria
Roxas, Philippines
Zavolzhie, Russia
Kigali, Rwanda

San Clemente
Balcarce, Argentina
San Clemente del Tuyu, Argentina
San Jose de Balcarce, Argentina

San Diego
Jalālābād, Afghanistan
Perth, Australia
Campinas, Brazil
Yantai, China
Tema, Ghana
Yokohama, Japan
León, Mexico
Tijuana, Mexico
Panama City, Panama
Cavite City, Philippines
Warsaw Province, Poland
Vladivostok, Russia
Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom
Jeonju, South Korea
Alicante, Spain
Taichung, Taiwan

San Francisco
Sydney, Australia
Shanghai, China
Paris, France
Kiel, Germany
Thessaloniki, Greece
Bangalore, India
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Osaka, Japan
Amman, Jordan
Manila, Philippines
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Zürich, Switzerland
Taipei, Taiwan
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Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

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Dublin, Ireland
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Veracruz, Mexico
Ekaterinburg, Russia
Tainan City, Taiwan

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Izumo, Japan
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Santa Clara County
Metropolitan City of Florence, Italy
Moscow, Russia
Hsinchu County, Taiwan

A Special Sister Cities Scholarship
Aidan Smyth of Dublin City University won the 2018 Pat McMahon scholarship to study at San Jose State University and work with Cypress Semiconductor Inc. for one year. This 50,000 euro scholarship strengthens the relationship between sister cities Dublin and San Jose.

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Santa Clarita
Tena, Ecuador
Sariaya, Philippines

Santa Cruz
Chivirico, Cuba
Riva Trigoso, Italy
Sestri Levante, Italy
Shingū, Japan
Jinotepe, Nicaragua
Kasese, Uganda
Alušta, Ukraine
Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela

Santa Fe Springs
Tirschenreuth, Germany
Navojoa, Mexico

Santa Monica
Hamm, Germany
Fujinomiya, Japan
Mazatlán, Mexico

Sausalito
Viña del Mar, Chile
Sakaide, Japan
Cascais, Portugal

Sebastopol
Takeo, Japan
Chyhyryn, Ukraine

Sonoma
Penglai, China
Aswan, Egypt
Chambolle-Musigny, France
Tokaj, Hungary
Greve-in-Chianti, Italy
Pátzcuaro, Mexico
Kaniv, Ukraine

South San Francisco
Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France
Lucca, Italy
Kishiwada, Japan
Atotonilco, Mexico
Pasig City, Philippines

Stockton
Battambang, Cambodia
Foshan, China
Parma, Italy
Shimizu, Shizuoka, Japan
Empalme, Mexico
Asaba, Nigeria
Iloilo, Philippines

Sunnyvale
Iizuka, Japan

Temecula
Daisen (Nakayama), Japan
Leidschendam-Voorburg, Netherlands

Temple City
Hawkesbury, Australia
Magdalena, Mexico

Union City
Asadabad, Afghanistan
Liyang, China
Jalandhar, India
Santa Rosalia, Mexico
Baybay, Philippines
Pasay, Philippines
Chiang Rai, Thailand

Upland
Mildura, Australia
Caborca, Mexico

Vallejo
La Spezia, Italy
Akashi, Japan
Trondheim, Norway
Baguio, Philippines
Jincheon, South Korea
Bagamoyo, Tanzania

Walnut Creek
Siófok, Hungary
Noceto, Italy

Whittier
Changshu, China

Colorado
Arvada
Mechelen, Belgium
Jinzhou, China
Kyzylorda, Kazakhstan

Aspen
San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina
Chamonix, France
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
Abetone, Italy
Shimukappu, Japan
Queenstown, New Zealand
Davos, Switzerland

Aurora
Jaco, Costa Rica
Antiguo Cuscatlán, El Salvador
Adama, Ethiopia
Zielona Góra, Poland
Seongnam City, South Korea

Boulder
Lhasa, China
Yateras, Cuba
Yamagata, Japan
Kisumu, Kenya
Ciudad Mante, Mexico
Jalapa, Nicaragua
Nablus, Palestinian Territories
Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Brighton
Ziędzice, Poland

Colorado Springs
Bankstown, Australia
Olympia, Greece
Fujyoshida, Japan
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico
Smolensk, Russia
Kaohsiung Municipality, Taiwan

Denver
Kunming, China
Axum, Ethiopia
Brest, France
Akureyri, Iceland
Chennai, India
Karmiel, Israel
Ramat HaNegev, Israel
Potenza, Italy
Takayama, Japan
Nairobi, Kenya
Cuernavaca, Mexico
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Panama City, Panama

Denver Regional Council of Governments
Baghdad Province, Iraq

Estes Park
Monteverde, Costa Rica

Lakewood
Sutherland Shire, Australia
Chester, England, United Kingdom
Portsmouth, England, United Kingdom
Stade, Germany

Longmont
Chino, Japan
Ciudad Guzmán, Mexico

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Friendship City
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  - Changping District, Beijing, China
  - Sunderland, England, United Kingdom
  - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
  - Paris, France
  - Accra, Ghana
  - Athens, Greece
  - Rome, Italy
  - Dakar, Senegal
  - Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa
  - Seoul, South Korea
  - Bangkok, Thailand
  - Ankara, Turkey

**Florida**
- **Boynton Beach**
  - Qufu, China

**Wilmington**
- Ningbo, China ●
- Watford, England, United Kingdom
- Nemours, France
- Fulda, Germany
- Olevano sul Tusciano, Italy
- Osogbo, Nigeria
- Kalmar, Sweden

**Rauma, Finland**
- Les Cayes, Haiti

**Clearwater**
- Wyong, Australia
- Kalamânia, Greece
- Nagano, Japan

**Coral Gables**
- Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
- Quito, Ecuador
- Aix-en-Provence, France
- La Antigua, Guatemala
- Pisa, Italy
- El Puerto de Santa María, Spain
- Granada, Spain

**Crestview**
- Noirmoutier, France

**Delray Beach**
- Aquin, Haiti
- Pesaro, Italy
- Miyazu, Japan
- Moshi, Tanzania

**Doral**
- Oranjestad, Aruba
- Armenia, Colombia
- Barranquilla, Colombia
- Guatemala City, Guatemala
- Xizhi District, New Taipei City, Taiwan

**Dunedin**
- Stirling, Scotland, United Kingdom

**Fort Lauderdale**
- Mar del Plata, Argentina
- Gold Coast, Australia
- Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- São Sebastião, Brazil
- Medellin, Colombia
- Quepos, Costa Rica
- La Romana, Dominican Republic
- Duisburg, Germany
- Agogo, Ghana
- Cap-Haïtien, Haiti
- Haifa, Israel
- Rimini, Italy
- Venice, Italy
- Panama City, Panama
- Mataró, Spain
- Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
- Muğla, Turkey
- Margarita Island, Venezuela

**Gainesville**
- Manizales, Colombia ●
- Jacmel, Haiti

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**Teaching Robotics in Haiti**

Students from an Essex high school taught a group of 30 kids at the Deschapelles library in Haiti how to control small robots with new equipment, a laptop, and special software. For some children, programs at the library are the only literacy training and education they will ever receive.

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Did You Know?
New Brunswick and Fukui celebrated their 35th official anniversary in 2017, but their unofficial relationship began 150 years ago when samurai Kusakabe Taro become the first Japanese national to graduate from Rutgers & be admitted to Phi Beta Kappa.

Ciutadella de Menorca, Spain
George-Town, Great Exuma, The Bahamas

St. Petersburg
Takamatsu, Japan
Isla Mujeres, Mexico
St. Petersburg, Russia ● Figueres, Spain

Sunny Isles Beach
Netanya, Israel
Taormina, Italy
Hengchun, Taiwan
Punta Del Este, Uruguay

Tallahassee
Rugao, China
Konongo-Odumase, Ghana
Sligo, Ireland
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Park Ridge
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Cat Island, The Bahamas

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Ferentino, Italy
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Community Development in Zomba, Malawi
Urbana, Illinois constructed a new sidewalk, cement platform, and catchment at Zomba’s Guardian Village’s only water tap. They also donated over 200 pounds of school supplies to three primary schools in Zomba.
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Building Sustainable Cities
A delegation from Rotterdam, Netherlands visited Baltimore to discuss “circular economy” at the International Solid Waste Association Congress and to see some of Baltimore’s sustainability initiatives in action.

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Rockville
Jiaxing, China *
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Galway, Ireland
Gaeta, Italy
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Coimbra, Portugal

Newburyport
Bura, Kenya
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Pittsfield
Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland
Cava de’ Tirreni, Italy
Malpaisillo, Nicaragua
Chungju, South Korea

Somerville
Yucuquilaín, El Salvador
Gaeta, Italy
Tiznit, Morocco

West Springfield
Dingle, Ireland

Michigan
Chelsea
Shimizu, Hokkaido, Japan

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A Chance at Pesto Prestige

Ten Ohioans participated in a pesto-making competition at the Columbus Italian Festival in Italian Village. Marcello Canova, an Ohio State professor, won the competition and will compete in the Genoa World Pesto Championship in 2018.
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Virginia Beach gets a new Sister City
After hosting a very successful annual conference, Mayor Will Sessoms and Mayor Andreas Hesky signed the official charter to make Virginia Beach and Waiblingen, Germany sister cities.
Nishinomiya, Japan
San Luis Potosí, Mexico
Jecheon, South Korea

Tacoma
Fuzhou, China
Hvar, Croatia
Cienfuegos, Cuba
Biot, France
Kiryat Motzkin, Israel
Kitakyushu, Japan
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Gulcz, Poland
Rostov Veliky, Russia

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Richton Park, Illinois

Freeport
Albany, New York
Concord, North Carolina
Newark, New Jersey
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

George-Town, Great Exuma
St. Augustine, Florida

Grand Bahama Island
Albany, New York

Nassau
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The Bahamas
Miami Dade County, Florida

Barbados
Bridgetown
Wilmington, North Carolina

Belarus
Partyzanski District, Minsk
Bakersfield, California

Belgium
Bastogne
Bryan-College Station, Texas

Brussels
Atlanta, Georgia
Washington, District Of Columbia

Ghent
Albany, New York

Hasselt
Mountain View, California

Kasterlee
Fountain Hills, Arizona

Kortrijk
Greenville, South Carolina

Mechelen
Arvada, Colorado

Mons
Little Rock, Arkansas

Walloon Region
Maryland State, Maryland

Belize
Belize City
McAllen, Texas

San Pedro
Wilmingon, North Carolina

Benin
Cotonou
Atlanta, Georgia

Bolivia
Oruro
Salt Lake City, Utah

Santa Cruz
Miami Dade County, Florida

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brčko
St. Louis, Missouri

Sarajevo
Dayton, Ohio

Botswana
Gaborone
Burbank, California

Brazil
Belo Horizonte
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Newark, New Jersey

Brasilia
Washington, District Of Columbia

Campinas
Indianapolis, Indiana
San Diego, California

Caxias do Sul
Little Rock, Arkansas

Did You Know?
Charles Schultz, famous cartoonist and creator of “Peanuts,” was a former Sister Cities International board member.
Curitiba
Columbus, Ohio
Jacksonville, Florida

Florianópolis
Roanoke, Virginia

Fortaleza
Miami Beach, Florida
Racine, Wisconsin

Governador Valadares
Newark, New Jersey

Ilhéus
Davenport, Iowa

Joinville
Chesapeake, Virginia

Londrina
Toledo, Ohio

Nova Prata
Noblesville, Indiana

Porto Alegre
Newark, New Jersey
Tampa, Florida

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Rio de Janeiro
Atlanta, Georgia
Miami Beach, Florida
Newark, New Jersey
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Plovdiv
Columbia, South Carolina

Sofia
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Burkina Faso
Boussé
Decatur, Georgia

Kware Manguel
Pocatello, Idaho

Ouahigouya
Decatur, Georgia

Burma
Mawlamyine
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Cambodia
Battambang
Stockton, California

Phnom Penh
Long Beach, California

Siem Reap
Austin, Texas

Sihanoukville
Seattle, Washington

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Douala
Newark, New Jersey
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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La Crosse, Wisconsin

Limbé
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Brampton
Miami Beach, Florida

Brockville
Ontario, California

Burlington
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Burnaby
Mesa, Arizona

Calgary
Phoenix, Arizona

Carleton Place
Franklin, Tennessee

Charlesbourg
Grand Prairie, Texas

Collingwood
Boone, North Carolina

Edmonton
Nashville, Tennessee

Halifax
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Scottsdale, Arizona

Kingsville, Ontario
Westlake, Ohio

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Cary, North Carolina

Outremont
Oakwood, Ohio

Quebec City
Albany, New York

Richmond Hill
Lakeland, Florida

Saint Laurent
McAllen, Texas

Sidney
Anacortes, Washington

Thunder Bay
Duluth, Minnesota

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Waterloo
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**China**
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Diplomatic Corner Luncheon
Sister Cities International, in partnership with the City Club of Washington has hosted several ambassadors to speak to luncheon attendees about their home country and the importance of global partnership. Countries that have participated include Malta, Cyprus, Afghanistan, Greece, and Costa Rica.

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### Interfaith Understanding through Film
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A Taste of Minneapolis in France
Minneapolis was chosen as the feature destination in “Foire de Tours,” a regional festival in sister city Tours, France where Minneapolis had an expo tent and working restaurant curated by “Sioux Chef” Sean Sherman.
Augsburg
Dayton, Ohio

Bad Königshofen
Arlington, Texas

Bad Soden am Taunus
Franklin, Tennessee

Bad Zwischenahn
Centerville, Ohio

Baumholder
Delaware, Ohio

Berlin
Los Angeles, California

Bexbach
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Baltimore, Maryland◆

Büdingen
Tinley Park, Illinois

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Melrose, Minnesota

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Chemnitz
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Greifswald
Bryan-College Station, Texas

Groß-Bieberau
Millstadt, Illinois

Gunzenhausen
Frankenmuth, Michigan

Hamburg
Chicago, Illinois

#BeerDiplomacy
Alamo Beer of San Antonio, Texas and Grohe Brewery in Darmstadt, Germany created a collaborative beer between the two cities to be served Darmstadt’s “Heinerfest” opening reception in celebration of the new sister city relationship.
### Hurricane Relief through Music

Houston’s sister city partners in Leipzig, Germany hosted a charity concert where all proceeds (more than 26,000 euros) went to the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

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Menomonie, Wisconsin

Neyagawa
Newport News, Virginia

Nichinan
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Choir and Karate in Portsmouth
Twenty students from Nichinan, Japan and Portsmouth, New Hampshire sang traditional Japanese song “The Hills of Home” in Japanese and English to each other as part of an assembly to welcome the Japanese students to Portsmouth for the week.
Nikaho
Anacortes, Washington

Nikkō
Rapid City, South Dakota

Nishinomiya
Spokane, Washington

Nisshin
Owensboro, Kentucky

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Livingston, California

Ōgaki
Beaverton, Oregon

Ōiso
Dayton, Ohio

Ōita
Austin, Texas

Okayama
San Jose, California

Okazaki
Newport Beach, California

Okinawa City
Lakewood, Washington

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Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Abilene, Kansas

Ōmiya
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Osaka
Chicago, Illinois
San Francisco, California

Ōsakasayama
Ontario, Oregon

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Burbank, California

Ōtsu
Lansing, Michigan

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Richmond, Virginia

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Sausalito, California

Sakata
Delaware, Ohio

Sapporo
Portland, Oregon

Saroma
Palmer, Alaska

Sasebo
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Seika
Norman, Oklahoma

Sendai
Riverside, California

Shimada
Richmond, California

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Frankfort, Kentucky

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Auburn, Washington

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Oregon City, Oregon

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Idaho Falls, Idaho

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Morgan Hill, California

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St. Augustine, Florida
Tyler, Texas
West Palm Beach, Florida

San Nicolás de los Garza
Kansas City, Missouri ●

San Pedro de las Colonias
Springfield, Illinois

Santa Bárbara
San Elizario, Texas

Santa Rosalía
Union City, California

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San Elizario, Texas

State of Jalisco
Maryland State, Maryland

Tampico
Houston, Texas
McAllen, Texas

Taxco
Austin, Texas ●

Tehuacán
Austin, Texas

Tepatitlán
Laredo, Texas

Tetlanohcan
New Haven, Connecticut
### Building Bridges of Greater Understanding for Women

Women from Fort Worth, Texas and Toluca, Mexico came together to host a three-day conference that explores women’s issues; like immigration, violence against women, and empowerment; that are important to both communities and all over the world.

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San Diego, California

### Tlahualillo, Durango
Laredo, Texas

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Wichita, Kansas

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Laredo, Texas

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Laredo, Texas

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San Elizario, Texas

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Corpus Christi, Texas
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Lakeland, Florida

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Greensboro, North Carolina

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### Rybnitsa
Lakeland, Florida ◆

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Winston-Salem, North Carolina

### Mongolia
Darkhan
Irving, Texas

### Ulaanbaatar
Denver, Colorado
Oakland, California ◆

### Montenegro
Budva
West Palm Beach, Florida

### Kotor
Santa Barbara, California

### Morocco
Agadir
Oakland, California ◆

### Casablanca
Chicago, Illinois

### Culinary Opportunities for Montenegrin Youth

Santa Barbara, California and Kotor, Montenegro established the Goran Milić Culinary Academy for persons with speech and hearing impediments in Kotor. The academy teaches students basic skills of food preparation for entry level positions in the local restaurant business and provides opportunities to intern and study abroad.
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A Brotherhood that Spans the Seas
Portland, Maine and Arkhangelsk, Russia have completed multiple firefighter exchanges in which each delegation learned and shared about best practices and strategies in the firefighting and emergency response field.
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