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# 2018

## Annual Report & Membership Directory



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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.

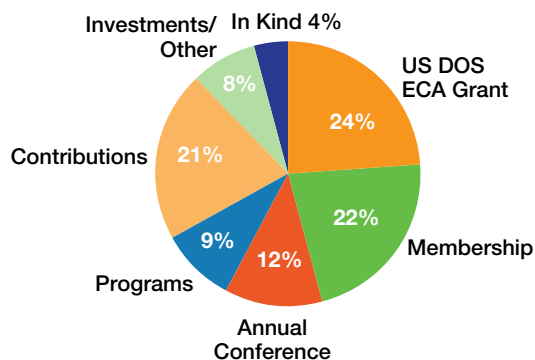
As the oldest and largest global volunteer network of citizen diplomats, our mission remains to promote peace—one individual, one community at a time. Thanks a million to all of you for your dedication, teamwork and continued financial commitment to Sister Cities International. With your support, 2018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



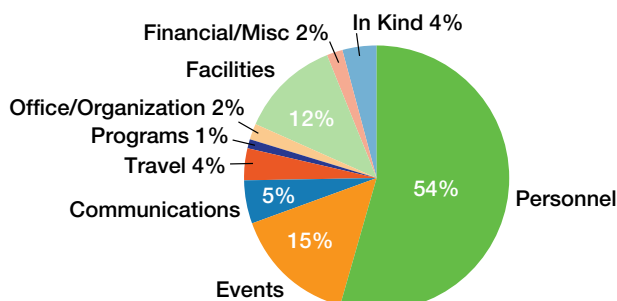
Sincerely,

Tim Quigley, Chairman of the Board of Directors

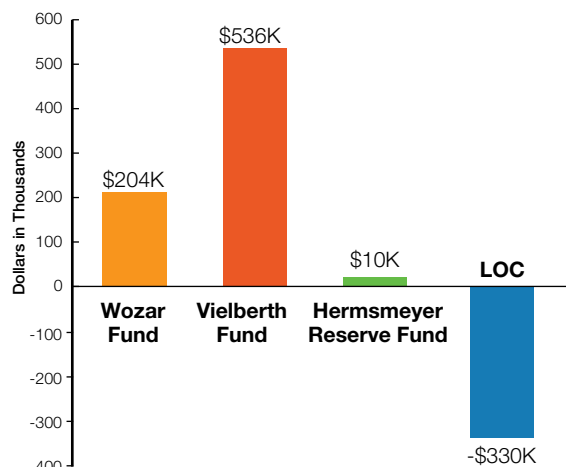
## 2017 REVENUE \$1,646,601



## 2017 EXPENSES \$1,620,285



## UNIFIED INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO





# 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*



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2017

Activities



# 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!

## Platinum Leader (\$100,000+)

Diana Davis Spencer Foundation  
Hans & Erika Vielberth

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Mary Ellen & Michael E. Fox Family Foundation

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Carolina Rendeiro  
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Slovenian Vodka  
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...Raised over  
**\$450,000**  
to support our  
mission  
this year!

Over 150  
donors...

**Special Envoy (\$1,000+)**

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 Pat Fallin  
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 Lawrence Forte  
 Renee Franklin  
 Jane Gehlhausen  
 Ellen Goldberg  
 Angie Gomez  
 Carisa Graf-Suleman  
 Bradford Hanson  
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 Bill Howells  
 Starr Hurley  
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 Mary Charles Kaplan  
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 Sarah Lande  
 James Lewis

Tim Lim  
 Frances & Mario Lorenz  
 Gail Lundholm  
 Siobhan Lyons  
 Sandra McCormick  
 Georgiana McLeod  
 Sue Mehaffey  
 Dorsey Moore  
 Hon. Connie Morella  
 Maria Nephew  
 Susan Frick Payne  
 Neal Pierce  
 Mary Pointer  
 Andrew Powell  
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 Douglas Rider  
 Lori Ann Reinhall  
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 Burga Santiago  
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 Seattle Bergen Sister City Assn.  
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 Brian Smith  
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 Howard Szabo  
 Dina Villanueva-Ryan  
 Richard Vogel  
 Janis Weisberg  
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**Become part of our global movement. For more information on how to join our Global Leaders Circle, please email our Development Team at [development@sistercities.org](mailto:development@sistercities.org).**

*\*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.**

### The Reach

~500  
Members

2,000+  
Communities

140+  
Countries

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, "Spas 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.



Kettering

## 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.



Albuquerque

### 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 Heights' 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.



Chicago

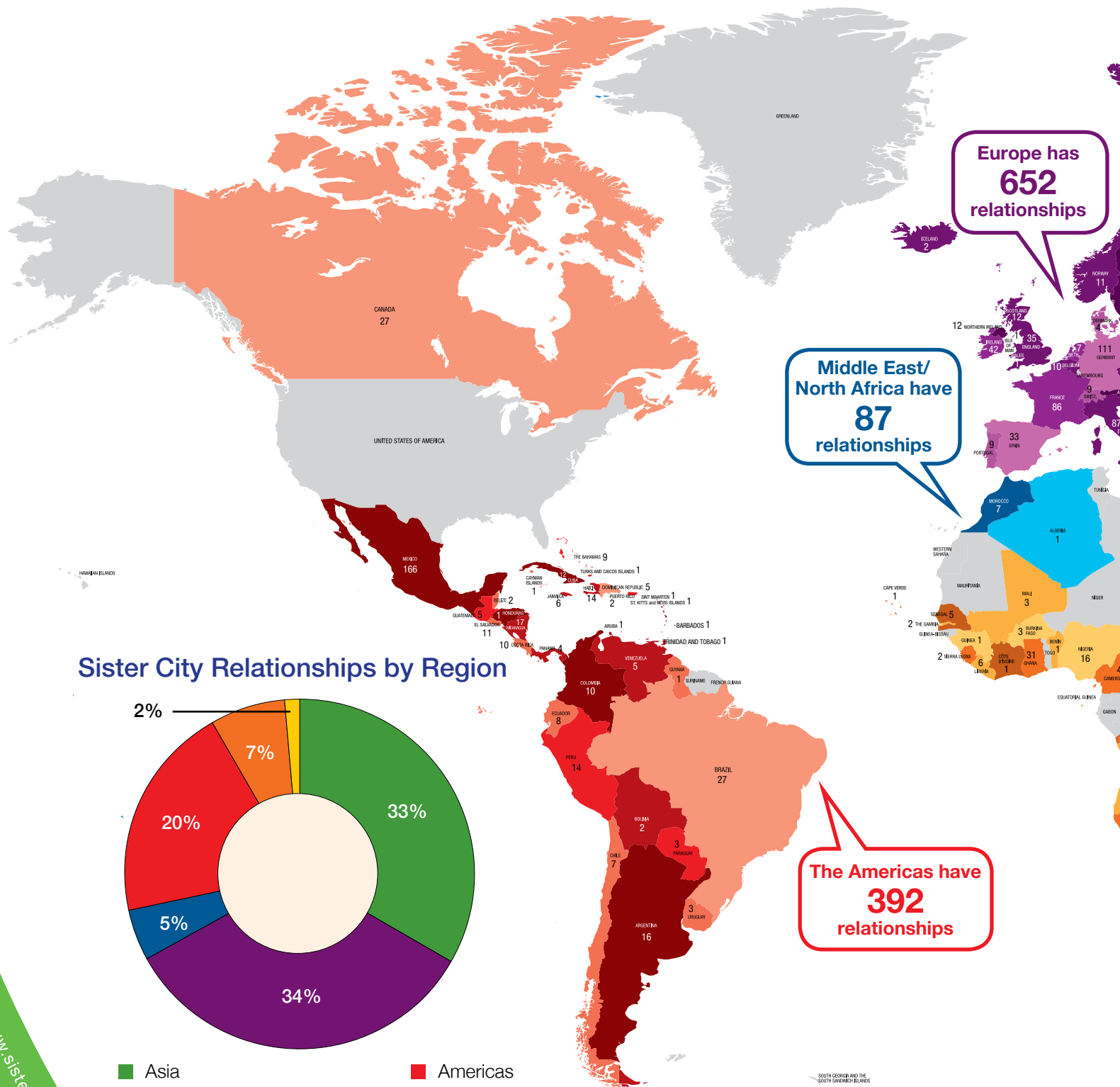
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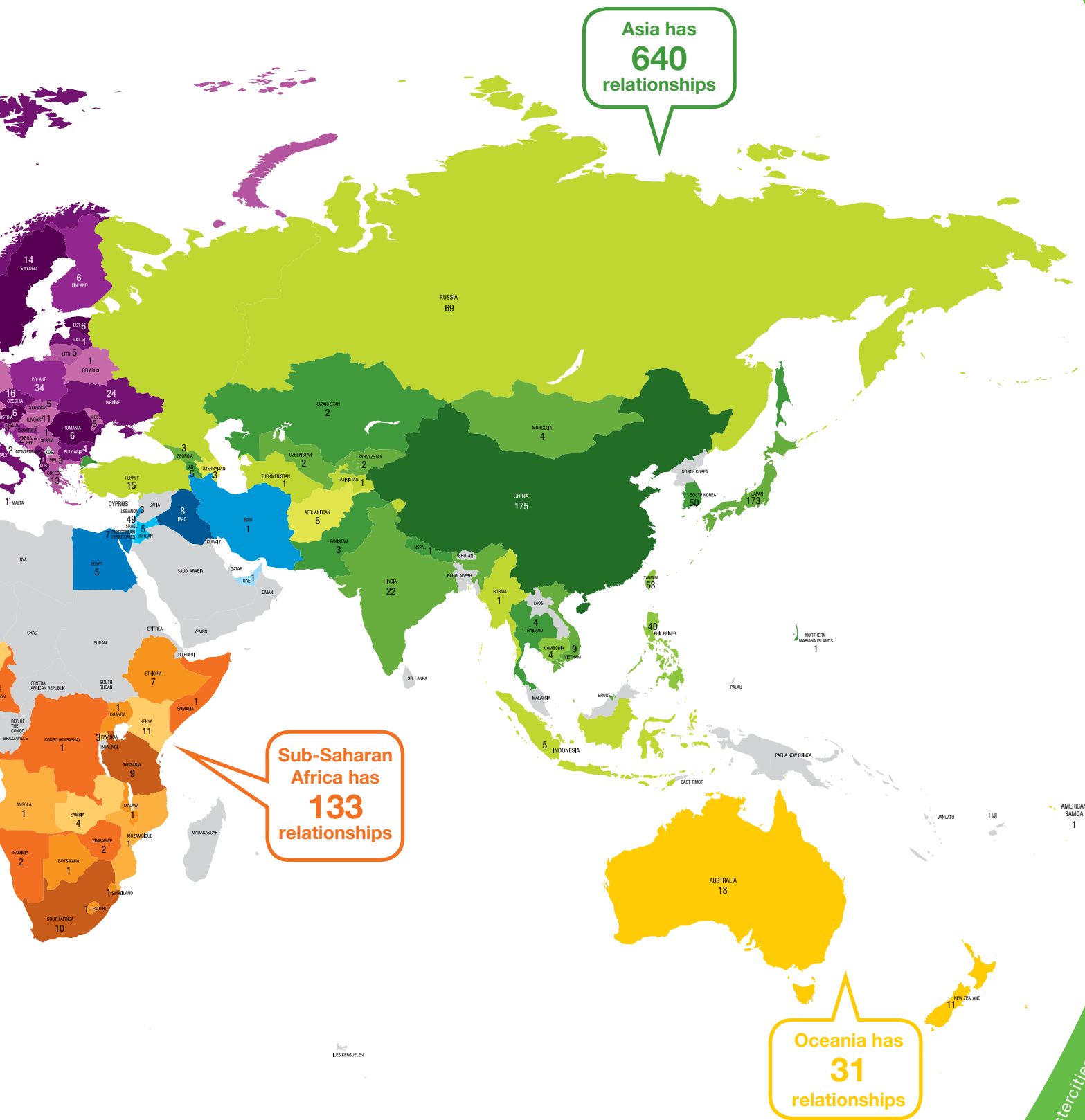




# Where We Are

## U.S. Partnerships Worldwide





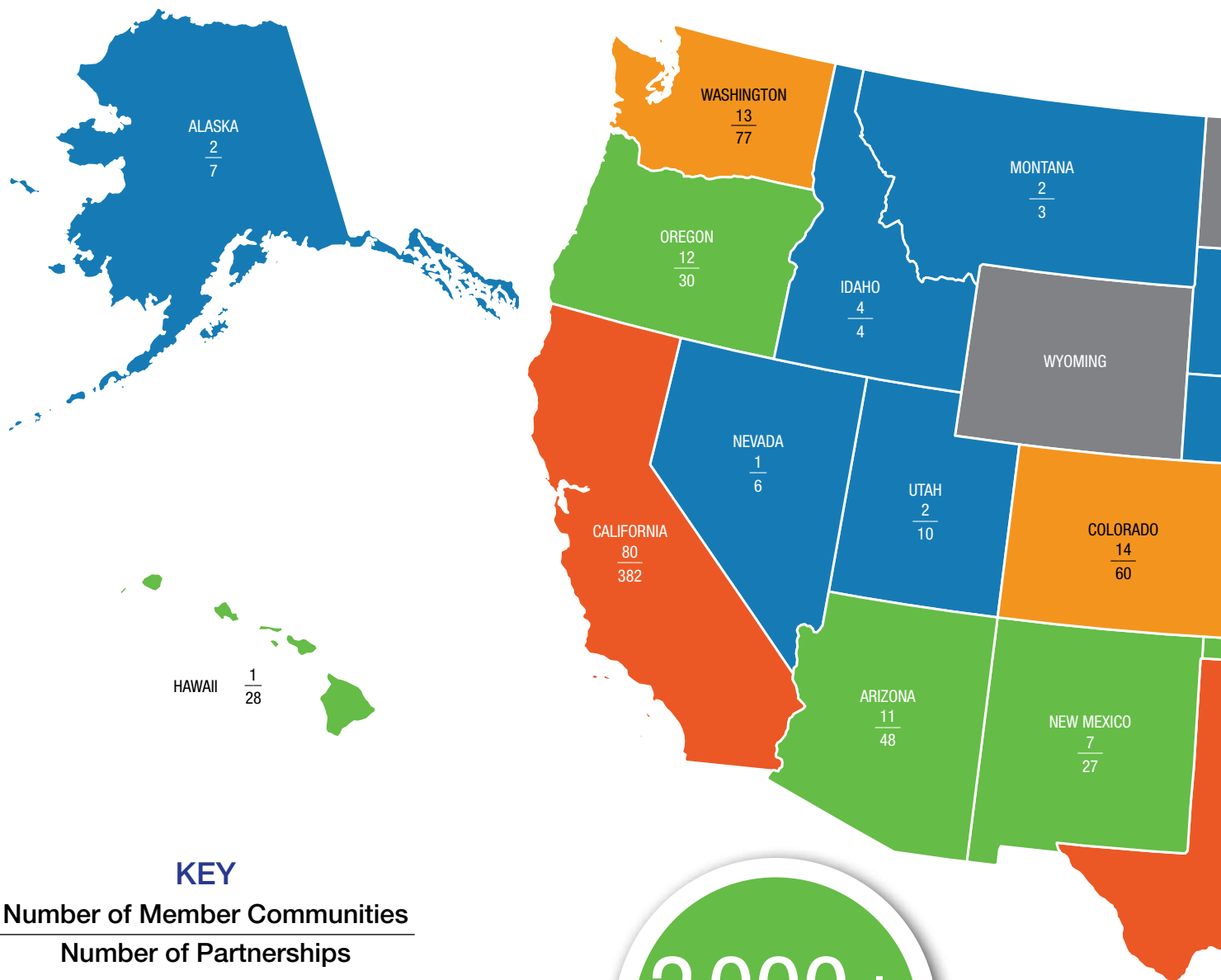
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**640**  
relationships

Sub-Saharan  
Africa has  
**133**  
relationships

Oceania has  
**31**  
relationships

# Where We Are

## U.S. Members and Partnerships



### KEY

Number of Member Communities

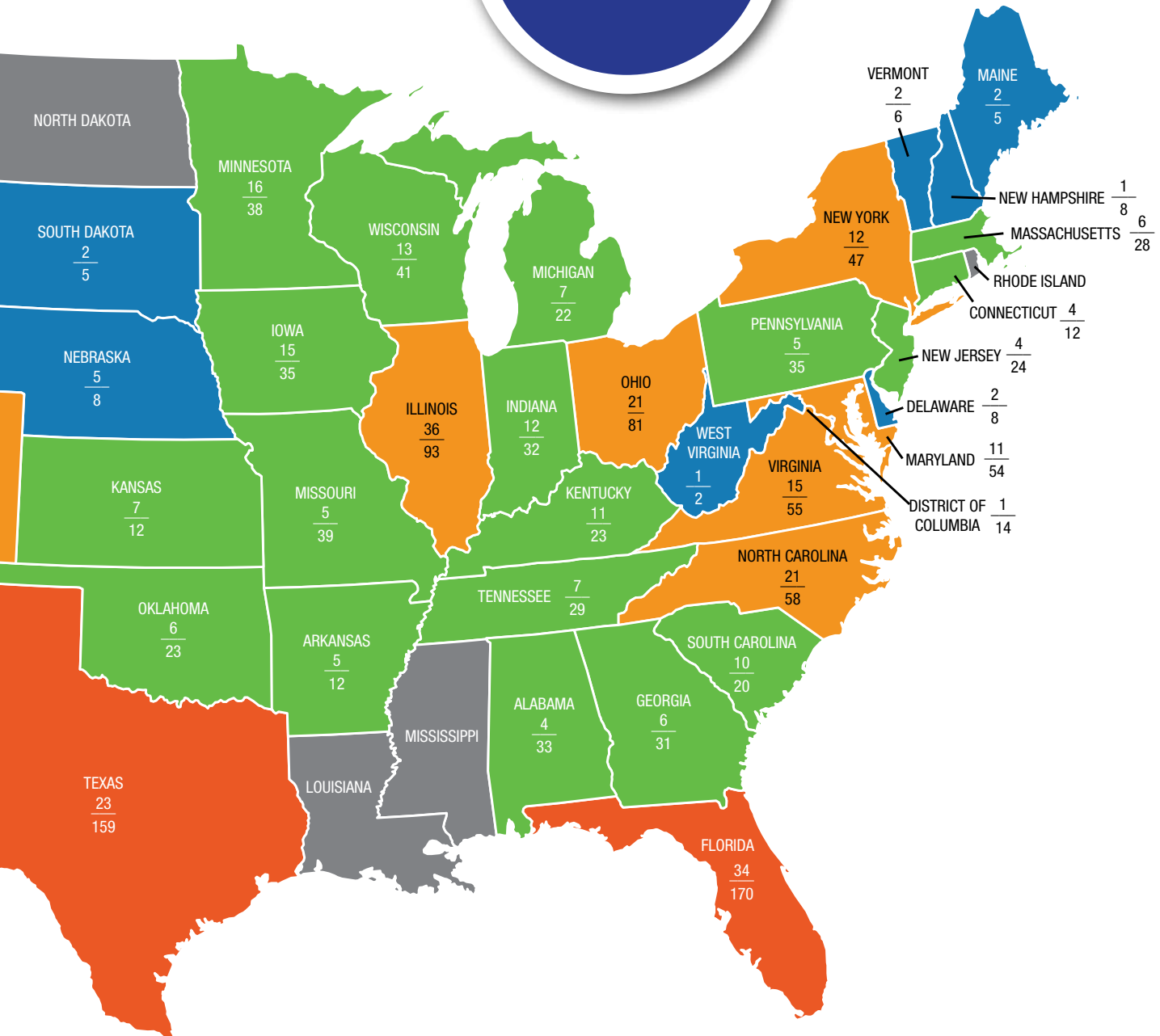
Number of Partnerships

- 100+ Partnerships
- 51-99 Partnerships
- 11-50 Partnerships
- 1-10 Partnerships
- No Members

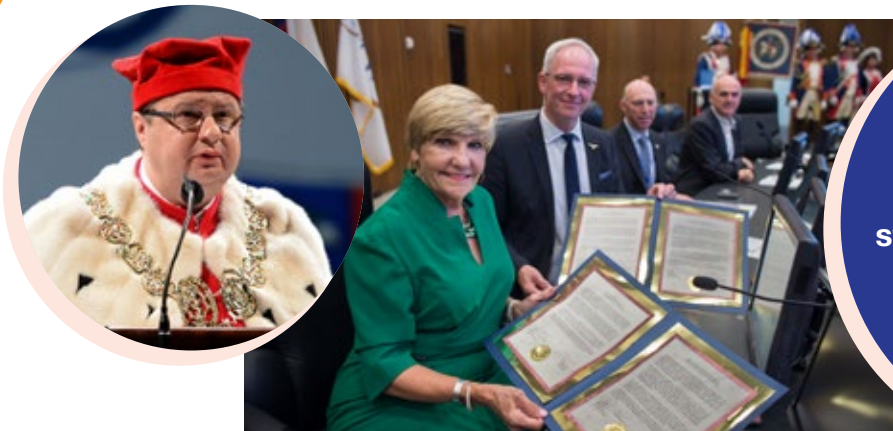
2,000+  
Partnerships



# 500 Communities



# Membership with Sister Cities International



Subscribe to SCI newsletters to see member success stories, general updates, and more at [sistercities.org](http://sistercities.org).

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sistercities.org/cities-seeking-cities) or email [partnerships@sistercities.org](mailto:partnerships@sistercities.org).

### Cities Seeking a Sister City in the U.S.



Guiyang,  
China

Lapu Lapu,  
Philippines

Sisli District,  
Turkey

Samarkand,  
Uzbekistan



## Membership



## 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



# SAVE THE DATE



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# Youth Programs



**D**o 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



Rodolfo Ledesma



Tyumentsev Ignat

42 pieces of art  
38 photos  
41 essays  
31 poems

## 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



Chen Yu

## Literature

### Poems

#### Grand Prize:

"An Island of Iron Knees (after Haiti)"  
Jocelin 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  
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Sophia Rowe

# 2017 Youth Leadership Summit Recap

**S**ister 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.



**"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."**



## 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."**







“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.”

## 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.



“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!”







## Sister Cities International's 2017 Annual Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia

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.





# Annual Awards Program

Sister Cities International's Annual Awards Program recognizes our members for outstanding achievements in their sister cities programs that exemplify the mission of Sister Cities International. Winners are highlighted throughout the year by Sister Cities International and honored at the Annual Conference Awards Dinner.

Houston-Karachi Sister Cities Association accepts their Annual Award



Barbara Roberts Mason

## 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:

SacramentoBethlehem 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:

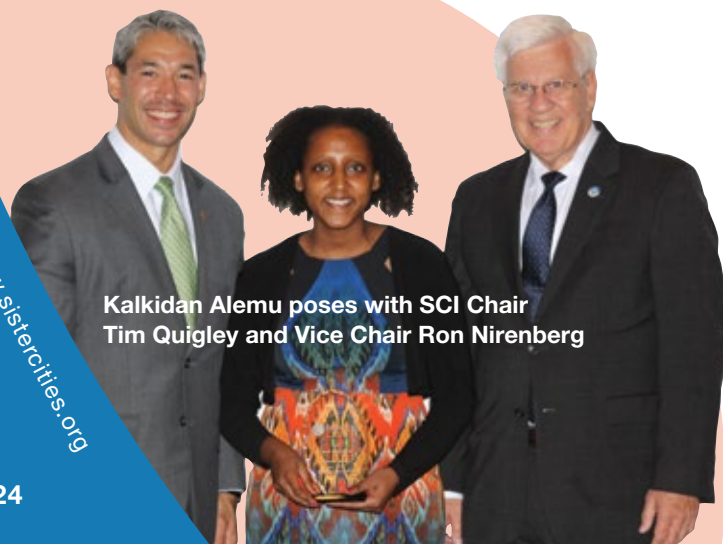
Chicago Sister Cities International, Illinois

### Volunteer of the Year

Barbara Roberts Mason, Lansing Sister Cities Commission, Michigan

### Youth Leadership Award

Kalkidan Alemu, Fort Worth Sister Cities International, Texas



Kalkidan Alemu poses with SCI Chair Tim Quigley and Vice Chair Ron Nirenberg



# The Special Education and Virtual Learning in the U.S. and Palestine (SEVLUP) Grant



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 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

**“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 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/>

# 2017-2018 Board of Directors



**S**ister 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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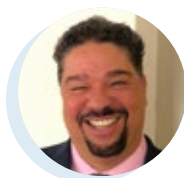
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## NOTES

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## Membership Directory

### ***Naming Policy***

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 Latin 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).

Country and area names are short-form according to the U.S. Department of State. If the sovereignty of an area is disputed, Sister Cities International shall refer to the policy of the U.S. Department of State for the purpose of identifying in which country the community is located. *Country names are listed solely for clarity of location; Sister Cities International takes no formal stance on the status of borders or territorial disputes.* For a list of countries and other areas recognized by the U.S. Department of State please visit their website at <http://www.state.gov/misc/list/>.

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.

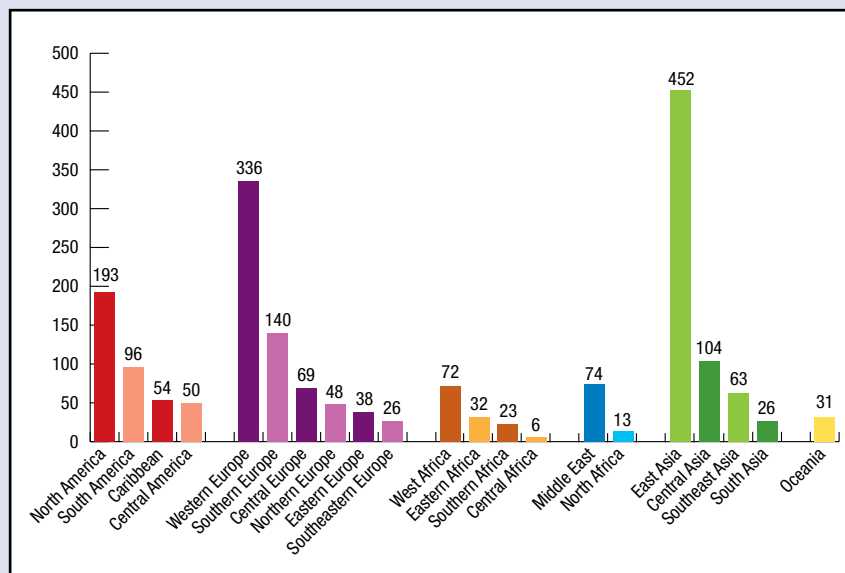
Although Sister Cities International is primarily an association for United States sister city organizations, some international communities join as **Global Members** to take advantage of Sister Cities International resources and to have their international partnerships listed in Sister Cities International's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

To request edits, additions, designations as Charter Sister Cities, or any other changes to the Directory, please email [partnerships@sistercities.org](mailto:partnerships@sistercities.org).

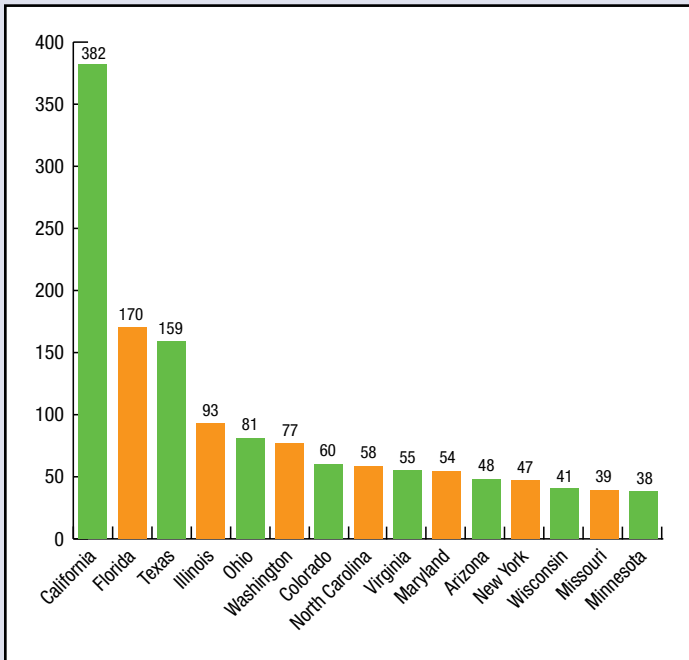


Country/Region	Partners	Country/Region	Partners	Country/Region	Partners
Afghanistan	5	Israel	49	Portugal	9
Albania	1	Italy	87	Puerto Rico	2
Algeria	1	Jamaica	6	Romania	6
Angola	1	Japan	173	Russia	69
Argentina	16	Jordan	5	Rwanda	3
Armenia	5	Kazakhstan	2	Saint Kitts and Nevis Islands	1
Aruba	1	Kenya	11	Scotland, United Kingdom	12
Australia	18	Kyrgyzstan	2	Senegal	5
Austria	6	Latvia	1	Serbia	1
Azerbaijan	3	Lebanon	3	Sierra Leone	2
The Bahamas	9	Lesotho	1	Slovakia	5
Barbados	1	Liberia	6	Slovenia	3
Belarus	1	Lithuania	5	Somalia	1
Belgium	10	Macedonia	3	South Africa	10
Belize	2	Malawi	1	South Korea	50
Benin	1	Mali	3	Spain	33
Bolivia	2	Malta	1	Swaziland	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	Mexico	166	Sweden	14
Botswana	1	Moldova	5	Switzerland	9
Brazil	27	Mongolia	4	Taiwan	53
Bulgaria	4	Montenegro	2	Tajikistan	1
Burkina Faso	3	Morocco	7	Tanzania	9
Burma	1	Mozambique	1	Thailand	4
Cambodia	4	Namibia	2	Trinidad and Tobago	1
Cameroon	4	Nepal	1	Turkey	15
Canada	27	Netherlands	7	Turkmenistan	1
Cabo Verde	1	New Zealand	11	Turks and Caicos Islands	1
Cayman Islands	1	Nicaragua	17	Uganda	1
Chile	7	Nigeria	16	Ukraine	24
China	175	Northern Ireland, United Kingdom	12	United Arab Emirates	1
Colombia	10	Northern Mariana Island	1	United States	1
Costa Rica	10	Norway	11	Uruguay	3
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Pakistan	3	Uzbekistan	2
Croatia	7	Palestinian Territories	7	Venezuela	5
Cuba	12	Panama	4	Vietnam	9
Czechia	16	Paraguay	3	Wales, United Kingdom	1
Congo (Kinshasa)	1	Peru	14	Zambia	4
Denmark	4	Philippines	40	Zimbabwe	2
Dominican Republic	5	Poland	34		
Ecuador	8				
Egypt	5				
El Salvador	11				
England, United Kingdom	35				
Estonia	6				
Ethiopia	7				
Finland	6				
France	86				
The Gambia	2				
Georgia	3				
Germany	111				
Ghana	31				
Greece	13				
Guatemala	5				
Guinea	1				
Guyana	1				
Haiti	14				
Honduras	1				
Hungary	11				
Iceland	2				
India	22				
Indonesia	5				
Iran	1				
Iraq	8				
Ireland	42				
Isle of Man	1				

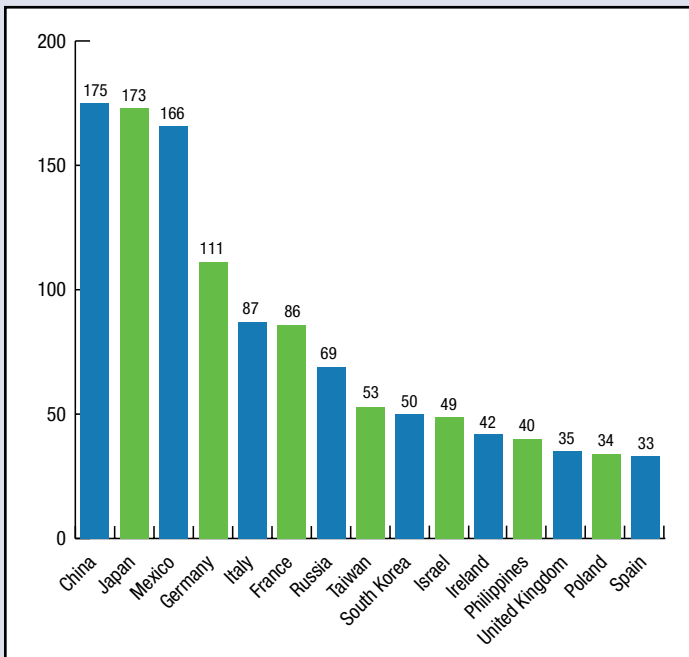
## Sister City Partnerships by Region



## Sister City Partnerships by U.S. State



## Sister City Partnerships by Country/Region



U.S. State	Members	Partners
Alabama	3	33
Alaska	2	7
Arizona	11	48
Arkansas	5	12
California	80	382
Colorado	14	60
Connecticut	4	12
Delaware	2	8
District Of Columbia	1	14
Florida	34	170
Georgia	6	31
Hawaii	1	28
Idaho	4	4
Illinois	36	93
Indiana	12	32
Iowa	15	35
Kansas	7	12
Kentucky	11	23
Maine	2	5
Maryland	11	54
Massachusetts	6	28
Michigan	7	22
Minnesota	16	38
Missouri	5	39
Montana	2	3
Nebraska	5	8
Nevada	1	6
New Hampshire	1	8
New Jersey	4	24
New Mexico	7	27
New York	12	47
North Carolina	21	58
Ohio	21	81
Oklahoma	6	23
Oregon	12	30
Pennsylvania	5	35
South Carolina	10	20
South Dakota	2	5
Tennessee	7	29
Texas	23	159
Utah	2	10
Vermont	2	6
Virginia	15	55
Washington	13	77
West Virginia	1	2
Wisconsin	13	41

## Cities Seeking Partners

Jasper, Alabama  
Gila Bend, Arizona  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
La Habra Heights, California  
Maywood, California \*  
Needles, California  
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  
Hazel Crest, Illinois \*  
Decorah, Iowa \*  
Marshalltown, Iowa  
Bonner Springs, Kansas  
Wilson, Kansas \*  
Grayson, Kentucky \*  
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky \*  
Midway, Kentucky  
West Springfield, Massachusetts  
Boyne 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



## Alabama

### Birmingham

Anshan, China  
Chaoyang District, Beijing, China  
Huangshi, China ◆  
Plzeň, Czechia  
Liverpool, England, United Kingdom  
Apaaso, Ghana  
Winneba, Ghana  
Cobán, Guatemala ◆  
Székesfehérvár, Hungary  
Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel  
Kingston, Jamaica  
Hitachi, Japan ◆  
Maebashi, Japan  
Al-Karak, Jordan  
Guédiawaye, Senegal ◆  
Krasnodon, Ukraine  
Vinnytsia, Ukraine

### Mobile

Cockburn, Australia  
Heze, China  
Tianjin, China  
Havana, Cuba  
Worms, Germany  
Ichihara, Japan  
Boca del Río, Veracruz, Mexico  
Ariel [Israeli Settlement], Palestinian Territories  
Bolinao, Philippines  
Katowice, Poland  
Constanța, Romania  
Košice, Slovakia  
iLembe (King Shaka District Municipality), South Africa  
Pyeongtaek, South Korea

### Tuscaloosa

Schorndorf, Germany  
Sunyani-Techiman, Ghana  
Narashino, Japan

## Alaska

### Juneau

Whitehorse, Canada  
Mishan, China ●  
Camiling, Philippines ●  
Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines  
Vladivostok, Russia  
Chiayi, Taiwan ●

### Palmer

Saroma, Japan

## Arizona

### Chandler

Tullamore, Ireland  
Tainan City, Taiwan

### Fountain Hills

Kasterlee, Belgium  
Ataco, El Salvador  
Dierdorf, Germany  
Zamość, Poland

### Gilbert

Leshan, China  
Antrim-Newtonabbey, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

### Glendale

Ørland, Norway

### Mesa

Burnaby, Canada  
Kaiping, China  
Guaymas, Mexico  
Upper Hutt, New Zealand  
Caraz, Peru

### Phoenix

Calgary, Canada  
Chengdu, China  
Prague, Czechia  
Grenoble, France  
Ennis, Ireland  
Ramat Gan, Israel

Catania, Italy  
Himeji, Japan  
Hermosillo, Mexico  
Taipei, Taiwan

### Prescott

Suchitoto, El Salvador  
Zeitz, Germany  
Caborca, Mexico

### Scottsdale

Cairns, Australia  
Kingston, Canada  
Häiköu, Hainan, China  
Uasin Gishu County, Kenya  
Álamos, Mexico  
Marrakech, Morocco  
Interlaken, Switzerland

### Sierra Vista

Radebeul, Germany  
Cananea, Mexico

### Tempe

Zhenjiang, China  
Cuenca, Ecuador  
Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France  
Regensburg, Germany  
Agra, India  
Al-Hillah, Iraq ◆  
Carlow, Ireland  
Skopje, Macedonia  
Timbuktu, Mali

## 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

Karlovy Vary, Czechia  
Futtsu, Japan

### Carson

Sōka, Japan  
La Carlota, Philippines ◆  
Parañaque, 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 ◆  
Huīzhōu 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  
Yotsukaidō, 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

Mexico City, Mexico  
Auckland, New Zealand  
Makati, Philippines  
St. Petersburg, Russia  
Busan, South Korea  
Taipei, Taiwan  
Lusaka, Zambia

**Malibu**  
Lijiang, China

**Martinez**  
Hanchuan, China  
Milazzo, Italy  
Stresa, Italy  
Dunbar, Scotland, United Kingdom

**Mendocino**  
Miasa-Omachi, Japan

**Menlo Park**  
Galway, Ireland

**Millbrae**  
La Serena, Chile  
Huadu District, Guangzhou City, China ◆  
Kaiping, China ◆  
Lengshuijiang, Hunan, China ◆  
Taishan, China ◆  
Zhongshan City, China ◆  
Hanyū, Japan ◆  
Mosta, Malta

**Milpitas**  
Huizhōu Municipality, China  
Figline Valdarno, Italy  
Tsukuba (Kukizaki), Japan  
Tsukuba, Japan  
Dagupan, Philippines

**Modesto**  
Vernon, British Columbia, Canada  
Mengzi, China  
Laval, France  
Vijayawada, India  
Kurume, Japan  
Aguascalientes, Mexico  
Khmelnyskyi, Ukraine

**Monterey**  
Lankaran, Azerbaijan  
Dubrovnik, Croatia  
Isola delle Femmine, Italy  
Nanao, Japan  
Lleida, Spain  
Tainan City, Taiwan  
Kuşadası, Turkey

**Morgan Hill**  
Headford, Ireland  
San Casciano in Val di Pesa, Italy  
Mizuho, 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  
Yochon, South Korea ◆  
Vũng Tàu Province, Vietnam ◆

**Oakland**  
Changping District, Beijing ◆  
Chengdu, China ◆  
Dalian, China  
Foshan, China  
Guangzhou, China ◆  
Hǎikǒu, Hainan, China ◆  
Jing'an District, Shanghai ◆  
Jinzhou, China ◆  
Jurong, China ◆  
Maoming, China ◆  
Mianyang, China ◆  
Nanning, China ◆  
Pudong District, Shanghai, China ◆  
Qingdao, China ◆  
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

**Ontario**  
Brockville, Canada  
Guamúchil, Mexico  
Mocorito, Mexico  
Winterthur, Switzerland

**Orinda**  
Tábor, Czechia  
Lamphun, Thailand

## Sister Cities Reducing Carbon Footprint

Palo Alto approved a resolution to purchase carbon offsets from a forestry project within sister city Oaxaca to offset CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from natural gas.



**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  
Xicheng District, Beijing, China  
Järvenpää, Finland  
Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany  
Kasukabe, Japan ◆  
Mishima, Japan  
Paju, South Korea ◆

**Rancho Cordova**  
Turrialba, Costa Rica

**Redlands**  
Linli, China  
Hino, Japan  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

**Redondo Beach**  
Zhangjiagang, China  
Itoman, Japan ◆  
Ensenada, Mexico  
La Paz, Mexico

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



### 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  
Chişinău, 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-Ife, 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  
Alcalá de Henares, Spain  
Taichung, Taiwan

### San Francisco

Sydney, Australia  
Shanghai, China  
Paris, France ♦  
Kiel, Germany  
Thessaloniki, Greece  
Bangalore, India ♦  
Cork, Ireland  
Haifa, Israel  
Assisi, Italy  
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire  
Osaka, Japan  
Amman, Jordan  
Manila, Philippines  
Kraków, Poland ♦  
Seoul, South Korea  
Barcelona, Spain ♦  
Zürich, Switzerland  
Taipei, Taiwan  
Caracas, Venezuela ●  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

### San Jose

San José, Costa Rica  
Pune, India  
Dublin, Ireland

Okayama, Japan  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Veracruz, Mexico  
Ekaterinburg, Russia  
Tainan City, Taiwan

### San Mateo

Varde, Denmark  
Toyonaka, Japan

### San Pablo

Manzanillo, Mexico

### Santa Barbara

Weihai, China  
Patras, Greece  
Dingle, Ireland  
Toba, Japan  
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico  
Kotor, Montenegro  
San Juan, Philippines

### Santa Clara

Nagpur, India ♦  
Limerick County, Ireland  
Izumo, Japan  
Coimbra, Portugal

### 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 ♦  
Alushta, 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**

Asadābād, Afghanistan  
Liyang, China  
Jalandhar, India  
Santa Rosalía, 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**

Ziębice, Poland

### **Colorado Springs**

Bankstown, Australia  
Olympia, Greece  
Fujiyoshida, 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

### **Pueblo**

Weifang, China  
Bergamo, Italy  
Lucca Sicola, Italy  
Chihuahua, Mexico

Puebla, Mexico  
Maribor, Slovenia

### Steamboat Springs

San Martin de los Andes, Argentina  
Saas-Fee, Switzerland

### Connecticut

#### Enfield

Ronneby, Sweden  
Chung Li, Taoyuan City, Taiwan

#### Essex

Deschapelles, Haiti

#### New Haven

Avignon, France  
Afula-Gilboa, Israel  
Amalfi, Italy  
Tetlanohcan, Mexico  
León, Nicaragua  
Freetown, Sierra Leone  
Huế, Vietnam

#### Norwalk

Nagarote, Nicaragua

### Delaware

#### Rehoboth Beach

Greve-in-Chianti, Italy

### Wilmington

Ningbo, China ♦  
Watford, England, United Kingdom  
Nemours, France  
Fulda, Germany  
Olevano sul Tusciano, Italy  
Osogbo, Nigeria  
Kalmar, Sweden

### District Of Columbia

#### Washington

Brussels, Belgium  
Brasília, Brazil  
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

Rauma, Finland  
Les Cayes, Haiti

### Clearwater

Wyong, Australia  
Kalamariá, 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  
Medellín, 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

### 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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Tegucigalpa, Honduras ●  
Duhok, Iraq  
Kfar Saba, Israel  
Deir Alla, Jordan  
Mejdlaya, Lebanon  
Matagalpa, Nicaragua  
Qalqilya, Palestinian Territories  
Rzeszów, Poland  
Novorossisk, Russia

#### Jacksonville

Bahía Blanca, Argentina  
Curitiba, Brazil  
Ningbo, China ◆  
Shaoxing, China ◆  
Suzhou, China ◆  
Yingkou, China  
Nantes, France  
Murmansk, Russia  
Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality,  
South Africa  
Changwon City, South Korea

#### Lakeland

Richmond Hill, Canada  
Chongming County, China  
Fengxian District, Shanghai, China ◆  
Jiaxing, China ◆  
Xingcheng City, China ◆  
Portmore, St. Catherine, Jamaica  
Imabari, Japan  
Bălți, Moldova  
Rybnitsa, Moldova ◆

#### Miami Beach

Fortaleza, Brazil  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Brampton, Canada  
Santa Marta, Colombia  
Český Krumlov, Czechia  
Nahariya, Israel  
Ramat Gan, Israel  
Pescara, Italy  
Fujisawa, Japan  
Cozumel, Mexico  
Ica, Peru  
Almonte, Spain  
Basel, Switzerland

#### Miami Dade County

Mendoza, Argentina  
Santa Cruz, Bolivia ●  
São Paulo, Brazil  
Cayman Islands, Cayman Islands ●  
Iquique, Chile ●  
Pereira, Colombia  
San José, Costa Rica  
Prague, Czechia  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Marseille, France

Lamentin, Guadeloupe, France ●  
Petit-Goâve, Haiti  
Provincia di Asti, Italy  
Kingston, Jamaica  
Veracruz, Mexico  
Asunción, Paraguay  
Pucallpa, Peru ●  
Saint Kitts and Nevis Islands, Saint  
Kitts and Nevis Islands ●  
Dakar, Senegal  
Cape Town, South Africa  
Cabildo de Tenerife, Spain  
Stockholm County, Sweden  
Taipei, Taiwan  
The Bahamas, The Bahamas  
Turks and Caicos Islands, Turks and  
Caicos Islands ●  
Maldonado, Uruguay  
Antolín del Campo, Venezuela  
Monagas State, Venezuela

#### Miramar

Santa Ana, El Salvador

#### Mount Dora

Forres, Scotland, United Kingdom

#### New Port Richey

Cavalaire-sur-mer, France

#### North Miami

Arcahaie, Haiti  
Delmas, Haiti ●  
Saint-Louis-du-Nord, Haiti

#### Pensacola

Escazú, Costa Rica  
Gero, Japan  
Isla Mujeres, Mexico  
Chimbote, Peru  
Miraflores, Peru  
Macharaviaya, Spain  
Kaohsiung City, Taiwan  
Gorlovka, Ukraine

#### Sarasota

Hamilton, Canada  
Siming District, Xiamen, China  
Perpignan, France  
Tel Mond, Israel  
Treviso, Italy  
Mérida, Mexico  
Vladimir, Russia  
Dunfermline, Scotland, United  
Kingdom

#### St. Augustine

Cartagena, Colombia  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Avilés, Spain

### 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.

Ciudadella 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  
Ramat-Hasharon, Israel  
Sint Maarten, Netherlands  
Krasnodar, Russia

#### Tampa

Porto Alegre, Brazil  
Lanzhou, Gansu Province, China  
Barranquilla, Colombia  
Le Havre, France  
South Dublin County, Ireland  
Ashdod, Israel  
Agrigento, Italy  
Boca del Río, Veracruz, Mexico  
Oviedo, Spain  
Izmir, Turkey

#### Tavares

Xindian District, New Taipei City,  
Taiwan

#### West Palm Beach

Tzahar Region, Israel  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Budva, Montenegro  
Mersin, Turkey

## Georgia

### Atlanta

Salzburg, Austria  
Brussels, Belgium  
Cotonou, Benin  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Shenzhen, China ◆  
Salcedo, Dominican Republic  
Newcastle upon Tyne, England, United Kingdom  
Toulouse, France  
Tbilisi, Georgia  
Nuremberg, Germany  
Olympia, Greece  
Ra'anana, Israel  
Montego Bay, Jamaica  
Fukuoka, Japan  
Lagos, Nigeria  
Bucharest, Romania  
Daegu, South Korea  
Taipei, Taiwan  
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

### Decatur

Boussé, Burkina Faso  
Ouahigouya, Burkina Faso  
Trujillo, Peru

### Elberton

Mure, Japan

### LaGrange

Poti, Georgia  
Aso, Japan  
Craigavon, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

### Macon

Macon, France  
Elmina, Ghana  
Kurobe, Japan  
Ulyanovsk, Russia  
Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

## Hawaii

### Maui

Rapa Nui, Chile  
Hainan Province, China  
Sanya County, Hainan, China  
San Cristóbal Island, Ecuador ◆  
Albi, France  
Fukuyama, Japan  
Hachijo Island, Japan  
Hirara (Miyakujima), Japan  
Arequipa, Peru  
Bacarra, Philippines  
Badoc, Philippines  
Cabugao, Philippines  
Manila, Philippines

Puerto Princesa, Philippines  
Quezon City, Philippines  
San Juan, Philippines  
San Nicolas, Philippines  
Santa, Philippines  
Sarrat, Philippines  
Zambales Province, Philippines  
Funchal, Portugal  
São Miguel Island, Portugal  
Embo, Scotland, United Kingdom  
Goyang, South Korea  
Madrid, Spain  
Pingtung, Taiwan

## Idaho

### Idaho Falls

Tōkai-Mura, Japan

### Moscow

Villa El Carmen, Nicaragua

### Pocatello

Kware Manguel, Burkina Faso  
Iwamizawa, Japan

## Illinois

### Bartlett

Miaoli, Taiwan

### Belleville

Paderborn, Germany  
Vaux-le-Pénil, France  
Schwieberdingen, Germany

### Bloomington-Normal

Caibarién, Cuba  
Remedios, Cuba  
Canterbury, England, United Kingdom  
Asahikawa, Japan  
Vladimir, Russia

### Carbondale

Shimla, India  
Tainai City, Japan  
Tainan City, Taiwan

### Charleston

Fengshan, Taiwan

### Chicago

Toronto, Canada  
Shanghai, China  
Shenyang, China  
Bogotá, Colombia  
Prague, Czechia  
Birmingham, England, United Kingdom  
Paris, France

Hamburg, Germany  
Accra, Ghana  
Athens, Greece  
Delhi, India  
Galway, Ireland  
Petach Tikva, Israel  
Milan, Italy  
Osaka, Japan  
Amman, Jordan  
Vilnius, Lithuania  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Casablanca, Morocco  
Lahore, Pakistan  
Warsaw, Poland  
Moscow, Russia  
Belgrade, Serbia  
Durban, South Africa  
Busan, South Korea  
Gothenburg, Sweden  
Lucerne, Switzerland  
Kyiv, Ukraine

### Chicago Heights

Asuogyaman District, Ghana  
San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy  
Cedral, Mexico  
Wadowice, Poland

### Columbia

Gedern, Germany

### Dixon

Herzberg, Germany  
Castlebar, Ireland  
Thika, Kenya  
Dikson, Russia

### Elk Grove Village

Termini Imerese, Italy

### Hanover Park

Cape Coast, Ghana  
Valparaíso, Mexico

### Highland

Sursee, Switzerland

### Highland Park

Kiryat Gat, Israel ◆  
Yerucham, Israel  
Ferrara, Italy  
Modena, Italy  
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

### Hoffman Estates

Angoulême, France

### Lake Zurich

Nittenau, Germany

### Lockport

Asiago, Italy

### Millstadt

Groß-Bieberau, Germany

### Mount Prospect

Sèvres, France

### Naperville

Pátzcuaro, Mexico

Nitra, Slovakia

### Palatine

Fontenay-le-Comte, France

### Park Ridge

Kinver, England, United Kingdom

### Quincy

Herford, Germany

### Richton Park

Cat Island, The Bahamas

### Rockford

Changzhou, China

Taszár, Hungary

Ferentino, Italy

Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Borgholm, Sweden

Brovary, Ukraine

### Roselle

Bochnia, Poland

### Schaumburg

Schaumburg, Germany

Namerikawa, Japan

Safranbolu, Turkey

### Springfield

Killarney, Ireland ♦

Ashikaga, Japan

San Pedro de las Colonias, Mexico

### Tinley Park

Büdingen, Germany

Mallow, Ireland

### Urbana

Haizhu District, Guangzhou, China

Thionville, France

Zomba, Malawi

### Waterloo

Porta Westfalica, Germany

### West Chicago

Taufkirchen, Germany

### West Dundee

Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom

### Wilmette

Mona Vale, Australia

### Indiana

#### Bloomington

Santa Clara, Cuba

Posoltega, Nicaragua

#### Carmel

Xiangyang, China

Kawachinagano, Japan

#### Elkhart

Kardzhali, Bulgaria

Tongxiang, China

Burton upon Trent, England, United Kingdom

#### Fishers

Billericay, England, United Kingdom

#### Fort Wayne

Mawlamyine, Burma ♦

Taizhou, China

Gera, Germany

Takaoka, Japan

Plock, Poland

#### Goshen

Bexbach, Germany

Emmeloord, Netherlands

### Greenfield

Kakuda, Japan

### Indianapolis

Campinas, Brazil

Hangzhou, China ♦

Northamptonshire County, England,

United Kingdom

Cologne, Germany

Hyderabad, India ♦

Monza, Italy

Onitsha, Nigeria

Piran, Slovenia

Taipei, Taiwan

#### Jasper

Pfaffenweiler, Germany

#### Lafayette

Longkou, China

Ōta, Japan

#### Newburgh

Xuyi County, Jiangsu Province, China

Newburgh, England, United Kingdom

Nova Prata, Brazil

Cittadella, Italy

#### Vincennes

Xuyi County, Jiangsu Province, China

### Iowa

#### Clarinda

Tamana, Japan

## 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.





**Council Bluffs**

Herat, Afghanistan  
Kandahār, Afghanistan  
Karadah Baghdad, Iraq  
El Hajeb, Morocco  
Tobolsk, Russia

**Davenport**

Ilhéus, Brazil  
Kaiserslautern, Germany  
County Carlow, Ireland

**Des Moines**

Shijiazhuang, China  
Saint-Étienne, France  
Provincia di Catanzaro, Italy  
Kōfu, Japan  
Stavropol, Russia

**Dubuque**

Dornbirn, Austria  
Handan, China  
Pyatigorsk, Russia

**Elkader**

Mascara, Algeria

**Grinnell**

Zheleznovodsk, Russia

**Muscatine**

Crespo, Argentina  
Paraná, Argentina  
Zhengding, China  
Ludwigslust, Germany  
Ichikawamisato, Japan  
Ramallah, Palestinian Territories  
Łomża, Poland  
Kislovodsk, Russia  
Drohobych, Ukraine  
Paysandú, Uruguay ●

**Newton**

Wu Chi, Taiwan  
Smila, Ukraine

**Osage**

Lermontov, Russia

**Shenandoah**

Tisovec, Slovakia

**Waverly**

Eisenach, Germany

**West Des Moines**

Mateh Asher, Israel

**Kansas****Abilene**

Omitama (Minori), Japan

**Hays**

Xinzheng, China  
Neustadt an der Waldnaab,  
Germany ●  
Santa María, Paraguay

**Lawrence**

Eutin, Germany  
Oiniades, Greece  
Hiratsuka, Japan

**Victoria**

Kübelstein Stadt Scheßlitz, Germany

**Wichita**

Kaifeng, China  
Orléans, France  
Cancún, Mexico  
Tlalnepantla de Baz, Mexico

**Kentucky****Danville**

Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland,  
United Kingdom

**Frankfort**

Shimamoto, Japan

**Georgetown**

Tahara, Japan

**Lexington**

Newmarket, England, United  
Kingdom  
Deauville, France  
County Kildare, Ireland  
Shinhidaka, Japan

**Louisville**

La Plata, Argentina  
Chengdu, China ◆  
Jiujiang, China  
Quito, Ecuador  
Leeds, England, United Kingdom  
Montpellier, France  
Mainz, Germany  
Tamale, Ghana  
Perm, Russia  
Adapazari, Turkey

**Morehead**

Yangshuo County, China  
Ballymena, Northern Ireland, United  
Kingdom

**Owensboro**

Olomouc Region, Czechia  
Olomouc Kraj, Czechia  
Nisshin, Japan

**Pikeville**

Dundalk, Ireland

**Maine****Portland**

Mytilene, Greece  
Cap-Haïtien, Haiti  
Shinagawa, Japan  
Arkhangelsk, Russia

**Waterville**

Kotlas, Russia

**Maryland****Baltimore**

Xiamen, China  
Alexandria, Egypt  
Luxor, Egypt  
Bremerhaven, Germany ◆  
Piraeus, Greece  
Ely O'Carroll, Ireland ●  
Ashkelon, Israel  
Genoa, Italy ●  
Kawasaki, Japan  
Gbarnga, Liberia ◆  
Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Odessa, Ukraine

**Charles County**

Jõgeva County, Estonia  
Walldorf, Germany

**Columbia**

Cergy-Pontoise, France  
Tema, Ghana  
Cap-Haïtien, Haiti  
Tres Cantos, Spain

**District Heights**

Congo (Kinshasa)  
Thomonde, Haiti

**Hagerstown**

Wesel, Germany

**Maryland State**

Walloon Region, Belgium  
State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Anhui Province, China  
Harju County, Estonia  
Nord-Pas de Calais, France  
County Cork, Ireland  
Ramat HaNegev, Israel  
Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan  
Bong County, Liberia  
Maryland County, Liberia  
State of Jalisco, Mexico  
Cross River State, Nigeria  
Ondo State, Nigeria  
Łódź Region, Poland

## 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.



Leningrad Region, Russia  
St. Petersburg, Russia  
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa  
Gyeongangnam-Do, South Korea  
Jeollanam-Do, South Korea  
Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality,  
Turkey  
Ninh Thuận Province, Vietnam

### Montgomery County

Xi'an, China  
Morazán, El Salvador  
Gondar, Ethiopia  
Hyderabad, India  
Daejeon, South Korea

### Oakland

Tõrva, Estonia ♦  
Valga, Estonia ♦

### Riverdale Park

Ipala, Guatemala

### Rockville

Jiaxing, China ♦  
Pinneberg, Germany

### Salisbury

Dalian, China ♦  
Salisbury, England, United Kingdom  
Tartu, Estonia

## Massachusetts

### Boston

Melbourne, Australia  
Praia, Cabo Verde  
Hangzhou, China  
Strasbourg, France  
Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana  
Padua, Italy  
Kyoto, Japan  
Beira, Mozambique  
Belfast, Northern Ireland, United  
Kingdom  
Barcelona, Spain  
Taipei, Taiwan

### Cambridge

Yerevan, Armenia  
Cienfuegos, Cuba  
San José Las Flores, El Salvador  
Galway, Ireland  
Gaeta, Italy  
Ischia, Italy  
Coimbra, Portugal

### Newburyport

Bura, Kenya  
Zelengorsk, Russia

### Pittsfield

Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland  
Cava de' Tirreni, Italy  
Malpaisillo, Nicaragua  
Chungju, South Korea

### Somerville

Yucuaquín, El Salvador  
Gaeta, Italy  
Tiznit, Morocco

### West Springfield

Dingle, Ireland

## Michigan

### Chelsea

Shimizu, Hokkaido, Japan

### Frankenmuth

Gunzenhausen, Germany

### Grand Rapids

Ga East District, Ghana  
Ga West District, Ghana  
Perugia, Italy  
Ōmihachiman, Japan  
Zapopan, Mexico  
Bielsko-Biała, Poland

### Lansing

Lanzhou, China ♦  
Sanming, China  
Akuapim South Municipal District,  
Ghana  
Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipality,  
Ghana  
Pianezza, Italy  
Ōtsu, Japan  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Saltillo, Mexico  
Tipitapa, Nicaragua ●  
Asan, South Korea  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania ♦

### Saline

Lindenberg, Germany  
Brecon, Wales, United Kingdom

### South Haven

Quilalí, Nicaragua

## Minnesota

### Cambridge

Beli Manastir, Croatia  
Yuasa, Japan  
Rättvik, Sweden

### Columbia Heights

Łomianki, Poland

### Duluth

Thunder Bay, Canada  
Rania, Iraq  
Isumi, Japan

Petrozavodsk, Russia  
Växjö, Sweden

**Elbow Lake**  
Flekkefjord, Norway

**Fergus Falls**  
Nordhordland Region, Norway

**Hibbing**  
Walsrode, Germany

**Lindstrom**  
Tingsryd, Sweden

**Melrose**  
Bühl, Germany  
Legden, Germany

**Minneapolis**  
Winnipeg, Canada  
Santiago, Chile  
Harbin, China  
Kuopio, Finland  
Tours, France  
Najaf, Iraq  
Ibaraki, Osaka, Japan  
Eldoret, Kenya  
Cuernavaca, Mexico  
Novosibirsk, Russia  
Bosaso, Somalia  
Uppsala, Sweden

**New Ulm**  
Neu-Ulm, Germany  
Ulm, Germany

**Red Wing**  
Quzhou, China  
Ikata, Japan  
Kongsberg, Norway ◆

**Saint Peter**  
Petatlán, Mexico

**Shoreview**  
Einhausen, Germany

**St. Anthony**  
Salò, Finland

**Winona**  
Misato, Japan  
Bytów, Poland

**Worthington**  
Crailsheim, Germany

**Missouri**  
**Columbia**  
Laoshan District, Qingdao, China  
K'ut'aisi, Georgia  
Hakusan (Matto), Japan  
Sibiu, Romania  
Suncheon, South Korea

**Kansas City**  
Xi'an, China  
Yan'an, China  
Metz, France  
Hannover, Germany  
Ramla, Israel  
Kurashiki, Japan  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Morelia, Mexico  
San Nicolás de los Garza, Mexico ●  
Port Harcourt, Nigeria  
Freetown, Sierra Leone  
Seville, Spain  
Tainan City, Taiwan  
Arusha, Tanzania

**Springfield**  
Isesaki, Japan  
Tlaquepaque, Mexico

**St. Charles**  
Ludwigsburg, Germany  
Carndonagh/Inishowen, Ireland

**St. Louis**  
Rosario, Santa Fe Province,  
Argentina  
Brčko, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Nanjing, China  
Wuhan, China  
Lyon, France  
Stuttgart, Germany  
Georgetown, Guyana  
Bogor, Indonesia  
Donegal, Ireland  
Galway, Ireland  
Bologna, Italy  
Suwa, Japan  
San Luis Potosí, Mexico  
Szczecin, Poland  
Samara, Russia  
Saint-Louis, Senegal

**Montana**  
**Livingston**  
Naganohara, Japan

**Missoula**  
Neckargemünd, Germany  
Palmerston North, New Zealand

**Nebraska**  
**Boys Town**  
Ballymoe, Ireland

**Kearney**  
Opava, Czechia

**Omaha**  
Yantai, China  
Braunschweig, Germany  
Naas, Ireland  
Shizuoka, Japan  
Šiauliai, Lithuania  
Xalapa, Mexico

**Nevada**  
**Reno**  
Hatzor, Israel  
Guadalupe, Nuevo León, Mexico  
Wanganui, New Zealand  
San Sebastián, Spain  
Taichung, Taiwan  
Udon Thani, Thailand

**New Hampshire**  
**Portsmouth**  
Portsmouth, England, United  
Kingdom  
Pärnu, Estonia  
Aburi, Ghana  
Kitase, Ghana  
Szolnok, Hungary  
Nichinan, Japan  
Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland,  
United Kingdom  
Severodvinsk, Russia

**New Jersey**  
**Montclair**  
Graz, Austria  
Barnet, England, United Kingdom  
Aquilonia, Campania, Italy  
Laguna de Perlas, Nicaragua  
Cherepovets, Russia

**New Brunswick**  
Debrecen, Hungary  
Limerick County, Ireland  
Fukui, Japan  
Tsuruoka, Japan

**Newark**  
Ganja, Azerbaijan  
Belo Horizonte, Brazil  
Governador Valadares, Brazil  
Porto Alegre, Brazil  
Reserva, Brazil  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Douala, Cameroon  
Xuzhou, China  
Kumasi, Ghana  
Monrovia, Liberia  
Umuaka, Nigeria  
Aveiro, Portugal  
Seia, Portugal  
Freeport, The Bahamas  
Banjul, The Gambia

## New Mexico

### Albuquerque

Lanzhou, China  
Helmstedt, Germany  
Rehovot, Israel  
Sasebo, Japan  
Chihuahua, Mexico  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Alburquerque, Spain  
Hualien City, Taiwan  
Ashgabat, Turkmenistan  
Lusaka, Zambia

### Angel Fire

Quảng Trị, Vietnam

### Clovis

Kasama, Zambia

### Las Cruces

Nienburg, Germany  
Ciudad Lerdo, Mexico

### Los Alamos

Sarov, Russia

### Ruidoso

Puerto Peñasco, Mexico

### Santa Fe

Zhangjiajie, China  
Holguín, Cuba  
Sorrento, Italy  
Tsuyama, Japan  
Parral, Mexico  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Icheon, South Korea  
Santa Fe de la Vega, Spain  
Nevşehir, Turkey ♦  
Bukhara, Uzbekistan  
Livingston, Zambia

## New York

### Albany

Ghent, Belgium  
Quebec City, Canada  
Verona, Italy  
Nijmegen, Netherlands  
Tula, Russia

Freeport, The Bahamas  
Grand Bahama Island, The Bahamas

### Buffalo

Changzhou, China  
Baní, Dominican Republic  
Lille, France  
Dortmund, Germany  
Aboadze, Ghana  
Cape Coast, Ghana  
Kiryat Gat, Israel  
Siena, Italy  
Torremaggiore, Italy  
St. Ann, Jamaica  
Kanazawa, Japan  
Abuja, Nigeria  
Rzeszów, Poland  
Tver, Russia  
Muhanga District, Rwanda  
Yeongcheon, South Korea  
Bursa, Turkey  
Drohobych, Ukraine  
Horlivka, Ukraine

### Canisteo

Wauchope, Australia

### Corning

San Giovanni Valdarno, Italy  
Kakegawa (Osuka), Japan  
Lviv, Ukraine

### Honeoye Falls

Borgne, Haiti

### Horseheads

Nakagawa, Tochigi, Japan

### Northport

Sochi, Russia

### Red Hook

Mas'ha, Palestinian Territories

### Rochester

Xiangyang, China  
Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic  
Rennes, France  
Würzburg, Germany  
Waterford, Ireland  
Rehovot, Israel  
Caltanissetta, Italy  
Hamamatsu, Japan  
Alytus, Lithuania  
Bamako, Mali  
Kraków, Poland \*  
Velikiy Novgorod, Russia

### Village of Great Neck Plaza

Tiberias, Israel

## North Carolina

### Asheville

Saumur, France  
Karpenisi, Greece  
San Cristóbal de las Casas, Mexico  
Valladolid, Mexico  
Osogbo, Nigeria  
Vladikavkaz, Russia

### Boone

Collingwood, Canada

### Cary

Markham, Canada  
Le Touquet, France  
County Meath, Ireland  
Hsinchu, Taiwan

### Charlotte

Baoding, China  
Limoges, France  
Krefeld, Germany  
Kumasi, Ghana  
Hadera, Israel  
Arequipa, Peru  
Wrocław, Poland  
Voronezh, Russia

### Concord

Killarney, Ireland  
Siena, Italy  
Freeport, The Bahamas

### Durham

Kunshan, China ♦  
Xianning, China ♦  
Zhuzhou, China  
Durham, England, United Kingdom  
Kavala, Greece  
Toyama, Japan  
Kostroma, Russia  
Arusha, Tanzania

### Gastonia

Gotha, Germany  
Santiago de Surco, Peru

### Greensboro

Montbéliard, France  
Buiucani District, Chișinău, Moldova

### Hendersonville

Verbania, Italy  
Almuñécar, Spain

### Laurinburg

Oban, Scotland, United Kingdom

### Mooreville-South Iredell

Hockenheim, Germany

### Morehead City

Corn Island, Nicaragua

### Raleigh

Xiangyang, China  
Kingston upon Hull, England, United Kingdom  
Compiègne, France  
Rostock, Germany  
Nairobi, Kenya

### Saluda

Carunchio, Italy

### Sanford

Yixing, China

### Southern Pines

Newry and Mourne District, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

### Wilmington

Bridgetown, Barbados  
San Pedro, Belize  
Dandong, China  
Doncaster, England, United Kingdom

### Winston-Salem

Yangpu District, Shanghai, China  
Kumasi, Ghana  
Buchanan, Liberia  
Ungheni, Moldova  
Freeport, The Bahamas  
Nassau, The Bahamas

### Ohio

#### Akron

Chemnitz, Germany  
Kiryat Ekron, Israel

#### Centerville

Waterloo, Canada  
Bad Zwischenahn, Germany

#### Cincinnati

Liuzhou, China  
Nancy, France  
Munich, Germany  
Mysore, India  
Gifu, Japan  
Amman, Jordan  
New Taipei City, Taiwan  
Kharkiv, Ukraine  
Harare, Zimbabwe

#### Cleveland

Fieri, Albania  
Alexandria, Egypt  
Segundo Montes, El Salvador  
Cleveland, England, United Kingdom

Bahir Dar, Ethiopia  
Rouen, France  
Heidenheim, Germany  
Conakry, Guinea  
Miskolc, Hungary  
Bangalore, India  
West Mayo, Ireland  
Holon, Israel  
Vincenza, Italy  
Klaipėda, Lithuania  
Ibadan, Nigeria  
Lima, Peru  
Gdańsk, Poland  
Braşov, Romania  
Volgograd, Russia  
Bratislava, Slovakia  
Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Taipei, Taiwan

#### Columbus

Curitiba, Brazil  
Hefei, China  
Odense, Denmark  
Dresden, Germany  
Accra, Ghana  
Ahmedabad, India  
Herzliya, Israel  
Genoa, Italy  
Seville, Spain  
Tainan City, Taiwan

#### Dayton

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Augsburg, Germany  
Holon, Israel  
Ōiso, Japan  
Monrovia, Liberia

#### Delaware

Baumholder, Germany  
Sakata, Japan

#### Kettering

Steyr, Austria  
Kettering, England, United Kingdom

#### Lima

Harima-cho, Japan

#### Montgomery

Neuilly-Plaisance, France

#### Oakwood

Outremont, Canada  
Le Vésinet, France  
Unterhaching, Germany ♦

#### Oberlin

Ilé-Ife, Nigeria

#### Portsmouth

Corby, England, United Kingdom  
Zittau, Germany  
Orizaba, Mexico

## 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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## **Toledo**

Londrina, Brazil  
Qinhuangdao, China  
Coburg, Germany ◆  
Delmenhorst, Germany ●  
Csongrád County, Hungary  
Szeged, Hungary  
Coimbatore, India  
Toyohashi, Japan  
Bekaa Valley, Lebanon  
Hyderabad, Pakistan  
Poznań, Poland  
Toledo, Spain  
Tanga, Tanzania

## **Vandalia**

Lichtenfels, Germany  
Prestwick, Scotland, United Kingdom

## **Westlake**

Kingsville, Ontario, Canada  
Tralee, Ireland

## **Oklahoma**

### **Edmond**

Qingyang, China  
Engels, Russia

### **Norman**

Clermont-Ferrand, France  
Arezzo, Italy  
Seika, Japan  
Colima, Mexico

### **Oklahoma City**

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Hāikōu, Hainan, China  
Puebla, Mexico  
Ulyanovsk, Russia  
Kigali, Rwanda  
Tainan City, Taiwan  
Taipei, Taiwan

### **Stillwater**

Kameoka, Japan

### **Tulsa**

Beihai, China  
Amiens, France  
Celle, Germany  
Tiberias, Israel  
Utsunomiya, Japan  
San Luis Potosí, Mexico  
Zelenograd, Russia  
Kaohsiung Municipality, Taiwan

### **Yukon**

Krnov, Czechia

## **Oregon**

### **Ashland**

Guanajuato, Mexico

### **Astoria**

Walldorf, Germany

### **Beaverton**

Cluses, France  
Trossingen, Germany  
Gotemba, Japan  
Ōgaki, Japan ◆  
Birobidzhan, Russia  
Cheonan, South Korea  
Hsinchu, Taiwan

### **Corvallis**

Gondar, Ethiopia  
Uzhhorod, Ukraine

### **Eugene**

Kakegawa (Osuka), Japan  
Kathmandu, Nepal  
Irkutsk, Russia  
Jinju, South Korea

### **Grants Pass**

Rubtsovsk, Russia

### **Hood River**

Tsuruta, Japan

### **Medford**

Alba, Italy

### **Ontario**

Ōsakasayama, Japan

### **Oregon City**

Tateshina, Japan

### **Portland**

Suzhou, China  
Ashkelon, Israel  
Bologna, Italy  
Sapporo, Japan  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Utrecht, Netherlands ◆  
Khabarovsk, Russia  
Ulsan, South Korea  
Kaohsiung Municipality, Taiwan  
Mutare, Zimbabwe

## **Pennsylvania**

### **Hazleton**

Lambro and Mingardo, Italy  
Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland

## **Northampton**

Stegersbach, Austria

### **Philadelphia**

Douala, Cameroon  
Tianjin, China  
Aix-en-Provence, France  
Frankfurt am Main, Germany  
Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel  
Abruzzo, Italy  
Florence, Italy  
Kobe, Japan  
Toruń, Poland  
Nizhny Novgorod, Russia  
Incheon, South Korea

### **Pittsburgh**

Sofia, Bulgaria  
Wuhan, China  
Zagreb, Croatia  
Matanzas, Cuba  
Ostrava, Czechia  
Sheffield, England, United Kingdom  
Saarbrücken, Germany  
Karmiel, Israel  
Misgav, Israel  
Ōmiya, Japan  
Saitama (Urawa), Japan  
Skopje, Macedonia  
Naucalpan, Mexico  
San Isidro, Nicaragua  
Fernando de la Mora, Paraguay  
Prešov, Slovakia  
Bilbao, Spain  
Gaziantep, Turkey  
Donetsk, Ukraine  
Da Nang, Vietnam

### **Saxonburg**

Mühlhausen, Germany

## **South Carolina**

### **Anderson**

Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom  
Western Isles, Scotland, United Kingdom

### **Charleston**

Spoletto, Italy  
Panama City, Panama

### **Clover**

Larne, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

### **Columbia**

Plovdiv, Bulgaria  
Yibin, China



Kaiserslautern, Germany  
Accra, Ghana  
Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
Chelyabinsk, Russia  
Taichung, Taiwan

### **Greenville**

Kortrijk, Belgium  
Tianjin, China  
Vadodara, India  
Bergamo, Italy

### **Myrtle Beach**

Pinamar, Argentina  
Burlington, Canada  
Keighley, England, United Kingdom  
Killarney, Ireland

## **South Dakota**

### **Rapid City**

Apolda, Germany  
Thüringen, Germany  
Nikkō, Japan

### **Sioux Falls**

Potsdam, Germany  
Newry and Mourne District, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

## **Tennessee**

### **Chattanooga**

Wuxi, China  
Hamm, Germany  
Wolfsburg, Germany  
Givatayim, Israel  
Manfredonia, Italy  
Tōno, Japan  
Nizhni Tagil, Russia  
Gangneung, South Korea

### **Franklin**

Carleton Place, Canada  
Bad Soden am Taunus, Germany  
County Laois, Ireland

### **Germantown**

Königs Wusterhausen, Germany

### **Greater Tri-Cities**

Guaranda, Ecuador  
Teterow, Germany  
Rybinsk, Russia

### **Memphis and Shelby County**

Kaolack, Senegal  
Kanifing, The Gambia

### **Nashville**

Mendoza, Argentina  
Tamworth, Australia  
Edmonton, Canada  
Taiyuan, China  
Caen, France  
Crouy, France ♦  
Magdeburg, Germany  
Kamakura, Japan  
Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom  
Port de la Selva, Spain ♦

### **Oak Ridge**

Nakashi (Naka Machi), Japan  
Obninsk, Russia

## **Texas**

### **Arlington**

Bad Königshofen, Germany

### **Austin**

Adelaide, Australia  
Siem Reap, Cambodia ♦  
Xishuangbanna, China  
London Borough of Hackney, England, United Kingdom  
Angers, France  
Villefranche-sur-Mer, France ♦  
Koblenz, Germany  
Ōita, Japan  
Maseru, Lesotho  
Saltillo, Mexico  
Tehuacán, Mexico ♦  
Orlu, Nigeria  
Lima, Peru  
Gwangmyeong, South Korea  
Taichung, Taiwan  
Antalya, Turkey

### **Bandera**

Strzelce Opolskie County, Poland  
Tysmenytsia, Ukraine

### **Bryan-College Station**

Bastogne, Belgium  
Greifswald, Germany  
Salamanca, Mexico  
Zuazua, Mexico ●  
Kazan, Russia ●

### **Corpus Christi**

Agen, France  
Yokosuka, Japan  
Veracruz, Mexico  
Toledo, Spain  
Keelung City, Taiwan

### **Denison**

Cognac, France

### **El Paso**

Hadera, Israel

### **Fort Worth**

Guiyang, China  
Trier, Germany  
Budapest, Hungary  
Bandung, Indonesia  
Reggio Emilia, Italy  
Nagaoka, Japan  
Toluca, Mexico  
Mbabane, Swaziland

### **Grand Prairie**

Baden bei Wien, Austria  
Charlesbourg, Canada  
Gueishan, Taiwan  
Kalush, Ukraine

### **Houston**

Luanda, Angola  
Perth, Australia  
Baku, Azerbaijan  
Shanghai, China ♦  
Shenzhen, China  
Guayaquil, Ecuador  
Nice, France  
Leipzig, Germany  
Basrah, Iraq  
Chiba City, Japan  
Tampico, Mexico  
Stavanger, Norway  
Karachi, Pakistan  
Tyumen, Russia  
Grampian Region, Aberdeen, Scotland, United Kingdom  
Huelva, Spain  
Taipei, Taiwan  
Istanbul, Turkey  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

### **Irving**

Merton, England, United Kingdom  
Espoo, Finland  
Boulogne-Billancourt, France  
Marino, Italy  
León, Mexico  
Darkhan, Mongolia

### **Killeen**

Osan, South Korea

### **La Grange**

Frenštát pod Radhoštěm, Czechia  
Olfen, Germany

## Laredo

San Antonio de Areco, Argentina  
Murray Bridge, Australia  
Chenzhou, China  
Wenzhou, China  
Wuwei, China  
Zixing, China  
La Cruz, Costa Rica  
Acámbaro, Mexico  
Angostura, Mexico  
Campeche, Mexico  
Cerralvo, Mexico  
Ciénega de Flores, Mexico  
Ciudad Valles, Mexico  
Cuautla, Mexico  
Cuernavaca, Mexico  
Escobedo, Mexico  
General Terán, Mexico  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Guadalupe, Nuevo León, Mexico  
Jalpan de Serra, Mexico  
Jerez de García Salinas, Mexico  
Lampazos, Mexico  
Lázaro Cárdenas, Mexico  
León, Mexico  
Los Herreras, Mexico  
Mexticacán, Mexico  
Moncolva, Mexico  
Montemorelos, Mexico  
Nuevo Laredo, Mexico  
Papantla, Mexico  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Tepatitlán, Mexico  
Tijuana, Mexico  
Tlahualilo, Durango, Mexico  
Tonalá, Mexico  
Torreón, Mexico  
Veracruz, Mexico ♦  
Lower Hutt, New Zealand  
Cantabria, Spain  
Laredo, Spain  
Tainan City, Taiwan  
Tainan Hsien, Taiwan

## McAllen

Belize City, Belize  
Saint Laurent, Canada  
Ganzhou, China  
San José, Costa Rica  
Acapulco, Mexico  
Cadereyta Jiménez, Mexico  
Ciudad Victoria, Mexico  
García, Mexico  
Guadalupe, Nuevo León, Mexico  
Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico  
Ixtapa Zihuatanejo, Mexico  
Monterrey, Mexico  
Reynosa, Mexico  
San Luis Potosí, Mexico

Tampico, Mexico  
Taxco, Mexico

## San Antonio

Suzhou, China ♦  
Wuxi, China  
Darmstadt, Germany  
Chennai, India  
Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel ♦  
Kumamoto, Japan  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Monterrey, Mexico  
Windhoek, Namibia  
Gwangju, South Korea  
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain  
Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain  
Kaohsiung Municipality, Taiwan

## San Elizario

Casas Grandes, Mexico  
Guerrero del Real de Río Grande, Mexico  
Municipio de Janos, Mexico  
Santa Bárbara, Mexico  
Satevó, Mexico  
Valle de Zaragoza, Mexico

## Southlake

Wuzhong District, Suzhou, China ♦  
Tome (Toyoma), Japan

## Tomball

Telgte, Germany

## Tyler

Lo Barnechea, Chile  
Liberia, Costa Rica  
Yachiyo, Chiba, Japan  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Jelenia Góra, Poland

## Utah

### Park City

Courchevel, France

## Salt Lake City

Oruro, Bolivia  
Thurles, Ireland  
Torino, Italy  
Matsumoto, Japan  
Trujillo, Peru ♦  
Quezon City, Philippines  
Izhevsk, Russia  
Keelung City, Taiwan  
Chernivtsi, Ukraine

## Vermont

### Burlington

Arad, Israel  
Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua  
Bethlehem, Palestinian Territories  
Yaroslavl, Russia

### Hartford

Cenon, France  
Kratovo, Macedonia

## Virginia

### Alexandria

Gyumri, Armenia  
Caen, France  
Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom  
Helsingborg, Sweden

### Arlington

San Miguel, El Salvador  
Reims, France  
Aachen, Germany  
Coyoacán, Mexico  
Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

### Charlottesville

Pleven, Bulgaria  
Besançon, France  
Winneba, Ghana ♦  
Poggio a Caiano, Italy

### Chesapeake

Joinville, Brazil

### Gordonsville

Thoré-la-Rochette, France

### Hampton

Southampton, England, United Kingdom  
Vendôme, France  
Pietermaritzburg, Msunduzi, South Africa  
Anyang, South Korea

### Lynchburg

Rueil-Malmaison, France  
Glauchau, Germany

### Newport News

Taizhou, China  
Greifswald, Germany  
Neyagawa, Japan

### Norfolk

Halifax, Canada  
Ningbo, China  
Norfolk County, England, United Kingdom

Toulon, France  
Wilhelmshaven, Germany  
Tema, Ghana  
Kochi, India  
Kitakyushu, Japan  
Cagayan de Oro, Philippines  
Kaliningrad, Russia

#### **Richmond**

Zhengzhou, China  
Richmond upon Thames, England,  
United Kingdom  
Saitama (Urawa), Japan  
Ségou, Mali  
Windhoek, Namibia

#### **Roanoke**

Florianópolis, Brazil  
Lijiang, China  
Saint-Lô, France  
Kisumu, Kenya  
Opole, Poland  
Pskov, Russia  
Wonju, South Korea

#### **Suffolk**

Suffolk, England, United Kingdom  
Oderzo, Italy

#### **Virginia Beach**

Waiblingen, Germany  
Miyazaki, Japan  
San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua ◆

Ards and North Down Borough,  
Northern Ireland, United Kingdom  
Moss, Norway  
Olongapo, Philippines

#### **Yorktown**

Port-Vendres, France

#### **Washington**

##### **Anacortes**

Sidney, Canada  
Vela Luka, Croatia  
Nikaho, Japan  
Lomonosov, Russia

##### **Auburn**

Guanghan, China ◆  
Yuhang District, Hangzhou, China  
Mola di Bari, Italy  
Tamba (Kasuga), Japan  
Pyeongchang, South Korea

##### **Bellevue**

Kladno, Czechia  
Yao, Japan  
Liepāja, Latvia  
Hualien, Taiwan

##### **Bellingham**

Port Stephens, Australia  
Punta Arenas, Chile  
Vaasa, Finland  
Tateyama, Japan  
Tsetserleg, Mongolia

Nakhodka, Russia  
Cheongju, South Korea

#### **Camas**

Hamamatsu (Hosoecho), Japan  
Taki, Japan  
Krapkowice, Poland  
Morawica, Poland  
Zabierzów, Poland

#### **Issaquah**

Chaouen, Morocco  
Sunndal, Norway

#### **Lakewood**

Danzhou, China ◆  
Okinawa City, Japan  
Bauang, La Union, Philippines  
Gimhae, South Korea ◆

#### **Mercer Island**

Thonon-les-Bains, France

#### **Port Townsend**

Ichikawa, Japan

#### **Seattle**

Sihanoukville, Cambodia  
Limbé, Cameroon  
Chongqing, China  
Nantes, France  
Pécs, Hungary  
Reykjavík, Iceland  
Surabaya, Indonesia  
Galway, Ireland  
Be'er Sheva, Israel  
Perugia, Italy  
Kobe, Japan  
Mombasa, Kenya  
Mazatlán, Mexico  
Christchurch, New Zealand  
Bergen, Norway  
Cebu City, Philippines  
Gdynia, Poland  
Daejeon, South Korea  
Kaohsiung Municipality, Taiwan  
Tashkent, Uzbekistan  
Haiphong, Vietnam

#### **Snoqualmie**

Chaclacayo, Peru  
Gangjin, South Korea

#### **Spokane**

Jilin, China  
Limerick, Ireland  
Cagli, Italy

### **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  
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico ◆  
El Jadida, Morocco  
Ålesund, Norway  
Davao, Philippines  
Vladivostok, Russia  
George, South Africa  
Gunsan, South Korea  
Taichung, Taiwan  
Brovary, Ukraine

#### **West Virginia**

##### **Morgantown**

Xuzhou, China ◆  
Guanajuato, Mexico

#### **Wisconsin**

##### **De Pere**

Åmål, Sweden

##### **Door County**

Jingdezhen, China

##### **Kenosha**

Douai, France  
Wolfenbüttel, Germany  
Cosenza, Italy

Quezon City, Philippines  
Moshi, Tanzania

#### **La Crosse**

Kumbo, Cameroon  
Luoyang, China  
Épinal, France  
Friedberg, Germany  
Bantry, Ireland  
Førde, Norway  
Dubna, Russia

#### **Lublin**

Lublin, Poland

#### **Marshfield**

Jáuregui-Luján, Argentina  
Zhangjiagang, China

#### **Menomoneie**

Nasukarasuyama, Japan  
Konakovo, Russia

#### **Milwaukee**

Ningbo, China ◆  
Zadar, Croatia  
Medan, Indonesia  
Galway, Ireland  
Bomet, Kenya  
uMhlathuze, South Africa  
Daegu, South Korea  
Tarime, Tanzania  
Irpín, Ukraine

#### **Milwaukee County**

Białystok, Poland  
Buffalo City Municipality, South Africa

#### **Racine**

Fortaleza, Brazil ◆  
Aalborg, Denmark  
Montélimar, France  
Ōiso, Japan  
Zapotlanejo, Mexico  
Bluefields, Nicaragua ◆

#### **Rice Lake**

Žamberk, Czechia  
Miharu-Machi, Japan

#### **Stevens Point**

Gulcz, Poland  
Rostov Veliky, Russia

#### **Two Rivers**

Domažlice, Czechia

### **U.S. Territories and Protectorates**

#### **American Samoa**

##### **Apia**

Maui, Hawaii

#### **Puerto Rico**

##### **San Juan**

Jacksonville, Florida  
Killeen, Texas ●

#### **Northern Mariana Islands**

##### **Saipan**

Northern Mariana Island

## Afghanistan

### Asadābād

Union City, California

### Ghazni

Hayward, California

### Herat

Council Bluffs, Iowa

### Jalālābād

San Diego, California

### Kandahār

Council Bluffs, Iowa

## Albania

### Fieri

Cleveland, Ohio

## Algeria

### Mascara

Elkader, Iowa

## Angola

### Luanda

Houston, Texas

## Argentina

### Bahía Blanca

Jacksonville, Florida

### Balcarce

San Clemente, California

### Crespo

Muscatine, Iowa

### Jáuregui-Luján

Marshfield, Wisconsin

### La Plata

Louisville, Kentucky

### Mar del Plata

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

### Mendoza

Miami Dade County, Florida  
Nashville, Tennessee

### Paraná

Muscatine, Iowa

### Pinamar

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

### Rosario, Santa Fe Province

St. Louis, Missouri

### San Antonio de Areco

Laredo, Texas

### San Carlos de Bariloche

Aspen, Colorado

### San Clemente del Tuyu

San Clemente, California

### San Jose de Balcarce

San Clemente, California

### San Martin de los Andes

Steamboat Springs, Colorado

## Armenia

### Etchmiadzin

Fresno, California

### Gyumri

Alexandria, Virginia

### Vanadzor

Pasadena, California

### Yerevan

Cambridge, Massachusetts

### Yerevan

Los Angeles, California

## Aruba

### Oranjestad

Doral, Florida

## Australia

### Adelaide

Austin, Texas

### Bankstown

Colorado Springs, Colorado

### Cairns

Scottsdale, Arizona

### Cockburn

Mobile, Alabama

### Gold Coast

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

### Hawkesbury

Temple City, California

### Melbourne

Boston, Massachusetts

### Mildura

Upland, California

### Mona Vale

Wilmette, Illinois

### Murray Bridge

Laredo, Texas

### Perth

Houston, Texas  
San Diego, California

### Port Stephens

Bellingham, Washington

### Sutherland Shire

Lakewood, Colorado

### Sydney

San Francisco, California

### Tamworth

Nashville, Tennessee

### Wauchope

Canisteo, New York

### Wyong

Clearwater, Florida

## Austria

### Baden bei Wien

Grand Prairie, Texas

### Dornbirn

Dubuque, Iowa

### Graz

Montclair, New Jersey

### Salzburg

Atlanta, Georgia

### Stegersbach

Northampton, Pennsylvania

### Steyr

Kettering, Ohio

## Azerbaijan

### Baku

Houston, Texas

**Ganja**  
Newark, New Jersey

**Lankaran**  
Monterey, California

**The Bahamas**  
**Cat Island**  
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

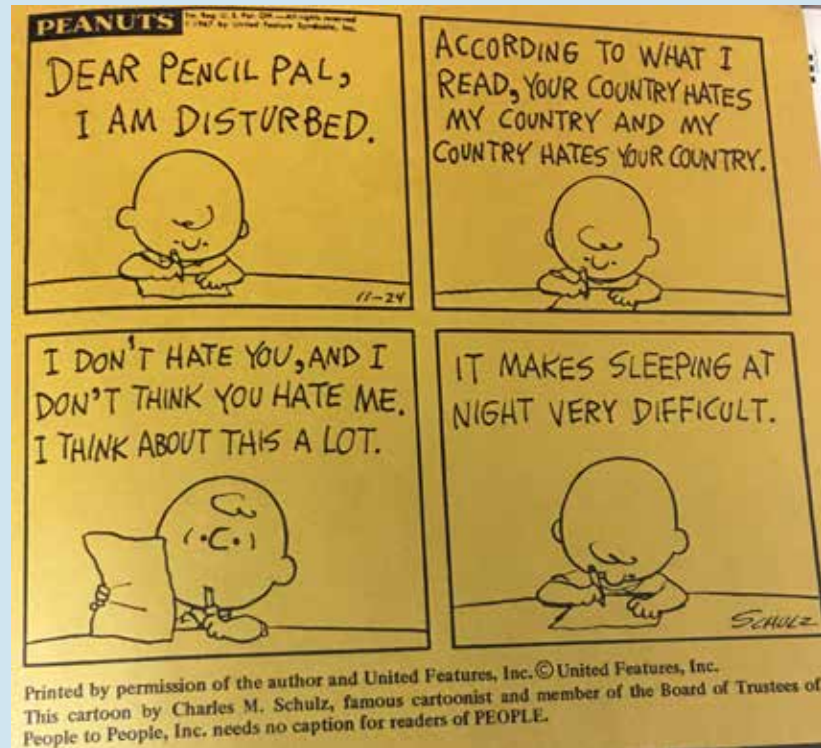
**Kasterlee**  
Fountain Hills, Arizona

**Kortrijk**  
Greenville, South Carolina

**Mechelen**  
Arvada, Colorado

## Did You Know?

Charles Schultz, famous cartoonist and creator of "Peanuts," was a former Sister Cities International board member.



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McAllen, Texas

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**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

**Brasília**  
Washington, District Of Columbia

**Campinas**  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
San Diego, California

**Caxias do Sul**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Curitiba**

Columbus, Ohio  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Florianópolis**

Roanoke, Virginia

**Fortaleza**

Miami Beach, Florida  
Racine, Wisconsin ♦

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Newark, New Jersey

**Ilhéus**

Davenport, Iowa

**Joinville**

Chesapeake, Virginia

**Londrina**

Toledo, Ohio

**Nova Prata**

Noblesville, Indiana

**Porto Alegre**

Newark, New Jersey  
Tampa, Florida

**Reserva**

Newark, New Jersey

**Rio de Janeiro**

Atlanta, Georgia  
Miami Beach, Florida  
Newark, New Jersey  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Salvador**

Los Angeles, California

**São Paulo**

Miami Dade County, Florida

**São Sebastião**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**State of Rio de Janeiro**

Maryland State, Maryland

**Bulgaria**

**Kardzhali**

Elkhart, Indiana

**Pleven**

Charlottesville, Virginia

**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

**Cameroon**

**Douala**

Newark, New Jersey  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Kumbo**

La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Limbé**

Seattle, Washington

**Canada**

**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**

Norfolk, Virginia

**Hamilton**

Sarasota, Florida

**Kingston**

Scottsdale, Arizona

**Kingsville, Ontario**

Westlake, Ohio

**Lethbridge**

Culver City, California

**Markham**

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

**Toronto**

Chicago, Illinois

**Vancouver**

Los Angeles, California



**Vernon, British Columbia**  
Modesto, California

**Waterloo**  
Centerville, Ohio

**Whitehorse**  
Juneau, Alaska

**Winnipeg**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Cabo Verde**  
**Praia**  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Cayman Islands**  
**Cayman Islands**  
Miami Dade County, Florida ●

**Chile**  
**Iquique**  
Miami Dade County, Florida ●

**La Serena**  
Millbrae, California

**Lo Barnechea**  
Tyler, Texas

**Punta Arenas**  
Bellingham, Washington

**Rapa Nui**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Santiago**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Viña del Mar**  
Sausalito, California

**China**  
**Anhui Province**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Anshan**  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Baoding**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Beihai**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Beijing**  
Cupertino, California ◆  
Washington, District Of Columbia

**Changchun**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Changping District, Beijing**  
Oakland, California ◆

**Changshu**  
Whittier, California

**Changzhou**  
Buffalo, New York  
Rockford, Illinois

**Chaoyang District, Beijing**  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Chengdu**  
Louisville, Kentucky ◆  
Oakland, California ◆  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Chenzhou**  
Laredo, Texas

**Chongming County**  
Lakeland, Florida

**Chongqing**  
Seattle, Washington

**Cixi**  
Bakersfield, California

**Dalian**  
Oakland, California  
Salisbury, Maryland ◆

**Dandong**  
Wilmington, North Carolina

**Danzhou**  
Lakewood, Washington ◆

**Fengxian District, Shanghai**  
Lakeland, Florida ◆

**Foshan**  
Oakland, California  
Stockton, California

**Fuzhou**  
Tacoma, Washington

**Ganzhou**  
McAllen, Texas

**Guanghan**  
Auburn, Washington ◆

**Guangzhou**  
Cupertino, California ◆  
Los Angeles, California  
Oakland, California ◆

**Guiyang**  
Cupertino, California ◆  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Hàikǒu, Hainan**  
Oakland, California ◆  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Hainan Province**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Haizhu District, Guangzhou**  
Urbana, Illinois

**Hanchuan**  
Martinez, California

**Handan**  
Dubuque, Iowa

**Hangzhou**  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Indianapolis, Indiana ◆

**Harbin**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Hefei**  
Columbus, Ohio

**Heze**  
Mobile, Alabama

**Huadu District, Guangzhou City**  
Millbrae, California ◆

**Huangshi**  
Birmingham, Alabama ◆

**Huīzhōu Municipality**  
Cupertino, California ◆  
Milpitas, California

**Jiangmen**  
Riverside, California

**Jiangyin**  
Alameda, California

**Jiaxing**  
Lakeland, Florida ◆  
Rockville, Maryland ◆

**Jilin**  
Spokane, Washington

**Jinan**  
Sacramento, California

**Jing'an District, Shanghai**  
Oakland, California ♦

**Jingdezhen**  
Door County, Wisconsin

**Jinzhou**  
Arvada, Colorado  
Oakland, California ♦

**Jiujiang**  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Jurong**  
Oakland, California ♦

**Kaifeng**  
Wichita, Kansas

**Kaiping**  
Mesa, Arizona  
Millbrae, California ♦

**Kunming**  
Denver, Colorado

**Kunshan**  
Durham, North Carolina ♦

**Lanzhou, Gansu Province**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Lansing, Michigan ♦  
Tampa, Florida

**Laoshan District, Qingdao, China**  
Columbia, Missouri

**Lengshuijiang, Hunan**  
Millbrae, California ♦

**Leshan**  
Gilbert, Arizona

**Lhasa**  
Boulder, Colorado

**Lijiang**  
Malibu, California  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Linli**  
Redlands, California

**Liuzhou**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Liyang**  
Union City, California

**Longkou**  
Lafayette, Indiana

**Luoyang**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Maoming**  
Oakland, California ♦

**Mengzi**  
Modesto, California

**Mianyang**  
Oakland, California ♦

**Mishan**  
Juneau, Alaska ●

**Nanjing**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Nanning**  
Oakland, California ♦

**Ningbo**  
Jacksonville, Florida ♦  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin ♦  
Norfolk, Virginia  
Wilmington, Delaware ♦

**Penglai**  
Sonoma, California

**Pudong District, Shanghai**  
Beverly Hills, California ♦  
Oakland, California ♦

**Qingdao**  
Long Beach, California  
Oakland, California ♦

**Qingyang**  
Edmond, Oklahoma

**Qinhuangdao**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Qufu**  
Boynton Beach, Florida

**Quzhou**  
Red Wing, Minnesota

**Rugao**  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Sanming**  
Lansing, Michigan

**Sanya County, Hainan**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Shanghai**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Houston, Texas ♦  
San Francisco, California

**Shaoxing**  
Jacksonville, Florida ♦

**Shenyang**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Shenzhen**  
Atlanta, Georgia ♦

**Shenzhen**  
Houston, Texas

**Shijiazhuang**  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Siming District, Xiamen**  
Sarasota, Florida

**SongShang**  
Oakland, California ♦

**Suzhou**  
Jacksonville, Florida ♦  
Portland, Oregon  
San Antonio, Texas ♦

**Taishan**  
Fresno, California  
Millbrae, California ♦

**Taiyuan**  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Taizhou**  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Newport News, Virginia

**Tanggu District, Tianjin**  
Oakland, California ◆

**Tianjin**  
Greenville, South Carolina  
Mobile, Alabama  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Tongxiang**  
Elkhart, Indiana

**Weifang**  
Oakland, California ◆  
Pueblo, Colorado

**Weihai**  
Santa Barbara, California

**Wenzhou**  
Laredo, Texas

**Wuhan**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Wuwei**  
Laredo, Texas

**Wuxi**  
Alameda, California ◆  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
San Antonio, Texas

**Wuzhong District, Suzhou**  
Southlake, Texas ◆

**Xi'an**  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Montgomery County, Maryland

**Xiamen**  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Xiangyang**  
Carmel, Indiana  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
Rochester, New York

**Xianning**  
Durham, North Carolina ◆

**Xicheng District, Beijing**  
Pasadena, California

**Xingcheng City**  
Lakeland, Florida ◆

**Xinzheng**  
Hays, Kansas

**Xishuangbanna**  
Austin, Texas

**Xuyi County, Jiangsu Province**  
Vincennes, Indiana

**Xuzhou**  
Cupertino, California ◆  
Morgantown, West Virginia ◆  
Newark, New Jersey

**Yan'an**  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Yangpu District, Shanghai**  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Yangshuo County**  
Morehead, Kentucky

**Yantai**  
Omaha, Nebraska  
San Diego, California

**Yibin**  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Yingkou**  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Yingtan City**  
Livingston, California

**Yixing**  
Sanford, North Carolina

**Yuhang District, Hangzhou**  
Auburn, Washington

**Yushu**  
San Bernardino, California

**Zhangjiagang**  
Marshfield, Wisconsin  
Redondo Beach, California

**Zhangjiajie**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Zhengding**  
Muscatine, Iowa

**Zhengzhou**  
Richmond, Virginia

**Zhenjiang**  
Tempe, Arizona

**Zhongshan City**  
Millbrae, California ◆

**Zhoushan**  
Richmond, California

**Zhuhai**  
Redwood City, California

**Zhuzhou**  
Durham, North Carolina

**Zixing**  
Laredo, Texas

**Colombia**  
**Armenia**  
Doral, Florida

**Barranquilla**  
Doral, Florida  
Tampa, Florida

**Bogotá**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Cartagena**  
Coral Gables, Florida  
St. Augustine, Florida

**Manizales**  
Gainesville, Florida ●

**Medellín**  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Pereira**  
Miami Dade County, Florida

**Santa Marta**  
Miami Beach, Florida

**Costa Rica**  
**Escazú**  
Pensacola, Florida

**Jaco**  
Aurora, Colorado

## 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.

### La Cruz

Laredo, Texas

### Liberia

Tyler, Texas

### Monteverde

Estes Park, Colorado

### Quepos

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

### San José

McAllen, Texas  
Miami Dade County, Florida  
San Jose, California

### Turrialba

Rancho Cordova, California

### Cote d'Ivoire

#### Abidjan

San Francisco, California

### Croatia

#### Beli Manastir

Cambridge, Minnesota

### Dubrovnik

Monterey, California

### Hvar

Tacoma, Washington

### Split

Los Angeles, California

### Vela Luka

Anacortes, Washington

### Zadar

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### Zagreb

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### Cuba

#### Caibarién

Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

#### Chivirico

Santa Cruz, California ♦

#### Cienfuegos

Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Tacoma, Washington

#### Havana

Mobile, Alabama

#### Holguín

Santa Fe, New Mexico

#### Matanzas

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

#### Regla

Richmond, California

#### Remedios

Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

#### Santa Clara

Bloomington, Indiana

#### Santiago de Cuba

Oakland, California

#### Yateras

Boulder, Colorado

### Czechia

#### Český Krumlov

Miami Beach, Florida

#### Domažlice

Two Rivers, Wisconsin

#### Frenštát pod Radhoštěm

La Grange, Texas

#### Karlovy Vary

Carlsbad, California

#### Kladno

Bellevue, Washington

#### Krnov

Yukon, Oklahoma

#### Olomouc

Owensboro, Kentucky

### Olomouc Region

Owensboro, Kentucky

### Opava

Kearney, Nebraska

### Ostrava

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### Plzeň

Birmingham, Alabama

### Prague

Chicago, Illinois  
Miami Dade County, Florida  
Phoenix, Arizona

### Tábor

Orinda, California

### Žamberk

Rice Lake, Wisconsin

### Congo (Kinshasa)

#### Mbuji-Mayi

District Heights, Maryland

### Denmark

#### Aalborg

Racine, Wisconsin

#### Ebeltoft

Hemet, California

#### Odense

Columbus, Ohio

#### Varde

San Mateo, California

### Dominican Republic

#### Baní

Buffalo, New York

#### La Romana

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

#### Puerto Plata

Rochester, New York

#### Salcedo

Atlanta, Georgia

#### Santo Domingo

Miami Dade County, Florida



## Interfaith Understanding through Film

The Baltimore-Luxor-Alexandria Sister City Committee sponsored screening in D.C., Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Baltimore of the interfaith and humanitarian film "The Sultan and the Saint."



### Ecuador

#### Cuenca

Tempe, Arizona

#### Guaranda

Greater Tri-Cities, Tennessee

#### Guayaquil

Houston, Texas

#### Quito

Coral Gables, Florida  
Louisville, Kentucky

#### San Cristóbal Island

Maui, Hawaii ♦

#### San Pablo de Manta

Long Beach, California

#### Tena

Santa Clarita, California

### Egypt

#### Alexandria

Baltimore, Maryland  
Cleveland, Ohio

#### Aswan

Sonoma, California

#### Giza

Los Angeles, California

#### Luxor

Baltimore, Maryland

### El Salvador

#### Antiguo Cuscatlán

Aurora, Colorado ♦

#### Ataco

Fountain Hills, Arizona

#### Concepción de Ataco

Elk Grove, California

### Morazán

Montgomery County, Maryland

### San José Las Flores

Cambridge, Massachusetts

### San Miguel

Arlington, Virginia

### San Salvador

Los Angeles, California

### Santa Ana

Miramar, Florida

### Segundo Montes

Cleveland, Ohio

### Suchitoto

Prescott, Arizona

### Yucuaiquín

Somerville, Massachusetts

### Estonia

#### Harju County

Maryland State, Maryland

#### Jõgeva County

Charles County, Maryland

### Pärnu

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

### Tartu

Salisbury, Maryland

### Tõrva

Oakland, Maryland ♦

### Valga

Oakland, Maryland ♦

### Ethiopia

#### Adama

Aurora, Colorado

#### Addis Ababa

Washington, District Of Columbia

#### Axum

Denver, Colorado

#### Bahir Dar

Cleveland, Ohio  
Oakland, California ♦

**Gondar**  
Corvallis, Oregon  
Montgomery County, Maryland

## Finland

**Espoo**  
Irving, Texas

**Järvenpää**  
Pasadena, California

**Kuopio**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Rauma**  
Boynton Beach, Florida

**Salò**  
St. Anthony, Minnesota

**Vaasa**  
Bellingham, Washington

## France

**Agen**  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Aix-en-Provence**  
Coral Gables, Florida  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Aix-Marseille-Provence  
Metropolis/Marseille**  
Miami-Dade County

**Albi**  
Maui, Hawaii  
Palo Alto, California

**Amiens**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Angers**  
Austin, Texas

**Angoulême**  
Hoffman Estates, Illinois

**Antibes**  
Newport Beach, California

**Avignon**  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Beaulieu-sur-Mer**  
Tempe, Arizona

**Besançon**  
Charlottesville, Virginia

**Biot**  
Tacoma, Washington

**Bordeaux**  
Los Angeles, California

**Boulogne-Billancourt**  
Irving, Texas

**Brest**  
Denver, Colorado

**Caen**  
Alexandria, Virginia  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Cannes**  
Beverly Hills, California

**Cavalaire-sur-mer**  
New Port Richey, Florida

**Cenon**  
Hartford, Vermont

**Cergy-Pontoise**  
Columbia, Maryland

**Chambolle-Musigny**  
Sonoma, California

**Chamonix**  
Aspen, Colorado

**Châteauroux**  
Fresno, California

**Clermont-Ferrand**  
Norman, Oklahoma

**Cluses**  
Beaverton, Oregon

**Cognac**  
Denison, Texas

**Compiègne**  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**Courchevel**  
Park City, Utah

**Crouy**  
Nashville, Tennessee ◆

**Deauville**  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Douai**  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

**Épinal**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Fontenay-le-Comte**  
Palatine, Illinois

**Grenoble**  
Phoenix, Arizona

**La Petite Roche**  
Little Rock, Arkansas ●

**Lamentin, Guadeloupe**  
Miami Dade County, Florida ●

**Laval**  
Modesto, California

**Le Havre**  
Tampa, Florida

**Le Touquet**  
Cary, North Carolina

**Le Vésinet**  
Oakwood, Ohio

**Lille**  
Buffalo, New York

**Limoges**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Lyon**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Macon**  
Macon, Georgia

**Menton**  
Laguna Beach, California

**Metz**  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Montbéliard**  
Greensboro, North Carolina

**Montélimar**  
Racine, Wisconsin

**Montpellier**  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Nancy**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Nantes**  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Seattle, Washington

**Nemours**  
Wilmington, Delaware

**Neuilly-Plaisance**  
Montgomery, Ohio

**Nice**  
Houston, Texas

**Noirmoutier**  
Crestview, Florida

**Nord-Pas de Calais**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Orléans**  
Wichita, Kansas

**Paris**  
Chicago, Illinois  
San Francisco, California ♦  
Washington, District Of Columbia

**Perpignan**  
Sarasota, Florida

**Port-Vendres**  
Yorktown, Virginia

**Reims**  
Arlington, Virginia

**Rennes**  
Rochester, New York

**Rouen**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Rueil-Malmaison**  
Lynchburg, Virginia

**Saint-Étienne**  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Saint-Jean-de-Luz**  
Bakersfield, California

**Saint-Lô**  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Saumur**  
Asheville, North Carolina

**Sèvres**  
Mount Prospect, Illinois

**Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port**  
South San Francisco, California

**Strasbourg**  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Thionville**  
Urbana, Illinois

**Thonon-les-Bains**  
Mercer Island, Washington

**Thoré-la-Rochette**  
Gordonsville, Virginia

**Toulon**  
Norfolk, Virginia

**Toulouse**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Tours**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Vaux-le-Pénil**  
Belvidere, Illinois

**Vendôme**  
Hampton, Virginia

**Villefranche-sur-Mer**  
Austin, Texas ♦

**The Gambia**  
**Banjul**  
Newark, New Jersey

**Kanifing**  
Memphis and Shelby County,  
Tennessee

**Georgia**  
**K'ut'aisi**  
Columbia, Missouri

**Poti**  
LaGrange, Georgia

**Tbilisi**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Germany**  
**Aachen**  
Arlington, Virginia

**Apolda**  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### 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**  
Goshen, Indiana

**Braunschweig**  
Omaha, Nebraska

**Bremerhaven**  
Baltimore, Maryland ♦

**Büdingen**  
Tinley Park, Illinois

**Bühl**  
Melrose, Minnesota

**Celle**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Chemnitz**  
Akron, Ohio

**Coburg**  
Toledo, Ohio ♦

**Cologne**  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Crailsheim**  
Worthington, Minnesota

**Darmstadt**  
San Antonio, Texas

**Delmenhorst**  
Toledo, Ohio ●

**Dierdorf**  
Fountain Hills, Arizona

**Dortmund**  
Buffalo, New York

**Dresden**  
Columbus, Ohio

**Duisburg**  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Einhausen**  
Shoreview, Minnesota

**Eisenach**  
Waverly, Iowa

**Erlangen**  
Riverside, California

**Eutin**  
Lawrence, Kansas

**Frankfurt am Main**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Friedberg**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Fulda**  
Wilmington, Delaware

**Garmisch-Partenkirchen**  
Aspen, Colorado

**Gedern**  
Columbia, Illinois

**Gera**  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Glauchau**  
Lynchburg, Virginia

**Gotha**  
Gastonia, North Carolina

**Greifswald**  
Bryan-College Station, Texas  
Newport News, Virginia

**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.



### Hamm

Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Santa Monica, California

### Hannover

Kansas City, Missouri

### Heidelberg

Palo Alto, California

### Heidenheim

Cleveland, Ohio

### Helmstedt

Albuquerque, New Mexico

### Herford

Quincy, Illinois

### Herzberg

Dixon, Illinois

### Hockenheim

Mooresville-South Iredell, North Carolina

### Kaiserslautern

Columbia, South Carolina  
Davenport, Iowa

### Kiel

San Francisco, California

### Koblenz

Austin, Texas

### Königs Wusterhausen

Germantown, Tennessee

### Krefeld

Charlotte, North Carolina

### Kübelstein Stadt Scheßlitz

Victoria, Kansas

### Legden

Melrose, Minnesota

### Leipzig

Houston, Texas

### Lichtenfels

Vandalia, Ohio

### Lindenberg

Saline, Michigan

### Ludwigsburg

St. Charles, Missouri

### Ludwigshafen am Rhein

Pasadena, California

### Ludwigslust

Muscatine, Iowa

### Magdeburg

Nashville, Tennessee

### Mainz

Louisville, Kentucky

### Mühlhausen

Saxonburg, Pennsylvania

### Münster

Fresno, California

### Munich

Cincinnati, Ohio

### Neckargemünd

Missoula, Montana

### Neu-Ulm

New Ulm, Minnesota

### Neustadt an der Waldnaab

Hays, Kansas ●

### Nienburg

Las Cruces, New Mexico

### Nittenau

Lake Zurich, Illinois

### Nuremberg

Atlanta, Georgia

### Olfen

La Grange, Texas

### Paderborn

Belleville, Illinois

### Pfaffenweiler

Jasper, Indiana

### Pinneberg

Rockville, Maryland

### Porta Westfalica

Waterloo, Illinois

### Potsdam

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

### Radebeul

Sierra Vista, Arizona

### Regensburg

Tempe, Arizona

### Rostock

Raleigh, North Carolina

### Saarbrücken

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Schaumburg**  
Schaumburg, Illinois

**Schorndorf**  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Schwieberdingen**  
Belvidere, Illinois

**Stade**  
Lakewood, Colorado

**Stuttgart**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Taufkirchen**  
West Chicago, Illinois

**Telgte**  
Tomball, Texas

**Teterow**  
Greater Tri-Cities, Tennessee

**Tirschenreuth**  
Santa Fe Springs, California

**Trier**  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Trossingen**  
Beaverton, Oregon

**Ulm**  
New Ulm, Minnesota

**Unterhaching**  
Oakwood, Ohio ♦

**Waiblingen**  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Walsrode**  
Hibbing, Minnesota

**Walldorf**  
Astoria, Oregon  
Charles County, Maryland

**Wesel**  
Hagerstown, Maryland

**Wilhelmshaven**  
Norfolk, Virginia

**Wolfenbüttel**  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

**Wolfsburg**  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Worms**  
Mobile, Alabama

**Würzburg**  
Rochester, New York

**Zeitz**  
Prescott, Arizona

**Zittau**  
Portsmouth, Ohio

**Ghana**  
**Aboadze**  
Buffalo, New York

**Aburi**  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**Accra**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Columbus, Ohio  
Washington, District Of Columbia

**Agogo**  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Akuapim South Municipal District**  
Lansing, Michigan

**Apaaso**  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Asuogyaman District**  
Chicago Heights, Illinois

**Cape Coast**  
Buffalo, New York  
Hanover Park, Illinois

**Elmina**  
Macon, Georgia

**Ga East District**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Ga West District**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Kitase**  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**Konongo-Odumase**  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Kumasi**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Newark, New Jersey  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Nsawam Aboagyiri Municipality**  
Lansing, Michigan

**Obuasi**  
Riverside, California

**Sekondi-Takoradi**  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Oakland, California

**Sunyani-Techiman**  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Tamale**  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Tema**  
Columbia, Maryland  
Norfolk, Virginia  
San Diego, California

**Winneba**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Charlottesville, Virginia ♦

**Greece**  
**Athens**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Los Angeles, California  
Washington, District Of Columbia

**Kalamariá**  
Clearwater, Florida

**Karpenisi**  
Asheville, North Carolina

**Kavala**  
Durham, North Carolina

**Mytilene**  
Portland, Maine

**Oiniades**  
Lawrence, Kansas

**Olympia**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Patras**  
Santa Barbara, California

**Piraeus**  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Thessaloniki**  
San Francisco, California

**Guatemala**  
**Cobán**  
Birmingham, Alabama ◆

**Guatemala City**  
Doral, Florida

**Ipala**  
Riverdale Park, Maryland

**La Antigua**  
Coral Gables, Florida

**Quetzaltenango**  
Livermore, California

**Guinea**  
**Conakry**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Guyana**  
**Georgetown**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Haiti**  
**Aquin**  
Delray Beach, Florida

**Arcahaie**  
North Miami, Florida

**Borgne**  
Honeoye Falls, New York

**Cap-Haïtien**  
Columbia, Maryland  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Portland, Maine

**Delmas**  
North Miami, Florida ●

**Deschapelles**  
Essex, Connecticut

**Jacmel**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Les Cayes**  
Boynton Beach, Florida

**Petit-Goâve**  
Miami Dade County, Florida

**Port-de-Paix**  
Oakland, California

**Saint-Louis-du-Nord**  
North Miami, Florida

**Thomonde**  
District Heights, Maryland

**Honduras**  
**Tegucigalpa**  
Gainesville, Florida ●

**Hungary**  
**Budapest**  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Csongrád County**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Debrecen**  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

**Miskolc**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Pécs**  
Seattle, Washington

**Siófok**  
Walnut Creek, California

**Szeged**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Székesfehérvár**  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Szolnok**  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**Taszár**  
Rockford, Illinois

**Tokaj**  
Sonoma, California

**Iceland**  
**Akureyri**  
Denver, Colorado ◆

**Reykjavík**  
Seattle, Washington

**India**  
**Agra**  
Tempe, Arizona

**Ahmedabad**  
Columbus, Ohio

**Amritsar**  
Bakersfield, California

**Bangalore**  
Cleveland, Ohio  
San Francisco, California ◆

**Bhubaneswar**  
Cupertino, California

**Chennai**  
Denver, Colorado  
San Antonio, Texas

**Coimbatore**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Delhi**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Hyderabad**  
Indianapolis, Indiana ◆  
Montgomery County, Maryland  
Riverside, California

**Jalandhar**  
Union City, California

**Kochi**  
Norfolk, Virginia

**Mumbai**  
Los Angeles, California

**Mysore**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Nagpur**  
Santa Clara, California ◆

**Pune**  
San Jose, California

**Shimla**  
Carbondale, Illinois

**Vadodara**  
Greenville, South Carolina

**Vijayawada**  
Modesto, California

**Indonesia**  
**Bandung**  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Bogor**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Jakarta**  
Los Angeles, California

**Medan**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Surabaya**  
Seattle, Washington

**Iran**  
**Tehran**  
Los Angeles, California

**Iraq**  
**Al-Qa'im**  
Laguna Niguel, California ●

**Al-Hillah**  
Tempe, Arizona ◆

**Baghdad Province**  
Denver Regional Council of  
Governments, Colorado

**Basrah**  
Houston, Texas

**Duhok**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Karadah District, Baghdad**  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Najaf**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Rania**  
Duluth, Minnesota

**Ireland**  
**Ballina, County Mayo**  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

**Ballymoe**  
Boys Town, Nebraska

**Bantry**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Bray**  
Dublin, California

**Carlow**  
Tempe, Arizona

**Carndonagh/Inishowen**  
St. Charles, Missouri

**Castlebar**  
Dixon, Illinois

**Cork**  
San Francisco, California

**County Carlow**  
Davenport, Iowa

**County Cork**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**County Kildare**  
Lexington, Kentucky

**County Laois**  
Franklin, Tennessee

**County Meath**  
Cary, North Carolina

**Dingle**  
Santa Barbara, California  
West Springfield, Massachusetts

**Donegal**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Dublin**  
San Jose, California

**Dundalk**  
Pikeville, Kentucky

**Ely O'Carroll**  
Baltimore, Maryland ●

**Ennis**  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Galway**  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Chicago, Illinois  
Menlo Park, California  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Seattle, Washington  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Headford**  
Morgan Hill, California  
Concord, North Carolina  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina  
Springfield, Illinois ◆

**Limerick**  
New Brunswick, New Jersey  
Santa Clara, California  
Spokane, Washington

**Limerick County**  
New Brunswick, New Jersey  
Santa Clara, California

**Mallow**  
Tinley Park, Illinois

**Naas**  
Omaha, Nebraska

**Sligo**  
Tallahassee, Florida

**South Dublin County**  
Tampa, Florida

**Thurles**  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Tralee**  
Westlake, Ohio

**Tullamore**  
Chandler, Arizona

**Waterford**  
Rochester, New York

**West Mayo**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Isle of Man**  
**Bride**  
Gilbert, Arkansas

**Israel**  
**Afula-Gilboa**  
Fresno, California  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Arad**  
Burlington, Vermont

**Ashdod**  
Tampa, Florida



### **Ashkelon**

Baltimore, Maryland  
Portland, Oregon  
Sacramento, California

### **Be'er Sheva**

Seattle, Washington

### **Eilat**

Los Angeles, California

### **Givatayim**

Chattanooga, Tennessee

### **Hadera**

Charlotte, North Carolina  
El Paso, Texas

### **Haifa**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
San Francisco, California

### **Hatzor**

Reno, Nevada

### **Herzliya**

Beverly Hills, California ♦  
Columbus, Ohio  
San Bernardino, California

### **Holon**

Cleveland, Ohio  
Dayton, Ohio

### **Karmiel**

Denver, Colorado  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **Kfar Saba**

Gainesville, Florida

### **Kiryat Ekron**

Akron, Ohio

### **Kiryat Gat**

Buffalo, New York  
Highland Park, Illinois ♦

### **Kiryat Motzkin**

Tacoma, Washington

### **Mateh Asher**

West Des Moines, Iowa

### **Misgav**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **Nahariya**

Miami Beach, Florida

### **Netanya**

Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

### **Petach Tikva**

Chicago, Illinois

### **Ra'anana**

Atlanta, Georgia

### **Ramat Gan**

Miami Beach, Florida  
Phoenix, Arizona

### **Ramat HaNegev**

Denver, Colorado ♦  
Maryland State, Maryland

### **Ramat-Hasharon**

Tallahassee, Florida

### **Ramla**

Kansas City, Missouri

### **Rehovot**

Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Rochester, New York

### **Rosh Ha'ayin**

Birmingham, Alabama

### **Tel Aviv-Yafo**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
San Antonio, Texas ♦

### **Tel Mond**

Sarasota, Florida

### **Tiberias**

Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Village of Great Neck Plaza, New York

### **Tzahar Region**

West Palm Beach, Florida

### **Yerucham**

Highland Park, Illinois

### **Italy**

#### **Abetone**

Aspen, Colorado

#### **Abruzzo**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### **Agrigento**

Tampa, Florida

### **Alba**

Medford, Oregon

### **Amalfi**

New Haven, Connecticut

### **Aquilonia, Campania**

Montclair, New Jersey

### **Arezzo**

Norman, Oklahoma

### **Asiago**

Lockport, Illinois

### **Assisi**

San Francisco, California

### **Bergamo**

Greenville, South Carolina  
Pueblo, Colorado

### **Bologna**

Portland, Oregon  
St. Louis, Missouri

### **Cagli**

Spokane, Washington

### **Caltanissetta**

Rochester, New York

### **Capo d'Orlando, Messina, Sicily**

Culver City, California

### **Carunchio**

Saluda, North Carolina

### **Catania**

Phoenix, Arizona

### **Cava de' Tirreni**

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

### **Cittadella**

Noblesville, Indiana

### **Copertino**

Cupertino, California

### **Cosenza**

Kenosha, Wisconsin

### **Ferentino**

Rockford, Illinois

**Ferrara**

Highland Park, Illinois

**Figline Valdarno**

Milpitas, California

**Florence**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Gaeta**

Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Somerville, Massachusetts

**Genoa**

Baltimore, Maryland ●  
Columbus, Ohio

**Greve-in-Chianti**

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware  
Sonoma, California

**Ischia**

Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Los Angeles, California

**Isola delle Femmine**

Monterey, California

**La Spezia**

Vallejo, California

**Lambro and Mingardo**

Hazleton, Pennsylvania

**Lodi**

Lodi, California

**Lucca**

South San Francisco, California

**Lucca Sicula**

Pueblo, Colorado

**Manfredonia**

Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Marino**

Irving, Texas

**Metropolitan City of Florence**

Santa Clara County, California

**Milan**

Chicago, Illinois

**Milazzo**

Martinez, California

**Modena**

Highland Park, Illinois

**Mola di Bari**

Auburn, Washington

**Monza**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**Noceto**

Walnut Creek, California

**Oderzo**

Suffolk, Virginia

**Olevano sul Tusciano**

Wilmington, Delaware

**Padua**

Boston, Massachusetts

**Parma**

Stockton, California

**Perugia**

Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Seattle, Washington

**Pesaro**

Delray Beach, Florida

**Pescara**

Miami Beach, Florida

**Pianezza**

Lansing, Michigan

**Pisa**

Coral Gables, Florida

**Poggio a Caiano**

Charlottesville, Virginia

**Potenza**

Denver, Colorado

**Provincia di Asti**

Miami Dade County, Florida

**Provincia di Catanzaro**

Des Moines, Iowa

**Ragusa**

Little Rock, Arkansas ●

**Reggio Emilia**

Fort Worth, Texas

**Rimini**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Riva Trigoso**

Santa Cruz, California

**Rome**

Washington, District Of Columbia

**San Benedetto del Tronto**

Chicago Heights, Illinois

**San Casciano in Val di Pesa**

Morgan Hill, California

**San Giovanni Valdarno**

Corning, New York

**Sestri Levante**

Santa Cruz, California

**Siena**

Buffalo, New York  
Concord, North Carolina

**Sorrento**

Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Spoletto**

Charleston, South Carolina

**Stresa**

Martinez, California

**Taormina**

Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

**Termini Imerese**

Elk Grove Village, Illinois

**Torino**

Salt Lake City, Utah

**Torremaggiore**

Buffalo, New York

**Treviso**

Sarasota, Florida

**Venice**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Verbania**

Hendersonville, North Carolina

**Verona**

Albany, New York  
Fresno, California ◆

**Vincenza**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Jamaica**  
**Kingston**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Miami Dade County, Florida

**Montego Bay**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Ocho Rios**  
Oakland, California

**Portmore, St. Catherine**  
Lakeland, Florida

**St. Ann**  
Buffalo, New York

**Japan**  
**Akashi**  
Vallejo, California

**Asahikawa**  
Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

**Ashikaga**  
Springfield, Illinois

**Aso**  
LaGrange, Georgia

**Chiba City**  
Houston, Texas

**Chino**  
Longmont, Colorado

**Daisen (Nakayama)**  
Temecula, California

**Fujinomiya**  
Santa Monica, California

**Fujisawa**  
Miami Beach, Florida

**Fujiyoshida**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Fukui**  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

**Fukuoka**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Oakland, California

**Fukuyama**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Funabashi**  
Hayward, California

**Futtsu**  
Carlsbad, California

**Gero**  
Pensacola, Florida

**Gifu**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Gotemba**  
Beaverton, Oregon

**Hachijo Island**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Hakusan (Matto)**  
Columbia, Missouri

**Hamamatsu**  
Rochester, New York

**Hanamaki**  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

**Hanyū**  
Millbrae, California ♦

**Harima-cho**  
Lima, Ohio

**Himeji**  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Hino**  
Redlands, California

**Hirara (Miyakujima)**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Hiratsuka**  
Lawrence, Kansas

**Hitachi**  
Birmingham, Alabama ♦

**Hamamatsu (Hosoecho)**  
Camas, Washington

**Ibaraki, Osaka**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Ichihara**  
Mobile, Alabama

**Ichikawa**  
Gardena, California  
Port Townsend, Washington

**Ichikawamisato**  
Muscatine, Iowa

**Iizuka**  
Sunnyvale, California

**Ikata**  
Red Wing, Minnesota

**Imabari**  
Lakeland, Florida

**Isesaki**  
Springfield, Missouri

**Isumi**  
Duluth, Minnesota

**Itoman**  
Redondo Beach, California ♦

**Iwamizawa**  
Pocatello, Idaho

**Iwata**  
Mountain View, California

**Izumo**  
Santa Clara, California

**Kaizuka**  
Culver City, California

**Kakegawa (Osuka)**  
Corning, New York  
Eugene, Oregon

**Kakuda**  
Greenfield, Indiana

**Kamakura**  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Kameoka**  
Stillwater, Oklahoma

**Kanagawa Prefecture**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Kanazawa**  
Buffalo, New York

**Kasukabe**  
Pasadena, California ♦

**Kawachinagano**  
Carmel, Indiana

**Kawasaki**  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Kishiwada**  
South San Francisco, California

**Kitakyushu**  
Norfolk, Virginia  
Tacoma, Washington

**Kobe**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Seattle, Washington

**Kochi**  
Fresno, California

**Kōfu**  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Lodi, California

**Tsukuba (Kukizaki)**  
Milpitas, California

**Kumamoto**  
San Antonio, Texas

**Kurashiki**  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Kurobe**  
Macon, Georgia

**Kurume**  
Modesto, California

**Kushimoto**  
Hemet, California

**Kyoto**  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Maebashi**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Jasper, Alabama

**Marumori**  
Hemet, California

**Matsumoto**  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Matsuyama**  
Sacramento, California

**Miasa-Omachi**  
Mendocino, California

**Miharu-Machi**  
Rice Lake, Wisconsin

**Misato**  
Winona, Minnesota

**Mishima**  
Pasadena, California

**Mito**  
Anaheim, California

**Miyazaki**  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Miyazu**  
Delray Beach, Florida

**Mizuho**  
Morgan Hill, California

**Mure**  
Elberton, Georgia

**Nagano**  
Clearwater, Florida

**Naganohara**  
Livingston, Montana

**Nagaoka**  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Nagoya**  
Los Angeles, California

**Nakagawa, Tochigi**  
Horseheads, New York

**Nakashi (Naka Machi)**  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

**Namerikawa**  
Schaumburg, Illinois

**Nanao**  
Monterey, California

**Narashino**  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Nasukarasuyama**  
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

**Oga (Wakami)**  
Livingston, California

**Ōgaki**  
Beaverton, Oregon ◆

**Ōiso**  
Dayton, Ohio  
Racine, Wisconsin

**Ōita**  
Austin, Texas

**Okayama**  
San Jose, California

**Okazaki**  
Newport Beach, California

**Okinawa City**  
Lakewood, Washington

**Ōmihachiman**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Omitama (Minori)**  
Abilene, Kansas

**Ōmiya**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Osaka**  
Chicago, Illinois  
San Francisco, California

**Ōsakasayama**  
Ontario, Oregon

**Ōta**  
Burbank, California  
Lafayette, Indiana

**Ōtsu**  
Lansing, Michigan

**Saitama (Urawa)**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Richmond, Virginia

**Sakaide**  
Sausalito, California

**Sakata**  
Delaware, Ohio

**Sapporo**  
Portland, Oregon

**Saroma**  
Palmer, Alaska

**Sasebo**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Seika**  
Norman, Oklahoma

**Sendai**  
Riverside, California

**Shimada**  
Richmond, California

**Shimamoto**  
Frankfort, Kentucky

**Shimizu, Hokkaido**  
Chelsea, Michigan

**Shimizu, Shizuoka**  
Stockton, California

**Shimukappu**  
Aspen, Colorado

**Shinagawa**  
Portland, Maine

**Shingū**  
Santa Cruz, California

**Shinhidaka**  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Shizuoka**  
Omaha, Nebraska

**Sōka**  
Carson, California

**Suwa**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Tachikawa**  
San Bernardino, California

**Tahara**  
Georgetown, Kentucky

**Tainai City**  
Carbondale, Illinois

**Takamatsu**  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Takaoka**  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Takayama**  
Denver, Colorado

**Takeo**  
Sebastopol, California

**Taki**  
Camas, Washington

**Tamana**  
Clarinda, Iowa

**Tamba (Kasuga)**  
Auburn, Washington

**Tateshina**  
Oregon City, Oregon

**Tateyama**  
Bellingham, Washington

**Toba**  
Santa Barbara, California

**Tōkai-Mura**  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

**Tome (Toyoma)**  
Southlake, Texas

**Tōno**  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Toyama**  
Durham, North Carolina

**Toyohashi**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Toyokawa**  
Cupertino, California

**Toyonaka**  
San Mateo, California

**Tsuchiura**  
Palo Alto, California

**Tsukuba**  
Irvine, California  
Milpitas, California

**Tsuruoka**  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

**Tsuruta**  
Hood River, Oregon

**Tsuyama**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Utsunomiya**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Wakayama**  
Bakersfield, California

**Yachiyo, Chiba**  
Tyler, Texas

**Yamagata**  
Boulder, Colorado

**Yao**  
Bellevue, Washington

**Yokkaichi**  
Long Beach, California

**Yokohama**  
San Diego, California

**Yokosuka**  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Yotsukaidō**  
Livermore, California

**Yuasa**  
Cambridge, Minnesota

**Jordan**  
**Al-Karak**  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Amman**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
San Francisco, California

**Deir Alla**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Kazakhstan**  
**Djambul**  
Fresno, California

**Kyzylorda**  
Arvada, Colorado

**Kenya**  
**Bomet**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Bura**  
Newburyport, Massachusetts

**Eldoret**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Kisumu**  
Boulder, Colorado  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Mombasa**  
Long Beach, California  
Seattle, Washington

**Nairobi**  
Denver, Colorado  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**Thika**  
Dixon, Illinois

**Uasin Gishu County**  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Kyrgyzstan**  
**Bishkek**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Tokmok**  
Rockford, Illinois

**Latvia**  
**Liepāja**  
Bellevue, Washington

**Lebanon**  
**Beirut**  
Los Angeles, California

**Bekaa Valley**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Mejdlaya**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Lesotho**  
**Maseru**  
Austin, Texas

**Liberia**  
**Bong County**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Buchanan**  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Gbarnga**  
Baltimore, Maryland ♦

**Maryland County**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Monrovia**  
Dayton, Ohio  
Newark, New Jersey

**Lithuania**  
**Alytus**  
Rochester, New York

**Kaunas**  
Los Angeles, California

**Klaipėda**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Šiauliai**  
Omaha, Nebraska

**Vilnius**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Macedonia**  
**Kratovo**  
Hartford, Vermont

**Skopje**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Tempe, Arizona

**Malawi**  
**Zomba**  
Urbana, Illinois

**Mali**  
**Bamako**  
Rochester, New York

**Ségou**  
Richmond, Virginia

**Timbuktu**  
Tempe, Arizona

## Malta

### Mosta

Millbrae, California

## Mexico

### Acámbaro

Laredo, Texas

### Acapulco

Beverly Hills, California

McAllen, Texas

### Aguascalientes

Modesto, California

### Álamos

Scottsdale, Arizona

### Angostura

Laredo, Texas

### Atotonilco

South San Francisco, California

### Boca del Río, Veracruz

Mobile, Alabama

Tampa, Florida

### Cabo San Lucas

Newport Beach, California

### Caborca

Prescott, Arizona

Upland, California

### Cadereyta Jiménez

McAllen, Texas

### Campeche

Laredo, Texas

### Cananea

Sierra Vista, Arizona

### Cancún

Wichita, Kansas

### Casas Grandes

San Elizario, Texas

### Cedral

Chicago Heights, Illinois

### Cerralvo

Laredo, Texas

### Chihuahua

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Pueblo, Colorado

### Ciénega de Flores

Laredo, Texas

### Ciudad Guzmán

Longmont, Colorado

Redwood City, California

### Ciudad Lerdo

Las Cruces, New Mexico

### Ciudad Mante

Boulder, Colorado

### Ciudad Valles

Laredo, Texas

### Ciudad Victoria

McAllen, Texas

### Colima

Norman, Oklahoma

Redwood City, California

### Coyoacán

Arlington, Virginia

### Cozumel

Miami Beach, Florida

### Cuautla

Laredo, Texas

Riverside, California

### Cuernavaca

Denver, Colorado

Laredo, Texas

Minneapolis, Minnesota

### Empalme

Stockton, California

### Ensenada

Redondo Beach, California

Riverside, California

### Escobedo

Laredo, Texas

### García, Nuevo León

McAllen, Texas

### General Terán

Laredo, Texas

### Guadalajara

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Kansas City, Missouri

Lansing, Michigan

Laredo, Texas

Portland, Oregon

San Antonio, Texas

San Jose, California

### Guadalupe, Nuevo León

Laredo, Texas

McAllen, Texas

Reno, Nevada

### Guamúchil

Ontario, California

### Guanajuato

Ashland, Oregon

Morgantown, West Virginia

### Guaymas

Mesa, Arizona

### Guerrero del Real de Río Grande

San Elizario, Texas

### Hermosillo

Irvine, California

Phoenix, Arizona

### Huatabampo

Gardena, California

### Irapuato, Guanajuato

McAllen, Texas

### Isla Mujeres

Pensacola, Florida

St. Petersburg, Florida

### Ixtapa Zihuatanejo

McAllen, Texas

Palm Desert, California

### Jalpan de Serra

Laredo, Texas

### Jerez de García Salinas

Laredo, Texas

### La Paz

Redondo Beach, California

### Lampazos

Laredo, Texas

**Lazaro Cardenas**  
Laredo, Texas

**León**  
Irving, Texas  
Laredo, Texas  
San Diego, California

**Los Herreras**  
Laredo, Texas

**Magdalena**  
Temple City, California

**Manzanillo**  
San Pablo, California

**Mazatlán**  
Santa Monica, California  
Seattle, Washington

**Mérida**  
Sarasota, Florida

**Mexicali**  
Sacramento, California  
San Bernardino, California

**Mexico City**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Los Angeles, California

**Mexticacán**  
Laredo, Texas

**Mocorito**  
Ontario, California

**Moncolva**  
Laredo, Texas

**Montemorelos**  
Laredo, Texas

**Monterrey**  
McAllen, Texas  
San Antonio, Texas

**Morelia**  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Municipio de Janos**  
San Elizario, Texas

**Naucalpan**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Navojoa**  
Santa Fe Springs, California

**Nuevo Casas Grandes**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Nuevo Laredo**  
Laredo, Texas

**Oaxaca**  
Palo Alto, California

**Orizaba**  
Portsmouth, Ohio

**Pachuca**  
Little Rock, Arkansas ●

**Papantla**  
Laredo, Texas

**Parral**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Pátzcuaro**  
Naperville, Illinois  
Sonoma, California

**Petatlán**  
Saint Peter, Minnesota

**Puebla**  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Pueblo, Colorado

**Puerto Peñasco**  
Ruidoso, New Mexico

**Puerto Vallarta**  
Highland Park, Illinois  
Santa Barbara, California  
Tacoma, Washington ◆

**Querétaro**  
Bakersfield, California

**Reynosa**  
McAllen, Texas

**Salamanca**  
Bryan-College Station, Texas

**Saltillo**  
Austin, Texas  
Lansing, Michigan

**San Cristóbal de las Casas**  
Asheville, North Carolina

**San Felipe**  
Hayward, California

**San José del Cabo**  
Laguna Beach, California

**San Luis Potosí**  
McAllen, Texas  
Spokane, Washington  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**San Martín de Hidalgo**  
Morgan Hill, California

**San Miguel de Allende**  
Laredo, Texas  
Redlands, California  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
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

**Satevó**  
San Elizario, Texas

**State of Jalisco**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Tampico**  
Houston, Texas  
McAllen, Texas

**Taxco**  
McAllen, 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.



### Tijuana

Laredo, Texas  
San Diego, California

### Tlahualilo, Durango

Laredo, Texas

### Tlalnepantla de Baz

Wichita, Kansas

### Tlaquepaque

Springfield, Missouri

### Toluca

Fort Worth, Texas

### Tonalá

Laredo, Texas

### Torreón

Fresno, California  
Laredo, Texas

### Tula

Benicia, California

### Uruapan

Culver City, California

### Valladolid

Asheville, North Carolina

### Valle de Zaragoza

San Elizario, Texas

### Valparaíso

Hanover Park, Illinois

### Veracruz

Corpus Christi, Texas  
Laredo, Texas ♦  
Miami Dade County, Florida  
San Jose, California

### Villahermosa

San Bernardino, California

### Xalapa

Omaha, Nebraska

### Zapopan

Grand Rapids, Michigan

### Zapotlanejo

Racine, Wisconsin

### Zuazua

Bryan-College Station, Texas ●

### Moldova

#### Bălți

Lakeland, Florida

### Buiucani District, Chișinău

Greensboro, North Carolina

### Chișinău

Sacramento, California

### Rybnitsa

Lakeland, Florida ♦

### Ungheni

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

### Mongolia

#### Darkhan

Irving, Texas

### Tsetserleg

Bellingham, Washington

### 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.



**Chaouen**  
Issaquah, Washington

**El Hajeb**  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

**El Jadida**  
Tacoma, Washington

**Marrakech**  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Tiznit**  
Somerville, Massachusetts

**Mozambique**  
**Beira**  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Namibia**  
**Windhoek**  
Richmond, Virginia  
San Antonio, Texas

**Nepal**  
**Kathmandu**  
Eugene, Oregon

**Netherlands**  
**Emmeloord**  
Goshen, Indiana

**Enschede**  
Palo Alto, California

**Leidschendam-Voorburg**  
Temecula, California

**Nijmegen**  
Albany, New York

**Rotterdam**  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Sint Maarten**  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Utrecht**  
Portland, Oregon ◆

**New Zealand**  
**Auckland**  
Los Angeles, California

**Christchurch**  
Seattle, Washington

**Gisborne**  
Palm Desert, California

**Hamilton**  
Sacramento, California

**Lower Hutt**  
Laredo, Texas  
Tempe, Arizona

**Palmerston North**  
Missoula, Montana

**Queenstown**  
Aspen, Colorado

**Tauranga**  
San Bernardino, California

**Upper Hutt**  
Mesa, Arizona

**Wanganui**  
Reno, Nevada

**Nicaragua**  
**Bluefields**  
Racine, Wisconsin ◆

**Corn Island**  
Morehead City, North Carolina

**Jalapa**  
Boulder, Colorado ◆

**Jinotepe**  
Santa Cruz, California

**Laguna de Perlas**  
Montclair, New Jersey

**León**  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Malpaisillo**  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

**Matagalpa**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Nagarote**  
Norwalk, Connecticut

**Posoltega**  
Bloomington, Indiana

**Puerto Cabezas**  
Burlington, Vermont

**Quilali**  
South Haven, Michigan

**San Isidro**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**San Juan de Oriente**  
Sacramento, California

**San Juan del Sur**  
Virginia Beach, Virginia ◆

**Tipitapa**  
Lansing, Michigan ●

**Villa El Carmen**  
Moscow, Idaho

**Nigeria**  
**Abuja**  
Buffalo, New York

**Asaba**  
Stockton, California

**Bauchi**  
Oakland, California

**Benin City**  
Oakland, California

**Cross River State**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Ibadan**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Ilé-Ife**  
Oberlin, Ohio  
San Bernardino, California

**Lagos**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Ondo State**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Onitsha**  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Orlu**  
Austin, Texas

**Osogbo**  
Asheville, North Carolina  
Wilmington, Delaware

**Port Harcourt**  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Umuaka**  
Newark, New Jersey

**Norway**  
**Ålesund**  
Tacoma, Washington

**Bergen**  
Seattle, Washington

**Flekkefjord**  
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

**Førde**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Kongsberg**  
Red Wing, Minnesota ♦

**Moss**  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Nordhordland Region**  
Fergus Falls, Minnesota  
Ørland  
Glendale, Arizona

**Stavanger**  
Houston, Texas

**Sunddal**  
Issaquah, Washington

**Trondheim**  
Vallejo, California

**Pakistan**  
**Hyderabad**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Karachi**  
Houston, Texas

**Lahore**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Palestinian Territories**  
**Ariel [Israeli Settlement]**  
Mobile, Alabama

**Bethlehem**  
Burlington, Vermont  
Sacramento, California

**Mas'ha**  
Red Hook, New York

**Nablus**  
Boulder, Colorado

**Qalqilya**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Ramallah**  
Muscatine, Iowa

**Panama**  
**Panama City**  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Denver, Colorado ♦  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
San Diego, California

**Paraguay**  
**Asunción**  
Miami Dade County, Florida

**Fernando de la Mora**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Santa María**  
Hays, Kansas

**Peru**  
**Arequipa**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Maui, Hawaii

**Caraz**  
Mesa, Arizona

**Chaclacayo**  
Snoqualmie, Washington

**Chimbote**  
Pensacola, Florida

**Cusco**  
Tempe, Arizona

**Ica**  
Miami Beach, Florida

**Lima**  
Austin, Texas  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Miraflores**  
Pensacola, Florida

**Pucallpa**  
Miami Dade County, Florida ●

**Santiago de Surco**  
Gastonia, North Carolina

**Trujillo**  
Decatur, Georgia  
Salt Lake City, Utah ♦

**Philippines**  
**Bacarra**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Bacolod**  
Long Beach, California ♦

**Badoc**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Baguio**  
Vallejo, California

**Bauang, La Union**  
Lakewood, Washington

**Baybay**  
Union City, California

**Bolinao**  
Mobile, Alabama

**Cabugao**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Cagayan de Oro**  
Norfolk, Virginia

**Camiling**  
Juneau, Alaska ●

**Cavite City**  
San Diego, California

**Cebu City**  
Seattle, Washington

**Dagupan**  
Milpitas, California

**Davao**  
Tacoma, Washington

**Dumaguete**  
Alameda, California

**Iloilo**  
Stockton, California

**Kalibo, Aklan**  
Juneau, Alaska

**La Carlota**  
Carson, California ♦

**Makati**  
Los Angeles, California

**Manila**  
Maui, Hawaii  
Sacramento, California  
San Francisco, California

**Olongapo**  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Palo**  
Palo Alto, California

**Parañaque**  
Carson, California

**Pasay**  
Sacramento, California  
Union City, California

**Pasig City**  
South San Francisco, California

**Puerto Princesa**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Quezon City**  
Kenosha, Wisconsin  
Maui, Hawaii  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Roxas**  
San Bernardino, California

**San Juan**  
Maui, Hawaii  
Santa Barbara, California

**San Nicolas**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Santa**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Sariaya**  
Santa Clarita, California

**Sarrat**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Zambales Province**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Poland**  
**Białystok**  
Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

**Bielsko-Biala**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Bochnia**  
Roselle, Illinois

**Bytów**  
Winona, Minnesota

**Gdańsk**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Gdynia**  
Seattle, Washington

**Gorzów Wielkopolski**  
Hazleton, Pennsylvania

**Gulcz**  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

**Jelenia Góra**  
Tyler, Texas

**Katowice**  
Mobile, Alabama

**Kraków**  
Rochester, New York \*  
San Francisco, California ♦

**Krapkowice**  
Camas, Washington

**Łódź Region**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Łomianki**  
Columbia Heights, Minnesota

**Łomża**  
Muscatine, Iowa

**Lublin**  
Lublin, Wisconsin

**Morawica**  
Camas, Washington

**Opole**  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Płock**  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Poznań**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Rzeszów**  
Buffalo, New York  
Gainesville, Florida

**Strzelce Opolskie County**  
Bandera, Texas

**Szczecin**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Toruń**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Wadowice**  
Chicago Heights, Illinois

**Warsaw**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Warsaw Province**  
San Diego, California

**Wrocław**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Zabierzów**  
Camas, Washington

**Zamość**  
Fountain Hills, Arizona

**Ziębice**  
Brighton, Colorado

**Zielona Góra**  
Aurora, Colorado

**Portugal**  
**Aveiro**  
Newark, New Jersey

**Cascais**  
Sausalito, California

**Coimbra**  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Santa Clara, California

**Faro**  
Hayward, California

**Funchal**  
Maui, Hawaii  
Oakland, California



**São Miguel Island**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Seia**  
Newark, New Jersey

**Romania**  
**Braşov**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Bucharest**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Cluj-Napoca**  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Rockford, Illinois

**Constanţa**  
Mobile, Alabama

**Sibiu**  
Columbia, Missouri

**Russia**  
**Arkhangelsk**  
Portland, Maine

**Birobidzhan**  
Beaverton, Oregon

**Chelyabinsk**  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Cherepovets**  
Montclair, New Jersey

**Dikson**  
Dixon, Illinois

**Dubna**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Ekaterinburg**  
San Jose, California

**Engels**  
Edmond, Oklahoma

**Irkutsk**  
Eugene, Oregon

**Izhevsk**  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Kaliningrad**  
Norfolk, Virginia

**Kazan**  
Bryan-College Station, Texas ●

**Khabarovsk**  
Portland, Oregon

**Kislovodsk**  
Muscatine, Iowa

**Konakovo**  
Menomonie, Wisconsin

**Kostroma**  
Durham, North Carolina

**Kotlas**  
Waterville, Maine

**Krasnodar**  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Leningrad Region**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Lermontov**  
Osage, Iowa

**Lomonosov**  
Anacortes, Washington

**Moscow**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Santa Clara County, California

**Murmansk**  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Nakhodka**  
Bellingham, Washington  
Oakland, California

**Nizhni Tagil**  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Nizhny Novgorod**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Novorossisk**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Novosibirsk**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Obninsk**  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

**Perm**  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Petrozavodsk**  
Duluth, Minnesota

**Pskov**  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Pyatigorsk**  
Dubuque, Iowa

**Rostov Veliky**  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

## 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.



**Rubtsovsk**

Grants Pass, Oregon

**Rybinsk**

Greater Tri-Cities, Tennessee

**Samara**

St. Louis, Missouri

**Sarov**

Los Alamos, New Mexico

**Severodvinsk**

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**Smolensk**

Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Snezhinsk**

Livermore, California

**Sochi**

Long Beach, California  
Northport, New York

**St. Petersburg**

Los Angeles, California  
Maryland State, Maryland  
St. Petersburg, Florida ♦

**Stavropol**

Des Moines, Iowa

**Tobolsk**

Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Tula**

Albany, New York

**Tver**

Buffalo, New York

**Tyumen**

Houston, Texas

**Ulyanovsk**

Macon, Georgia  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Velikiy Novgorod**

Rochester, New York

**Vladikavkaz**

Asheville, North Carolina

**Vladimir**

Bloomington-Normal, Illinois  
Sarasota, Florida

**Vladivostok**

Juneau, Alaska  
San Diego, California  
Tacoma, Washington

**Volgograd**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Voronezh**

Charlotte, North Carolina

**Yaroslavl**

Burlington, Vermont

**Zavolzhie**

San Bernardino, California

**Zelengorsk**

Newburyport, Massachusetts

**Zelenograd**

Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Zheleznovodsk**

Grinnell, Iowa

**Rwanda**

**Kigali**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
San Bernardino, California

**Muhanga District**

Buffalo, New York

**Saint Kitts and Nevis Islands**

**Saint Kitts and Nevis Islands**

Miami Dade County, Florida ●

**Senegal**

**Dakar**

Miami Dade County, Florida  
Washington, District Of Columbia

**Guédiawaye**

Birmingham, Alabama ♦

**Kaolack**

Memphis and Shelby County,  
Tennessee

**Saint-Louis**

St. Louis, Missouri

**Serbia**

**Belgrade**

Chicago, Illinois

**Sierra Leone**

**Freetown**

Kansas City, Missouri  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Slovakia**

**Bratislava**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Košice**

Mobile, Alabama

**Nitra**

Naperville, Illinois

**Prešov**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Tisovec**

Shenandoah, Iowa

**Slovenia**

**Ljubljana**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Maribor**

Pueblo, Colorado

**Piran**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**Somalia**

**Bosaso**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**South Africa**

**Buffalo City Municipality**

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

**Cape Town**

Miami Dade County, Florida

**Durban**

Chicago, Illinois

**George**

Tacoma, Washington

**iLembe (King Shaka District Municipality)**

Mobile, Alabama

**KwaZulu-Natal**

Maryland State, Maryland

**Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality**

Jacksonville, Florida

**Pietermaritzburg, Msunduzi**  
Hampton, Virginia

**Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality**  
Washington, District Of Columbia

**uMhlathuze**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**South Korea**  
**Anyang**  
Hampton, Virginia

**Asan**  
Lansing, Michigan

**Bucheon**  
Bakersfield, California

**Busan**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Los Angeles, California

**Changwon City**  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Cheonan**  
Beaverton, Oregon

**Cheongju**  
Bellingham, Washington

**Chungju**  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

**Daegu**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Daejeon**  
Montgomery County, Maryland  
Seattle, Washington

**Gangjin**  
Snoqualmie, Washington

**Gangnam District, Seoul**  
Riverside, California

**Gangneung**  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Gimhae**  
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