

# 2018

Annual Impact Report  
2019 Membership Directory



**SisterCities**  
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## A message from the Chairman



2018 was a banner year for organizational change within Sister Cities International —both nationally and for the Sister Cities International network. The organizational, programmatic, and long-term sustainability developments that Sister Cities International has been working on will greatly strengthen our ability to pursue our mission; financially sustain our operations and investments; raise our brand; enliven our membership base after five years of flat growth; and enable better delivery of benefits and services to our members.

First, Mrs. Karen Pence, our Honorary Board Vice Chairperson, has continued her role as Sister Cities International's lead advocate throughout her worldwide travels. In April, she was the well-received Guest of Honor as the Speaker for the Omaha Sister Cities Annual Gala Dinner. She asked the 20 attending Japanese exchange students to join her on stage and regale the audience with a hearty rendition of "UE O Muite Arukou," popularly known in American Pop Culture as the 'Sukiyaki' Song. Mrs. Pence clearly understands firsthand the value of citizen diplomacy from a people-to-people and community-to-community perspective.

Second, Roger-Mark De Souza formally joined as our President /CEO in January and immediately commenced an impressive National Network field oriented familiarization process that was, in scope, breathtaking and well received. His leadership with Mary Palko and Kathleen Roche-Tansey presented a 62nd Annual Conference program rich in content and enthusiasm which had an electrifying and energizing effect on our citizen diplomacy field. Additionally, he and Helene Schneider have guided a comprehensive Human Resource Staff reorganization.

Third, we made steady achievements in the SCI five-year Strategic Plan Goals. We have continued to:

- a. **"Improve our Long Term Sustainability"** with two significant organizational and governance innovations: outsourcing the staff finance function as non core competence to a professional financial management company and formally establishing the Sister Cities International Foundation for unified investment portfolio management and growth.
- b. **"Raise Our Visibility"** with dramatic developments within our Global Awareness Team under the leadership of our Global Envoys, Mary Palko and Nancy Huppert. We have continued our bi-national summit series with a very successful first ever All Mexico – US Sister Cities Mayors Summit Program in Guadalajara, Mexico, co-chaired by Peter Svarzbein. Additionally, Lorna Johnson for Africa, Shin Koyamada for Japan , Bill Boreum for Russia had standout contributions as Country Representatives this year. Finally, Suhail Arastu has assumed a new role as an Arts and Culture Representative.
- c. **"Grow the Membership"** under Lee Guio's and Jane Cahaly's leadership by engaging our members more directly through the State Representative Field Team Framework and improving our benefits and services. Two examples of which are the Stevens Program Grant and the reestablished SCI Tour Services with our maiden "Trans Atlantic Cruise."

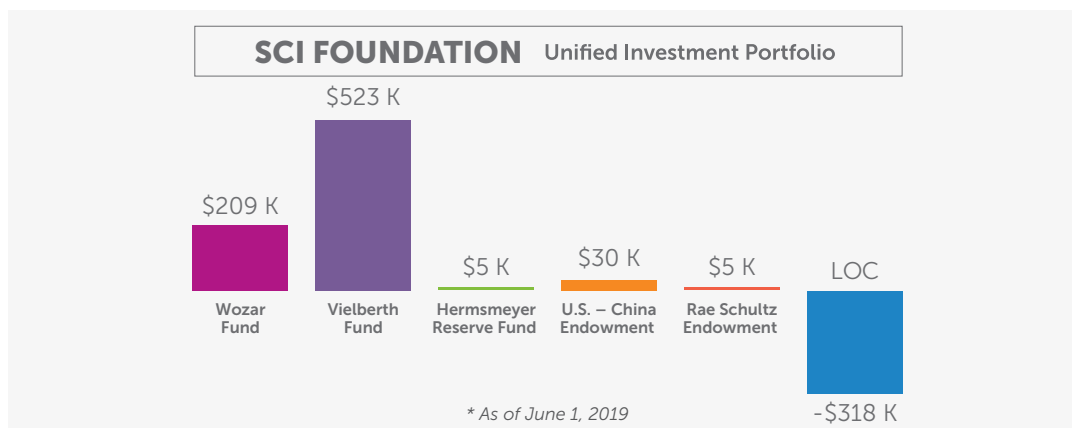
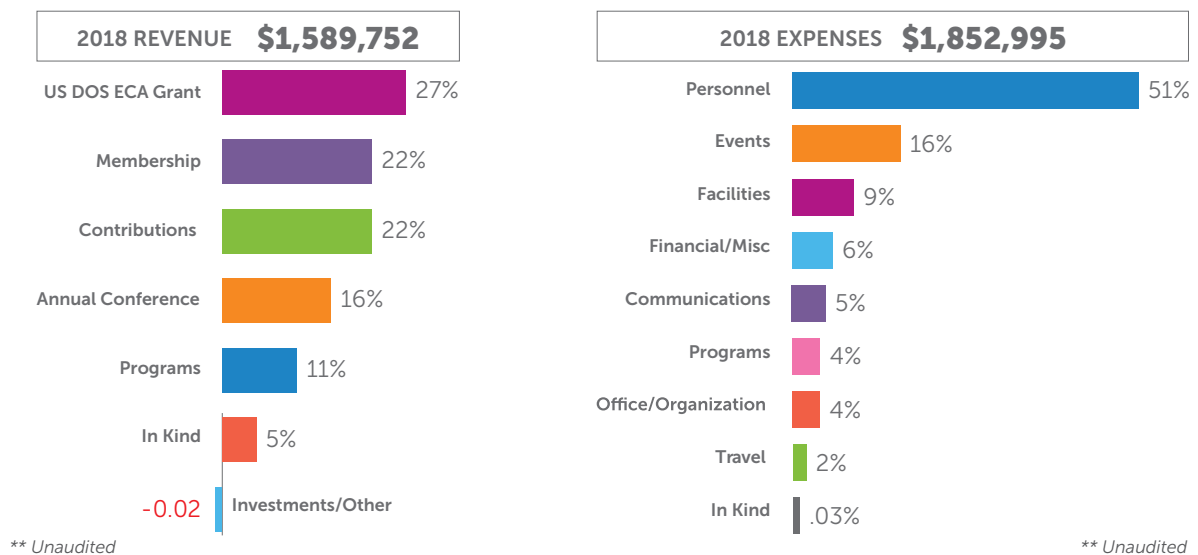


As the oldest and largest global volunteer network of citizen diplomats, our mission remains to promote peace through people-to-people and sustained community-to-community connection based on mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time. Thanks to all of you for your strong dedication, teamwork and continued financial commitment to Sister Cities International. With your support, 2019 will be another banner year! We are well positioned for the future

Sincerely,



Ron Nirenberg. *Chairman of the Board of Directors*



## A message from the President



Dear Fellow Citizen Diplomats,

Since our inception in 1956, SCI has worked to create global relationships based on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges. Every day you see reports of conflict, hatred and mistrust between people. SCI is successful at breaking down these barriers. Our progress in 2018 has convinced me that our mission is not only needed more than ever, but that it is achievable.

**In this report we focus on telling our story.** Over the past year, we have brought our communities closer through culture and arts. We have built sustainable economic development through trade and investment. We have developed leadership through investing in youth programs. As a result, we are building more stable communities that are connected culturally, economically and strategically. In 2019, we will continue to tell our story as we inspire new members, supporters and partners.

**But we are changing how we tell our story.** In this impact report, we capture the magic and opportunity of citizen diplomacy. The work of our 471 member communities in 138 countries stresses economic returns, cultural innovations, and building strong communities across geographies. This is the head, heart, and soul of our mission. This report documents what we are learning in citizen diplomacy, the impact that we are having as a movement, and the uniqueness of our approach.

**Ultimately, we are trailblazing citizen diplomacy.** SCI's cross cutting approach to citizen diplomacy addresses the issues that matter most to our members, and to our communities across the United States, and the world. As we look ahead to 2019 and beyond, please see some of our plans on page 33 where we emphasize our trailblazing efforts in 2019. As we focus on new initiatives and ideas, we also want to support cutting-edge partnerships in traditionally underserved regions and communities.

Join us in realizing our full potential. We invite you to become a member of our Global Leaders Circle (page 6). Together, we celebrate that when we recognize our differences, and leverage our similarities across communities, we think globally, and make a difference locally.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. De Souza". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Roger-Mark De Souza. *President and CEO*

## Our Impact

Leveraged the support of over



who led more than 2,000 sister city events in the United States

Trained



ages 14-18  
at our annual  
Youth Leadership Summit

Created approximately



Involved more than



Provided over



in humanitarian  
assistance to a variety  
of communities

Allowed over



to network in person at  
our annual conference

# What's Unique About Sister Cities International?



## Mission

**We promote national and international peace and security**

Sister Cities International (SCI) is an American nonprofit founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower 62 years ago to be a champion for peace and prosperity by fostering bonds among people around the world. People-to-people "citizen diplomacy" enhances the ability of people from different cultures to understand, appreciate, and celebrate their differences while building partnerships that advance the interests of all humankind.

Our vision is to enhance our stature as the largest, premier global network connecting people and communities from all backgrounds within the United States, and around the world. Now, more than ever we need to find common ground, and to promote values of peace, understanding, and democracy.

## Opportunity

**We seize the opportunity to make a difference**

SCI programs engage leaders from the community to the national level, as well as youth, and business leaders. These connections form on an intimate level, with citizen diplomacy offering individuals of all ages extraordinary opportunities for personal growth. Every day, the lives of millions are touched directly and indirectly through SCI's economic, educational, environmental, and cultural programs.

## Reach

**We reach far and wide**

Our geographical reach includes nearly every state, country, and continent in the world. Today, after more than 60 years, tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers in over 500 U.S. member communities enjoy more than 1,800 partnerships in 138 countries on 6 continents. Through our network, we emphasize both people-to-people, and community-to-community relationships, not just one-shot interactions but sustained connections.

## Efficient Networks

**We leverage and sustain networks and partnerships**

Not only do the highly-leveraged financial and volunteer models appeal to the discerning philanthropist, but the high visibility and status of SCI in the public and private sectors attract individuals and companies pursuing economic and altruistic interests. The in-kind contributions of our volunteers multiply our impact, reach, and cost-effectiveness. We work directly with approximately 200 active volunteer leaders throughout the United States whose reach multiplies as we engage 100,000 citizens and 30,000 youth every year.



# Global Leaders Circle

## Thank You to Our 2018 Global Leaders Circle



Our Global Leaders Circle is a thriving network of our highest level and most prestigious citizen diplomats. The Global Leaders Circle is comprised of individuals, businesses, and organizations that have publicly demonstrated their support for global peace and prosperity. Their generous gifts to Sister Cities International lift our efforts to meet our aspirations in promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation — one individual, one community at a time. Membership in the Global Leaders Circle gives each donor the opportunity to align with a powerful, thriving global and local network of those most committed to our mission.

### Ambassador - \$25,000+

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas LLC  
Mary Ellen & Michael E. Fox

### Charge D'Affaires - \$10,000+

AMD  
Brooks  
HIS  
Port of San Antonio  
Cincinnati reception  
Ruth Cotter  
Sister Cities of Houston  
Michael S. & Rae Hyatt  
Hans & Erika Vielberth

### Diplomat - \$5,000+

Albuquerque SC Foundation  
Frost Bank  
Hispano Chamber of Commerce,  
Albuquerque  
Transtelco  
University of New Mexico  
Visit San Antonio  
Vist El Paso/El Paso Convention Center  
Ed & Cynthia Adams  
Richard Buckler  
Mayor Pro Tem Capehart  
Cindy Elliott  
Bill & Ann Evans  
A. M. Kinney  
Mary Palko  
Tim Quigley  
Carol Robertson Lopez  
Randy Trask  
Larry Uebner  
Jean Vanbuskirk

### International Attache - \$2,500+

ADEC Innovations  
American University  
Cuidade of Juarez  
Union Pacific  
University of Texas , El Paso  
Suhail Arastu

Fred Blanton  
Magdalena Carrasco  
David Cortese  
John Dabeet  
Willow Darsie  
Roger-Mark De Souza  
Alix Desulme  
Alexander & Sharon Durtka  
Mae Ferguson  
Lee Guio  
Bill Hinkle  
Nancy Huppert  
Lorna Johnson  
Steve Kalishman  
Shin Koyamada  
Roger Lawrence  
Thomas Lisk  
Ginger Moxey  
Dick & Jane Neuheisel  
Ron Nirenberg  
Clare Petrich  
Carolina Rendeiro  
Kathleen Roche-Tansey  
Helene Schneider  
Teri Simmons  
Peter Svarzbein  
Christine Warnke  
Polly Yu

### Special Envoy - \$1,000+

El Paso Community Foundation  
IBC Bank  
LiUNA (Local 270)  
MCA Foundation  
San Antonio Economic Development  
Foundation  
St Rogers LLC  
Bill Boerum

Constance and Donald Goertz  
Gayle Stallings

### Counselor - \$500+

Bill Behrens  
Andree Brisson  
Jane Cahaly  
Carlo Capua  
Greg Jackson  
Stacy Luks  
Sandra McCormick  
Burga Santiago  
Franklin Thompson  
Paula West  
Katie Willcockson

### Citizen Diplomat - \$100+

Martiza Adonis  
Joseph Cassidy  
John Roy Castillo  
Jody Edgerton  
Renee Franklin  
Ricki Garrett  
Jane Gehlhausen  
Bob Greninger  
Norris Hermsmeyer  
Tim and Debra Honey  
Starr Hurley  
Siobhan Lyons  
Patricia Montemayor  
Neal Pierce  
Mary Pointer  
John Raeside  
Pat Sallin  
Kay Sargent  
Barbara Shepard  
Jane Wood

Sister Cities International gratefully acknowledges the support of the U.S. Department of State for its mission through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.



# 2018 Activities

## Best Overall Programs

### Hays Sister City Committee, Kansas – Ensuring “Worlds Apart, But Cities Connected”

(Best Overall Program, Population Between 10,000-25,000)

The Hays Sister City Committee reached new levels of engagement in 2017 with its sister cities Xinzheng, China and Santa María, Paraguay. Hays and sister city Santa María re-signed their Memorandum of Understanding in front of more than 300 attendees at the official Hays sesquicentennial celebration. This renewed commitment led to a fundraiser to provide new lighting to a museum in Santa María that was built as a joint project between the two sister cities. A delegation from Xinzheng, China was also present at the sesquicentennial celebration and participated in the official inauguration “Worlds Apart, Cities Connected,” a sister cities-commissioned permanent art display, at the Hays Public Library. The sesquicentennial celebration cultivated a stronger relationship between all three cities that will lead to increased sister cities involvement in the upcoming years.

### Sister Cities of Jasper, Indiana – Exploring What German Heritage Means to Me

(Best Overall Program, Population Between 10,000-25,000)

Sister Cities of Jasper continues to expand the presence of their partnership with Pfaffenweiler, Germany from within the community into wider Dubois County. In addition to administering their annual high school student exchange, Sister Cities of Jasper celebrated German American Day, an annual county-wide dinner, on October 4, 2018. The dinner, which Sister Cities of Jasper puts on with the help of other local organizations, featured the German Heritage Award, presented to Fr. John Boeglin for his role in preserving and promoting German heritage in the area. A true “Citizen Diplomat”, Fr. John is an author, top notch tour guide, and someone who is not afraid to sport lederhosen. He is an enthusiastic promoter of all things German, especially Christmas. Students from each of the four county high schools also received scholarships from German American Bank for their winning essays on “What German Heritage Means to Me.” Sister Cities of Jasper continues to support the German teacher at both Jasper High School and Jasper Middle School in his efforts to promote the study of German language. Looking forward to 2019, Sister Cities of Jasper will again sponsor the student exchange with Staufen and Poessneck, Germany in June. Students from the 2019 exchange program are staffing the information booth at the annual Strassenfest, a German inspired street festival held the first weekend of August. The people of Jasper are proud of their Sister City partnership with Pfaffenweiler and continually strive to promote that partnership through personal, educational and economic interaction.



Danville, Kentucky and sister city Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland exchanged artists in 2018. This photo was taken during Brandon Long's residency in Northern Ireland where he and his wife helped children with special needs create a mural for their school, Castle Tower Special School.

“Through sister cities I've learned a lot. From my visit to Hyderabad, India I learned that the people there have so little and do so much. We have so much and do so little.”

Joy West  
Montgomery County Sister Cities, MD

**Culver City Sister City Committee, California – Connecting Young People through Sport and Art**  
*(Best Overall Program, Population Between 50,000-100,000)*

In 2017, the Culver City Sister City Committee (CCSCC) facilitated community-wide activities to foster international friendship and cultural understanding. In addition to elevating their relationship with Capo d' Orlando, Italy from a friendship city into an official sister city during Culver City's Centennial Celebration, CCSCC completed a student and runners exchange with sister cities Kaizuka, Japan and Iksan, South Korea. Culver City sent two runners to Kaizuka for a marathon, and two Kaizuka runners came to Culver City for the Los Angeles Marathon. Six Culver City High School students visited Iksan, and middle schoolers from Kaizuka came to visit in July. CCSCC also hosted its first local Young Artists and Authors Showcase, and provided the local winner with a scholarship to attend the 2017 Youth Leadership Summit. Additionally, CCSCC continued to provide donations to support two orphanages in Mexico: one in sister city Uruapan and the other in Puerto Escondido. CCSCC's activities last year have increased awareness of and interest for sister cities in the community.

**Birmingham Sister Cities, Alabama – Harnessing Innovation to Build Strong Communities**  
*(Best Overall Program, Population Between 100,000-300,000)*

*Birmingham Sister Cities developed water permeable parking lots and medical assistant robots*

Birmingham Sister Cities (BSC) successfully involved each of their 14 sister city relationships in meaningful exchanges in 2017. The exchanges included an educational trip to Ghana for local underserved students; a business exchange with Anshan, China linking high tech incubators with Birmingham Innovation Depot to develop projects like water permeable parking lots and medical assistant robots; a donation of medical supplies to the victims of ongoing war in the Donbas region of their sister city Vinnytsia, Ukraine; and other activities ranging from sports diplomacy to food and arts exchange. BSC also established a pilot "passport" program in two underserved elementary schools which aims to expose over 500 students to local international events and festivals. The widespread community support and success highlight the cultures that make up the local community, and give local citizens the opportunity to become internationally aware and involved.



*Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, England visits Friendship City Portsmouth, New Hampshire in September 2018.*

## Fort Worth Sister Cities International, Texas - Broadening the Scope of the World for Its Citizens

*(Best Overall Program, Population Greater Than 300,000)*

Fort Worth Sister Cities International (FWSCI), a non-profit organization contracted by the City of Fort Worth to manage its international partnerships, conducted 19 outbound exchanges and hosted 22 inbound delegations involving over 400 people in 2017. Outbound exchanges included visits to Fort Worth's eight sister cities, as well as exploratory missions to Jordan and Cuba where discussions were held on how a beneficial partnership might broaden the scope of the world for Fort Worth citizens. An exploratory mission to Nîmes, France culminated in this French community becoming Fort Worth's ninth sister city in February 2019. FWSCI also focused heavily on international education for Fort Worth students and

adults alike. This included cultural events, lectures and seminars focused on educating the community on the importance of cultural understanding and protocol; a three-week Spanish Immersion Camp for elementary school students partnering with the Fort Worth ISD; a bi-national conference centered around women's empowerment held both in Fort Worth and Toluca, Mexico; and an international Leadership Academy that brought together over 150 students from Fort Worth and its sister cities for several weeks of team-building, and in-class instruction based on a sound curriculum. Through creative and strategic programming, Fort Worth is a city that is truly "connecting globally and thriving locally."

## Innovative Programs: Arts & Culture

### City of Issaquah, Washington – Wrapping Utility Boxes with Art

*(Innovation: Arts & Culture, Population Between 25,000-100,000)*



The City of Issaquah's utility wrap program, where the work of local artists is used to wrap traffic signal boxes around the city, was expanded in 2017 to include artwork from its sister cities in Norway and Morocco. This cross-cultural project increased knowledge and awareness of Issaquah's sister cities while celebrating the 10-year relationship with Chefchaouen, Morocco and rekindling the dormant relationship with Sunndal, Norway. Both Chefchaouen and Sunndal encouraged participation from their communities, and the selected artists' work was unveiled for the annual Salmon Days Festival in Issaquah, with the artist from Sunndal attending as a featured artist. The utility boxes showcase the artwork and include a narrative about the art, the location of the sister city on a world map, the year the sister city was established, the country's flag, and the mission of the Sister Cities Commission. By wrapping utility boxes with art from their sister cities, the City of Issaquah turned a positive community project into an extraordinary display of cross-cultural stewardship.

### Greater Columbus Sister Cities International, Ohio – Using Portraits to Create Connections

*(Innovation: Arts & Culture, Population Greater Than 100,000)*

Greater Columbus Sister Cities International (GCSCI), with the support of Columbus City Council, hosted photographer Emanuele Timothy Costa from Columbus' sister city of Genoa, Italy, who is best known for his "Thousand People of Genoa" project. His project is a collection of portraits of people in Genoa that creates a sense of connection and understanding. In 2015, when Costa's work was introduced to GCSCI during a GCSCI Young Professionals Exchange, GCSCI began planning for a two-week photo exchange of his work. Costa provided his portraits from Genoa for an exhibit which was displayed at five local Columbus locations, presenting the people of Columbus to the people of Genoa. Costa also took portraits of the people of Columbus for an exhibit that will be displayed in Genoa, Italy in October 2019. Through the promotion of art, GCSCI was able to create an awareness of the sister city relationship with Genoa, and allowed a variety of local organizations to collaborate and unite the community.





2018-5 Baltimore-Luxor Alexandria Sister City Committee professional chef Aida Mady leads class in Egyptian cooking in Baltimore

## Innovative Programs: Youth & Education

### **Hendersonville Sister Cities, North Carolina – Fostering First-time Local Ambassadors**

*(Innovation: Youth & Education, Population Less Than 25,000)*

Hendersonville Sister Cities (HSC) established the Hendersonville Student Ambassador Travel Scholarship in conjunction with Hendersonville Sister Cities' 10th Anniversary celebration. The scholarship provided assistance to local high school, college, and graduate students between the ages of 16-26 to travel abroad for the purposes of education, internship, or work study. In its inaugural year, the scholarship program received applications from 13 local students ranging from high school to graduate school. HSC awarded a total of \$3,000 to five local students studying abroad in coming semesters. The program will allow students to immerse themselves in a country that primarily speaks a different language, and travel internationally for the first time. The students will serve as global ambassadors to their peers and community. Through this scholarship opportunity, HSC is widening the perspective of its local youth who are not usually exposed to other cultures.

### **Highland Park, Illinois Sister Cities Foundation, Illinois – Opening up the World through Virtual Classrooms**

*(Innovation: Youth & Education, Population Between 25,000-100,000)*

In 2017, the Highland Park Sister Cities Foundation (HPSCF) established Virtual Classrooms, a program that connects students in Highland Park with students in sister cities Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and Modena, Italy. The two virtual classrooms (one for each sister city) engage middle and high school students to learn about their sister city counterparts and culture through the medium of poetry. Both classrooms took turns sharing works by poets from their respective countries and answering study questions to promote analysis of these poems. The project was enthusiastically embraced by students and teachers alike, and reached more people in the Highland Park community beyond their in-person exchanges. The HPSCF virtual exchange program is an outstanding example of how citizens can find alternative ways to connect "face-to-face" with other countries and cultures.

*Highland Park Sister Cities used virtual classrooms to connect with students in Mexico and Italy*



**Houston Guayaquil Sister City Association, Texas**  
**– Opening Doors Through Collaborative Research**  
*(Innovation: Youth & Education, Population Greater Than 100,000)*

After deciding that strengthening the relationship between Houston and sister city Guayaquil was a priority, the Houston Guayaquil Sister City Association (HGSCA) established a science and technology-based relationship between Rice University and Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL) in Ecuador. The relationship gave opportunities to Ecuadorian and U.S. students pursuing doctoral degrees in STEM careers to foster collaborative research relationships with their sister city counterparts. In 2018, the first doctoral student benefiting from the agreement arrived in Houston, and it is expected that around 10 Ecuadorian students pursuing doctoral programs will enroll at Rice University in 2019. Due to the planning and execution of this project, the two cities have opened doors in other areas such as tourism, trade, business, and civil engagement that will have a positive social and economic impact for both cities.

**Innovative Programs: Business & Trade**

**Indianapolis Hyderabad Sister City Committee, Indiana**  
**– Creating Jobs through Digital Transformation**  
*(Innovation: Business & Trade, Population Greater Than 100,000)*

*Indianapolis Sister Cities creates 10,000 U.S. jobs*

Indianapolis made history last year – bringing a surge of positivity, optimism, and a boost to job growth and the economy – by further strengthening bonds between the United States and India.

Thanks to relationship-building between sister cities Indianapolis and Hyderabad, India for the past couple of years, Infosys, an India-based global tech giant focused on executing strategies for digital transformation, chose to locate their first ever U.S. Tech and Innovation Hub in Indianapolis in 2017. The hub is anticipated to create 10,000 U.S. jobs and marks the largest IT deal made in the history of Indiana. Additionally, Infosys announced the building of their cutting-edge Education Center on a 70.5-acre site that was formerly an Indianapolis airport terminal. The center will provide American workers with skills for the digital future.



40-year relationship between the U.S. and China- Los Angeles-Guangzhou Sister City Association President Katherine Whitman and several directors attended the opening ceremony of an event hosted at the Whittier Museum.

## Innovative Programs: Humanitarian Assistance

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### **Atlanta-Montego Bay Sister Cities, Georgia – Building Skills through Medical Donations**

*(Innovation: Humanitarian Assistance, Population Greater Than 100,000)*

The Atlanta – Montego Bay Sister Cities Committee (AMBSCC) has directly impacted the lives of Jamaican citizens in education, technology, and medical care delivery for 25 years. In 2017, AMBSCC focused on providing humanitarian assistance to Montego Bay residents through health care and education. AMBSCC worked on a model for the effective integration of technology into schools within Montego Bay communities. The model would provide equipment and training to students and parents to enhance

their abilities to engage in a digital world. AMBSCC also provided extensive medical care to Montego Bay communities including medical equipment, basic necessities, medication, and treatment to over 2,000 people in more than 23 local health centers and a homeless shelter. AMBSCC also sent classroom supplies, a new industrial range, and computers to local Montego Bay schools, and continued their scholarship program for Jamaican students to help them complete educational programs.

## Innovative Programs: Professional & Technical Assistance

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### **Aspen Sister Cities: Aspen Bariloche Medical Exchange Program, Colorado – Improving Medical Services and Patient Care**

*(Innovation: Professional & Technical Assistance, Population Less Than 25,000)*

Aspen and sister city San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina have conducted an annual medical exchange program since 2003. The program began after medical professionals at Zonal Ramon Carillo, a public hospital located in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina, requested assistance from Aspen to meet the demands of providing medical care to over 300,000 people in their community and surrounding region. In 2017, delegations from each city visited Aspen and Bariloche to view demonstration surgeries and discuss medical practices with professionals in their respective fields of physical therapy, pharmacy, nutrition, anesthesia, and orthopedics. Additionally, Dr. Mark Purnell, the director of the Aspen Bariloche Medical Exchange Program, was named an Honored Guest of Bariloche to mark his fifteen years of service to the community. The medical exchange program helps to improve medical services to over 300,000 patients in the Bariloche community, and has enabled professionals in both cities to better serve their patients.

### **Cincinnati – Kharkiv Sister City Partnership, Ohio – Using Video to Tell the Story of Citizen Diplomacy**

*(Innovation: Professional & Technical Assistance, Population Greater Than 100,000)*

The Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City Partnership (CKSCP) produced a video called “Cincinnati to Kharkiv, People to People” to show how Cincinnati citizens have assisted their counterparts in Kharkiv as they navigate their transition from being part of the Soviet Union to being the newly independent country of Ukraine. CKSCP has been providing professional and technical assistance to Kharkiv on multiple levels. At the formal level, CKSCP has secured U.S government and other prestigious grants, such as Community Connections and Open World, to provide professional programming. At an informal level, CKSCP provides professional and technical assistance at the level of one-on-one contact. CKSCP’s video has created more awareness within their community of the extensive work they have done in Kharkiv and the strong bond between their cities.

“With Sister Cities International, if you’re volunteering, you’re helping to explain America.”

**Kate Bentley**

*Former State Department Diplomat and SCI volunteer*

## Volunteer of the Year

**Feminine Care Kits Build Connections Across Geographies, Faiths, Generations, Ethnicities and Genders**



**LueRachelle Brim-Atkins**  
Seattle-Limbé Sister City Association  
(Washington)

LueRachelle Brim-Atkins has helped the Seattle-Limbé Sister City Association (SLSCA) launch an ambitious initiative to deliver thousands of handmade, reusable feminine care kits for use by schoolgirls in Cameroon, as well as build two wells for schools in the City of Limbé. Since becoming president in 2014, LueRachelle has led SLSCA in creating a cross-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-gender, intergenerational, interfaith organization that has grown steadily over the last four years. Prior to LueRachelle's leadership, the SLSCA had approximately 12 members. By the end of 2017, SLSCA membership reached 250 active members at varying levels, including many students. LueRachelle tirelessly promotes SLSCA and inspires action in the community. She is a true model of what it means to be a citizen diplomat.

## Youth Leadership

**Bringing Youth into Grassroots Citizen Diplomacy Efforts**



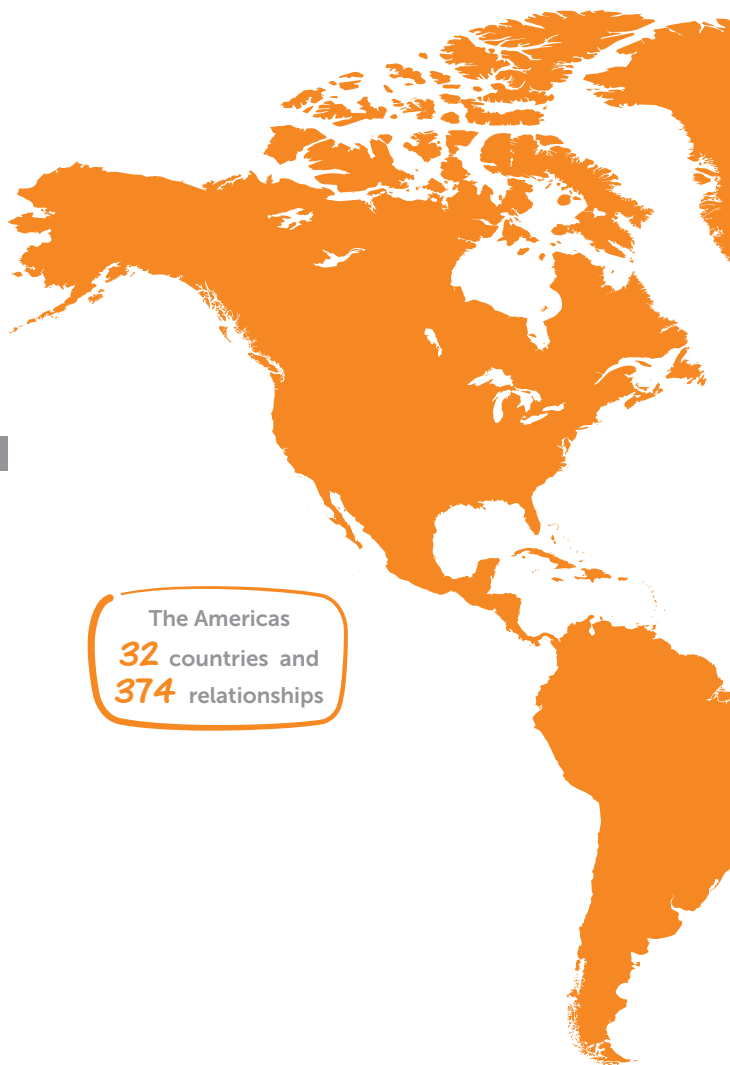
**Ria Grewal**  
Santa Clara Sister Cities Association  
(California)

Ria Grewal is the current Youth President at Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCSCA). Ria has been involved with SCSCA for the past three years and, as a youth leader, she expanded the involvement of Santa Clara youth in the grassroots efforts of citizen diplomacy in the local community. She has facilitated and mobilized student volunteers for multiple fundraisers for sister city delegation trips to Izumo, Japan; Coimbra, Portugal; and Limerick, Ireland. She is also instrumental in planning youth exchanges to Santa Clara's sister cities, and has hosted many exchange students in her own home in return. Her dedication has notably increased the number of youth participants in SCSCA activities. She is destined to leave a positive mark on the Santa Clara community.

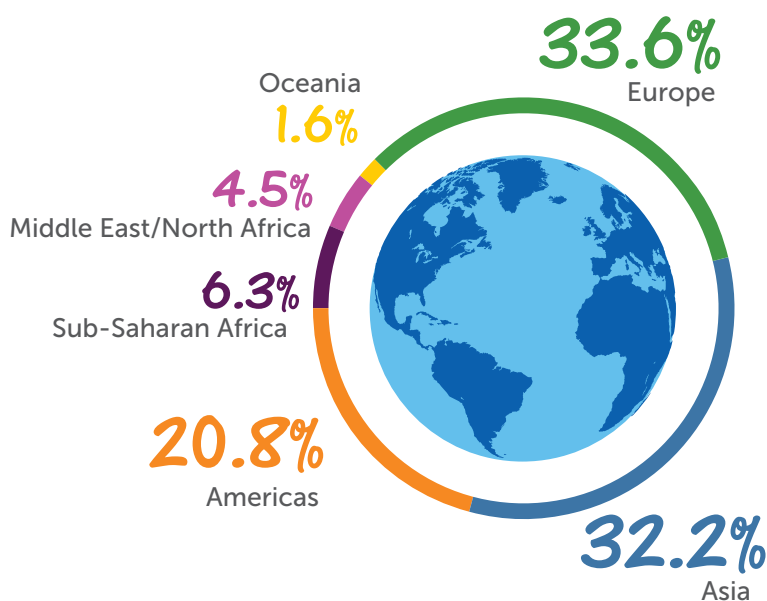
## Where We Are (U.S. Partnerships Worldwide)

**138**  
countries

**1,800**  
Partnerships



### Sister City Relationships by Region



The Americas  
**32** countries and  
**374** relationships

#### Europe

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 100 Germany       | 5 Lithuania              |
| 88 France         | 5 Moldova                |
| 81 Italy          | 5 Romania                |
| 55 United Kingdom | 4 Bulgaria               |
| 36 Ireland        | 4 Netherlands            |
| 33 Spain          | 4 Slovakia               |
| 27 Poland         | 3 Denmark                |
| 22 Ukraine        | 3 Macedonia              |
| 17 Czech Republic | 3 Slovenia               |
| 14 Sweden         | 2 Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 13 Greece         | 2 Estonia                |
| 11 Norway         | 2 Kosovo                 |
| 10 Hungary        | 2 Latvia                 |
| 9 Belgium         | 2 Serbia                 |
| 9 Switzerland     | 2 Iceland                |
| 7 Austria         | 2 Montenegro             |
| 7 Croatia         | 1 Albania                |
| 7 Portugal        | 1 Belarus                |
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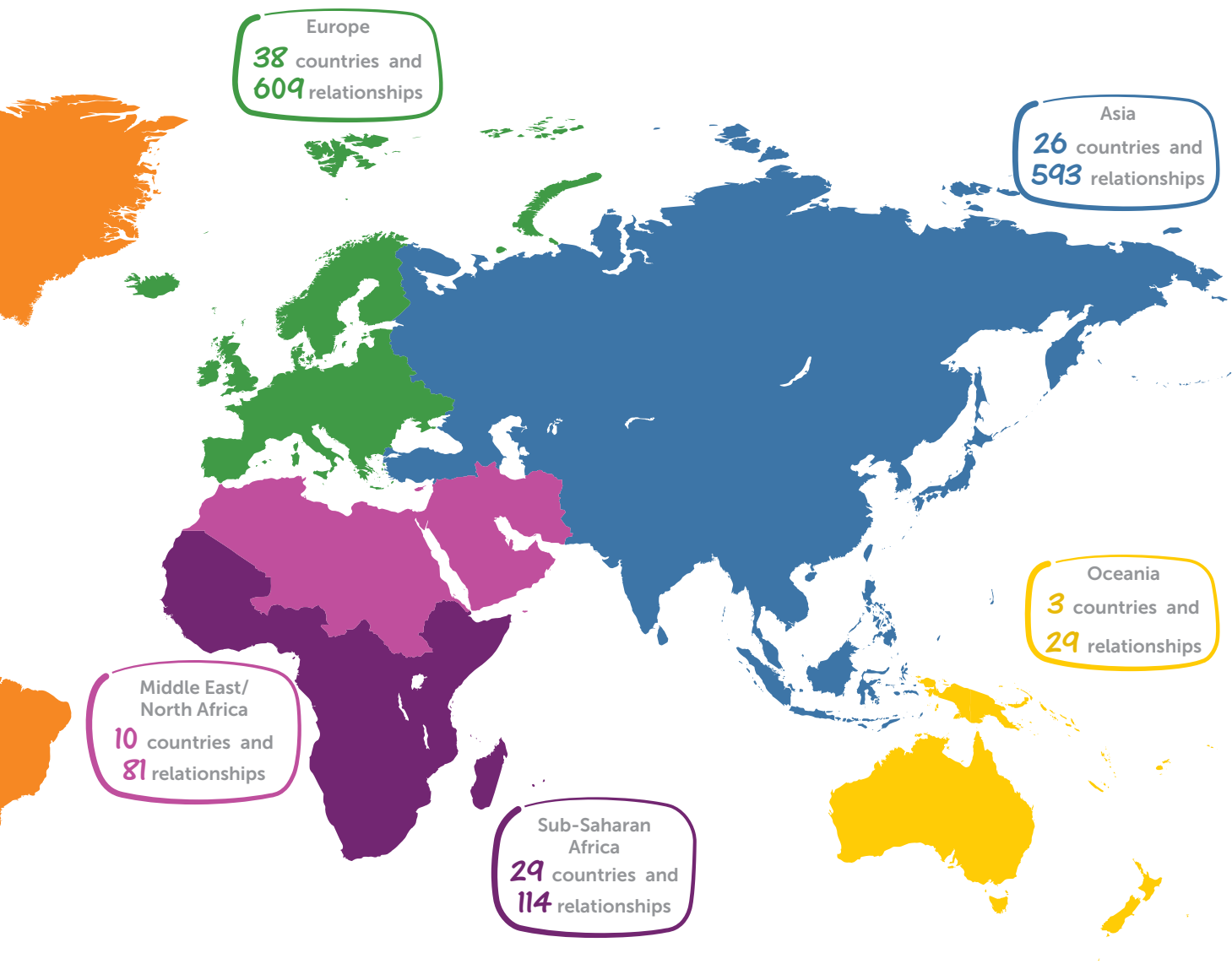
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| 162 Japan      | 3 Afghanistan  |
| 157 China      | 3 Georgia      |
| 58 Russia      | 3 Pakistan     |
| 51 Taiwan      | 3 Thailand     |
| 47 South Korea | 2 Azerbaijan   |
| 39 Philippines | 2 Kyrgyzstan   |
| 21 India       | 2 Uzbekistan   |
| 15 Turkey      | 1 Burma        |
| 9 Vietnam      | 1 East Timor   |
| 5 Indonesia    | 1 Kazakhstan   |
| 4 Armenia      | 1 Nepal        |
| 4 Cambodia     | 1 Tajikistan   |
| 4 Mongolia     | 1 Turkmenistan |

#### Oceania

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| 17 Australia     |
| 11 New Zealand   |
| 1 American Samoa |





#### Americas

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 168 Mexico           | 4 Venezuela                |
| 27 Canada            | 3 Guatemala                |
| 21 Brazil            | 3 Panama                   |
| 15 Peru              | 3 Paraguay                 |
| 14 Nicaragua         | 3 Uruguay                  |
| 13 Argentina         | 2 Bolivia                  |
| 13 Haiti             | 2 Puerto Rico              |
| 12 El Salvador       | 1 Aruba                    |
| 11 Colombia          | 1 Barbados                 |
| 9 Costa Rica         | 1 Cayman Islands           |
| 9 Cuba               | 1 Guyana                   |
| 7 Chile              | 1 Honduras                 |
| 7 Ecuador            | 1 Saint Kitts and Nevis    |
| 6 Bahamas            | 1 Trinidad and Tobago      |
| 6 Jamaica            | 1 Turks and Caicos Islands |
| 4 Belize             |                            |
| 4 Dominican Republic |                            |

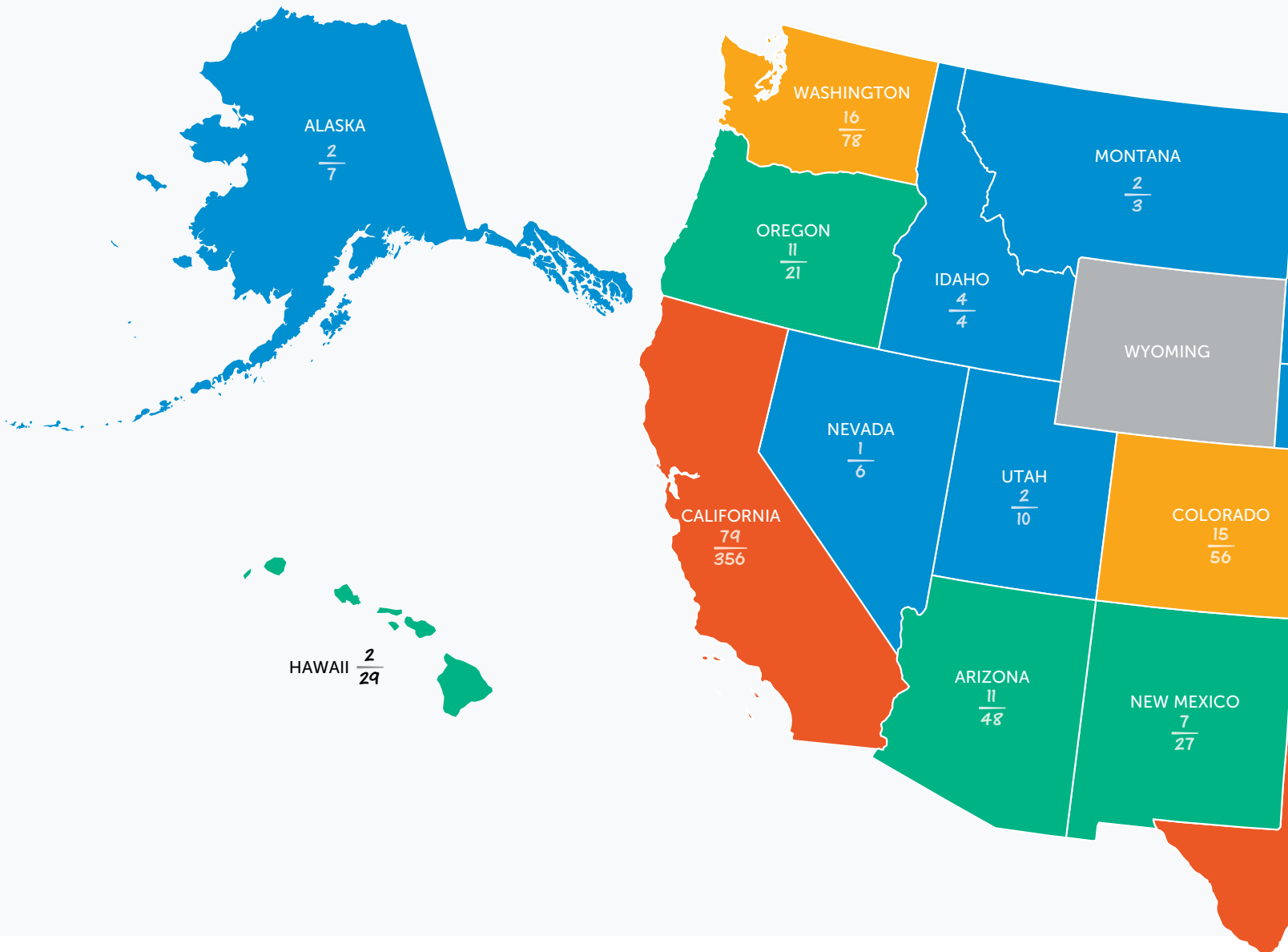
#### Sub Saharan Africa

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 25 Ghana       | 3 Cameroon         | 1 Guinea     |
| 14 Nigeria     | 3 Mali             | 1 Lesotho    |
| 10 Kenya       | 3 Rwanda           | 1 Malawi     |
| 8 South Africa | 2 Namibia          | 1 Mozambique |
| 8 Tanzania     | 2 Sierra Leone     | 1 Uganda     |
| 5 Liberia      | 2 Côte d'Ivoire    | 1 Zimbabwe   |
| 5 Ethiopia     | 1 Angola           | 1 Cape Verde |
| 4 Senegal      | 1 Benin            | 1 Eswatini   |
| 4 Zambia       | 1 Botswana         | 1 Somalia    |
| 3 Burkina Faso | 1 Congo (Kinshasa) |              |

#### Middle East and North Africa

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 44 Israel | 4 Palestinian Territories |
| 7 Iraq    | 3 Lebanon                 |
| 7 Morocco | 1 Algeria                 |
| 5 Egypt   | 1 Iran                    |
| 5 Jordan  | 1 United Arab Emirates    |

## Where We Are (U.S. Member Communities and Partnerships)



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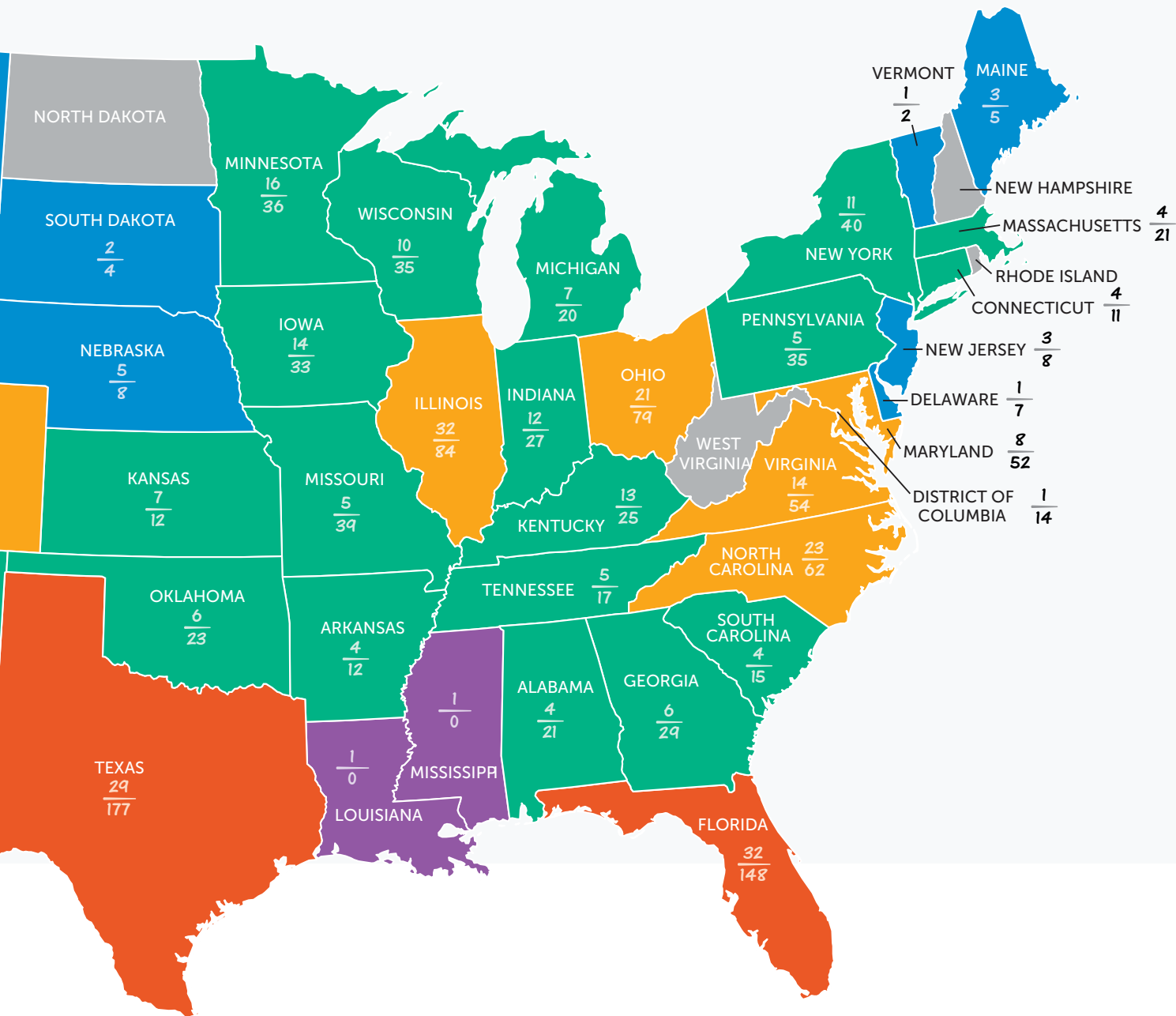
#### Number of Member Communities

#### Number of Partnerships

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

  
**471**  
Communities

  
**1,800**  
Partnerships



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## Membership with Sister Cities International

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. Whether it is developing new skills, recognizing milestones or providing much needed information and connections, SCI is committed to boosting the impact of its membership. At the heart of all of our services is assistance by our knowledgeable staff and leadership, who have experience working with communities around the United States.

### 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. Sister Cities International provides:

- 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 create your own network.
- Publicity in our flagship online publication: the 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 our network, there is no such thing as "one size fits all" when it comes to governance. Programs range in size, partnerships, sectors, countries, and more—which can present unique obstacles.

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 may have had similar experiences or challenges in their own programs.

*Subscribe to our three newsletters to see your success stories, other members' success stories, and general updates from SCI at [sistercities.org](https://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).

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).

#### Member Tribute: Sue Mehaffey



In this member tribute, we acknowledge the huge and wonderful contributions of Omaha Sister City Board Member Sue Mehaffey who passed away in 2019. Sue's contributions to Sister Cities were wide ranging and varied – and she is very much missed. She embodied all the best qualities of a citizen diplomat: passionate, curious, welcoming and dedicated. Her life was one of service and she gave her talents abundantly to the Sister Cities International network. We are grateful for the difference that she has made. Thank you Sue.



## Looking for a Sister City Partner?

Finding a new partner can be a long and difficult task, 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 services in helping to find new partners with hands-on assistance in establishing new sister city, county, or state partnerships. During the process, staff works directly with communities to help identify priorities, research potential partners, reach out to appropriate points of contact, exchange information, and assist in developing the actual partnership agreement.

Through our partnership program, Sister Cities International has helped dozens of cities start the partnership process and assisted many more at various stages of their search. Our 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 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 email [partnerships@sistercities.org](mailto:partnerships@sistercities.org).



# 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. These background checks are widely considered to be a best practice in the field of exchanges, and are critical to ensuring your program earns the trust of the participants. 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. 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 United States to provide pro bono consultations on questions you might have regarding inbound or outbound visas. Appointments include:

- Answers to basic immigration questions.
- Visa, documentation, and travel tips to help delegations prepare for inbound and outbound travel.

Sister Cities International provides members with a number of resources to help build and run your program. 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 such as fundraising, building new partnerships, and communications.



## Youth Leadership Programs

Do you know a young person who can change the world? Sister Cities International offers several programs that foster the next generation of diplomatic leaders by connecting them with other students worldwide, providing them with critical leadership skills for success in an increasingly globalized world.

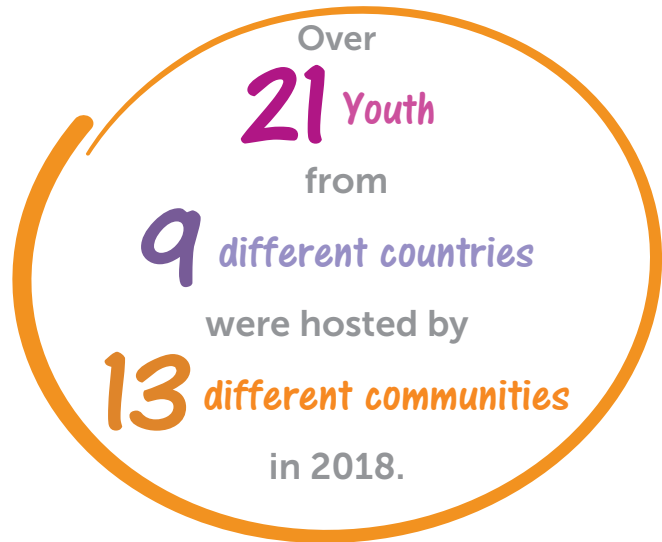
### High School Homestay

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 United States 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.



*Sae Ataka aspires to be a future educator; she competed in the Educators Rising Alaska Leadership Conference. "I came here from Japan to study English, I have been here [Palmer, AK] for more than 7 months and have realized how different the [American] culture is from Japan. I thought it would be fun for American people to learn about Japanese culture, so I created a children's book titled, 'Welcome to Japan'."*



## Young Artists and Authors Showcase: The Art of Diplomacy

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. The 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 2018, young creatives interpreted the theme "The Art of Diplomacy", highlighting the importance of citizen diplomacy and the innovative ways citizen diplomats achieve peace through people-to-people interaction.

The winning pieces were showcased at the Annual Conference in Aurora, Colorado before departing on a year-long tour to cities across the United States.

*"I was inspired to create this work with the idea of both turmoil and diplomacy. With all of the problems present in the world today, only diplomacy in action can take us back to the goodness and simplicity..."*

**Tara Ruhland**  
Grand Prize Winner, poem "Eden"



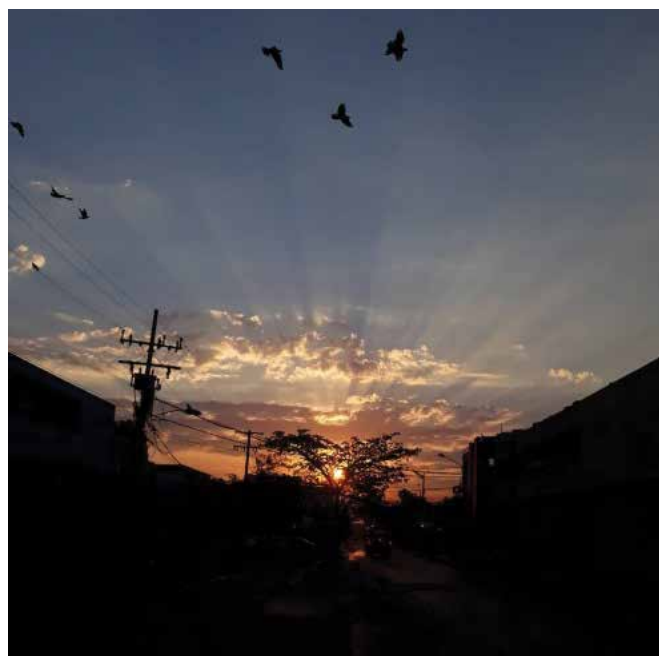
McKay Osborne



Joshua Cortez



Isabella Bustanoby



Nicolle Pico



# YAAS 2018 Winners & Finalists

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| Art         | <p><b>Grand Prize:</b><br/>           "Building the Bridge Between the Nations"<br/>           McKay Osborne <i>Mesa, Arizona</i><br/>           "The Diary of 1000 Years"<br/>           Minoru Sakamoto <i>Fukui, Japan</i></p> <p><b>Finalists:</b><br/>           Saori Arakawa <i>Hanamaki, Japan</i><br/>           Alex Avila <i>Belvidere, Illinois</i><br/>           Isabella Bustanoby <i>Culver City, California</i><br/>           Jessica Clemont <i>Delray Beach, Florida</i><br/>           Victoria E. Ibanez <i>Barranquilla, Colombia</i><br/>           Elizabeth Linn <i>Lexington, Kentucky</i><br/>           Nuamah Mathias <i>Accra, Ghana</i><br/>           Jodi Nguyen <i>Hampton, Virginia</i><br/>           Ryunosuke Sakano <i>Osaka, Japan</i><br/>           Yuhe Zhao <i>Shanghai, China</i></p>  |        |   |  |       |  |  |
| Photography | <p><b>Grand Prize:</b><br/>           Anton Edward Kot <i>New Haven, Connecticut</i><br/>           Nicolle Pico <i>Barranquilla, Colombia</i></p> <p><b>Finalists:</b><br/>           Marianna Bernardis <i>Capo d' Orlando, Italy</i><br/>           Andres Hincapie Cardenas <i>Barranquilla, Colombia</i><br/>           Joshua Cortez <i>San Antonio, Texas</i><br/>           Jennifer Lam <i>Aurora, Colorado</i><br/>           Hayeong Park <i>Icheon, Gyeongido, Korea</i><br/>           Antonella Tascone <i>Capo d' Orlando, Italy</i><br/>           Carmela Velasquez <i>Santa Barbara, California</i></p>  |        |   |  |       |  |  |
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## 2018 Youth Leadership Summit

Sister Cities International's Youth Leadership Summit offers high school youth from around the world the opportunity to meet with like-minded peers and learn about global challenges while exploring the field of international affairs and diplomacy. The 2018 Youth Leadership Summit was organized around the theme "Immigrants and Refugees."

*"This experience has opened my eyes to different cultures and their views in and outside of the United States. It made me think in a way that I didn't think was possible."*

Ninety-nine students from the United States, Jamaica and South Korea began their stay in Aurora, Colorado with a tour of the University of Denver where they were housed in dorms followed by dinner and orientation activities including an epic game of rock, paper, scissors!

### Students Learn the Value of Community Service and Volunteering

Students participated in a variety of community service projects in the Aurora/Denver area. They:

- Provided volunteer support in gardening and artwork activities at the Asian Pacific Development Center;
- Stocked the pantry and conducted maintenance and cleaning activities at Mango House, which provides services for refugees and immigrants;
- Participated in art projects with young children, many of whom are refugees/immigrants, at Downtown Aurora Visual Arts;
- Engaged in morning movement/yoga, gardening and painting at Delaney Community Farm which grows food for the local community;
- Sorted medical supplies at Project C.U.R.E. which provides supplies and equipment to other countries; and
- Processed donations for local children and families at the non-profit organization A Precious Child.

Many of the youth delegates learned about these topics for the first time

*"Sister Cities International is a hands down phenomenal experience, the activities we did were non-stop, the new people I met from all around the world were great."*

while interacting with community organizations and volunteering.. Some local students even expressed interest in continuing their volunteer work!

Students participated in a walking tour of downtown Denver where they learned about famous landmarks including "the Blue Bear." They also learned about the history of the local Aurora community at the Aurora History Museum.





*“This program was life changing for me with all the experiences that I was given. I changed how I interacted with others and was able to meet my new best friends for life.”*

## Thinking about an International Career

Students also had an opportunity to meet with leaders in the field of diplomacy and international development. These included:

- Irina Karmanova, Public Affairs Officer at the **U.S. Department of State**, who shared with the students her career path and her own experience immigrating to the United States.
- Anthony Catajan, from **ADEC Innovations**, who chatted with the students about his company and his experience working in communities globally on environmental and sustainability programs.
- Cynthia Matson, President of **Texas A&M, San Antonio**, who told the students about her role and emphasis on increasing diversity in her institution. She also got the students excited about study abroad opportunities available in college.
- John Thon Majok, **Wilson Center** in Washington D.C., presented on the issue of refugees, immigration and resilience, sharing his personal story as a ‘Lost Boy’ from Sudan and how engaging with refugees and welcoming them in the United States can help build stronger U.S. communities.

*“I gained an even better understanding of refugees and immigrants, especially during the service project at Asian Pacific Development Center.”*

*“(SCI’s) Youth Leadership Summit provides the perfect opportunity for students to come together, learn together, and leave with new friendships based upon mutual appreciation and passion for world issues. The importance of Sister Cities International exchanges cannot be overstated. Thank you for your passion for citizen diplomacy and for creating a more peaceful world through exchanges and initiatives.”*

**Ms. Karen Pence**  
Honorary Vice Chair of Sister Cities  
International; Second Lady  
of the United States

## Diplomatic Experiences

The diplomatic simulation is a highlight for many of the student diplomats. After splitting into four groups, students assumed different roles and practiced their communication and negotiation skills as they worked together to attempt to resolve a fictitious international migration crisis. On the last full day, students finished the diplomatic simulation and prepared presentations for our Annual Conference attendees where they shared their experiences from the Youth Leadership Summit including lessons learned from the simulation.

Students wrapped up their week with a night of celebration, reflection and dancing at the Annual Awards Dinner and Gala. On the final day, students said their goodbyes to their new friends and returned home with a new passion for citizen diplomacy, more information about careers in international affairs, and a better understanding of issues surrounding support of refugees and immigrants in the United States.



## Sister Cities International's 2018 Annual Conference in Aurora, Colorado



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 and members of the diplomatic corps, celebrate peace through people-to-people and community-to-community relationships by sharing best practices; and learning about the latest innovations in subnational diplomacy. The 2018 conference was held in Aurora, Colorado under the theme "Cities Leading the Way."

### Opening a Global Discussion on Entrepreneurship and Governance

The conference attracted more than 500 attendees, including students who attended our Youth Leadership Summit. The official start of our Annual Conference, marked by our traditional Parade of Flags, included comments on the power of citizen diplomacy from Lt. Governor of Colorado Donna Lynne; Aurora Mayor Bob LeGare; Colorado 6th Congressional District Representative Mike Coffman; and Former United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro. We included an extra day of conference sessions with two tracks focused on NextGen/Entrepreneurship and the Terrestrial Silk Road. The NextGen/Entrepreneurship track explored several emerging topics, ranging from women's leadership in the private sector to the power of sports diplomacy; while the Silk Road track analyzed the expansion of the region.

### Building and Growing Our Communities

Experts from all over the world shared how Sister Cities can contribute to the modernization of their local

communities. Sessions covered successful Sister City models for mountain cities, the Smarter Cities initiative in India, and the positive impact of migration on U.S. cities. One keynote speaker, Derran Moss from the United Nations, discussed the importance of global communities and cultural exchange. Another keynoter, John Thon Majok of the Wilson Center, reminded us that we need to turn to each other in times of crisis.

### Co-creating New Opportunities in Different Geographies

On the 3rd day of the conference, SCI members were able to network and brainstorm during several roundtable opportunities. Select Country and Regional Representatives shared current opportunities and programs internationally, while State Representatives and other members got into the nuts and bolts of how to strengthen local Sister City programs.

### Sharing Lessons, Services, and Culture Across Borders

We wrapped up our conference sessions with a presentation from the 2018 Youth Leadership Summit attendees, who shared the results of their diplomatic simulation on refugees and what they most enjoyed about their experience. We also thanked Chairman Tim Quigley for his dedicated service to SCI, and welcomed our new chair, Ron Nirenberg, to give remarks on Tim and share his vision for the future of Sister Cities International. The gala ended with a riveting performance from the Sister Cities jazz ensemble, including performers from Japan, Mexico, the United States and Trinidad and Tobago.





## Annual Awards Winners

Sister Cities International's Annual Awards Program recognizes our members for outstanding achievement in a number of programmatic areas that exemplify the mission of Sister Cities International. Winners are highlighted throughout the year by Sister Cities International and honored at Sister Cities International's Annual Conference.

### Best Overall Program

#### **Population Between 10,000-25,000**

Hays Sister City Committee (KS)

#### **Population Between 10,000-25,000**

Sister Cities of Jasper (IN)

#### **Population Between 50,000-100,000**

Culver City Sister City Committee (CA)

#### **Population Between 100,000-300,000**

Birmingham Sister Cities (AL)

#### **Population Greater Than 300,000**

Fort Worth Sister Cities International (TX)

### Innovation: Arts and Culture

#### **Population Between 25,000-100,000**

City of Issaquah (WA)

#### **Population Greater Than 100,000**

Greater Columbus Sister Cities International (OH)

### Innovation: Youth and Education

#### **Population Less Than 25,000**

Hendersonville Sister Cities (NC)

#### **Population Less Than 25,000**

Highland Park, Illinois Sister Cities Foundation (IL)

#### **Population Greater Than 100,000**

Houston Guayaquil Sister City Association (TX)

### Innovation: Business and Trade

#### **Population Greater Than 100,000**

Indianapolis Hyderabad Sister City Committee (IN)

### Innovation: Humanitarian Assistance

#### **Population Greater Than 100,000**

Atlanta – Montego Bay Sister Cities (GA)

### Innovation: Professional and Technical Assistance

#### **Population Less Than 25,000**

Aspen Sister Cities: Aspen Bariloche Medical Exchange Program (CO)

### Innovation: Professional and Technical Assistance

#### **Population Greater Than 100,000**

"Cincinnati to Kharkiv, People to People" Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City Partnership (OH)

### Volunteer of the Year

#### **LueRachelle Brim-Atkins**

Seattle-Limbe Sister City Association (WA)

### Youth Leadership

#### **Ria Grewal**

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (CA)



# The Special Education and Virtual Learning in the United States and Palestine (SEVLUP) Grant



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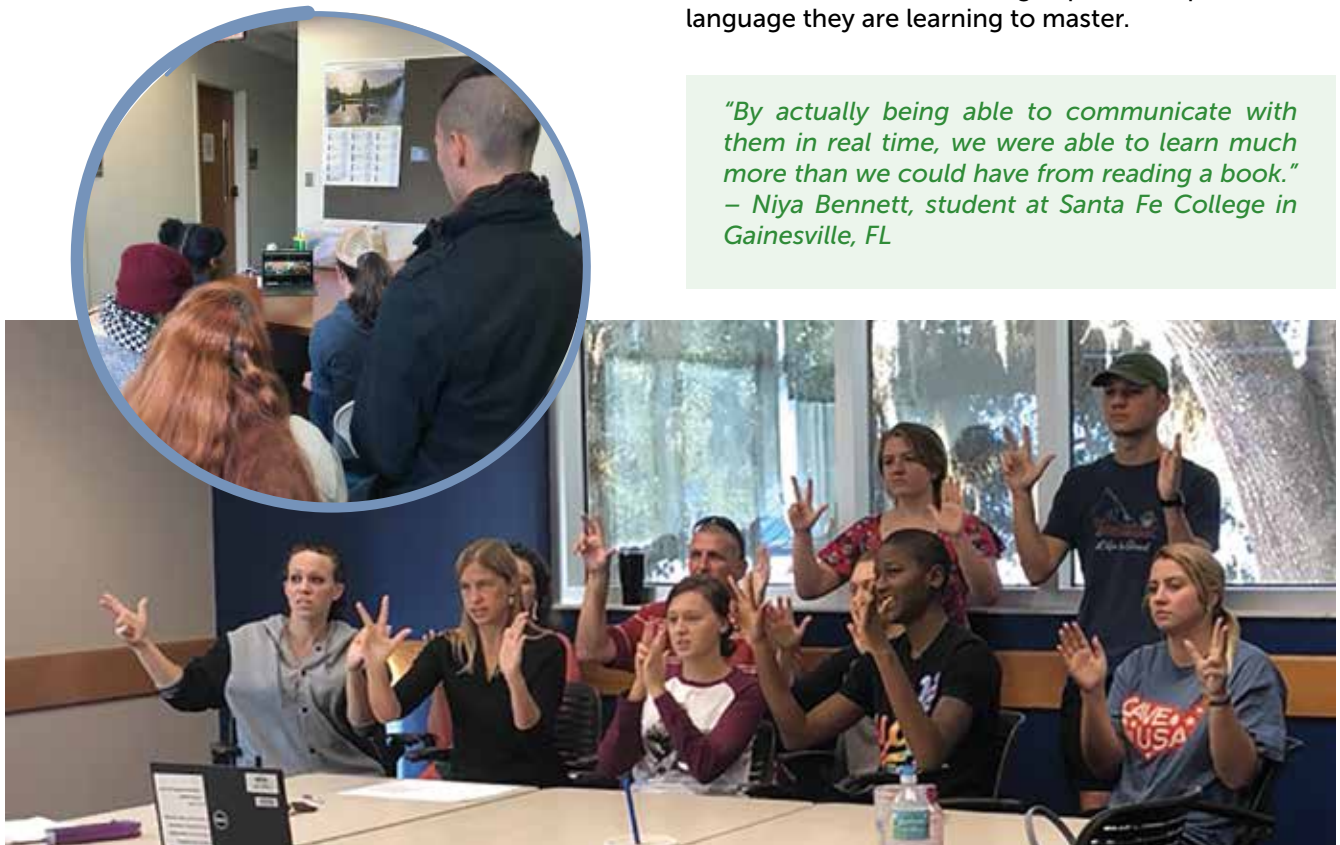
Sister Cities International concluded a 1.5 year-long Stevens Initiative program. In collaboration with team members at the Sister City Program of Gainesville, Florida this program was initiated to connect American Sign Language students in the United States, to Palestinian Sign Language students in Qalqilya, Palestine. The Special Education and Virtual Learning in the United States and Palestine program is supported by the Stevens Initiative, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, with funding provided by the U.S. Government, and is administered by the Aspen Institute.

*According to Waleed Nazzal, General Manager of the Al-Amal Association for the Deaf "Of 43,000 deaf citizens in Palestine, less than two percent attend school and receive formal education".*

## Reaching underserved populations

Despite logistical problems posed by the nature of the relationship between the United States and Palestine, the Gainesville program was driven by the passion of the students involved, whose relationship with deaf and hard of hearing students in sister city Qalqilya began in 2013. With funding from the Stevens Initiative, students from Gainesville chatted with Palestinian students virtually and collaborated on the first ASL-Palestinian sign language video dictionary. In developing 15 video dictionaries by the end of the program, this significant achievement has content tailored to simultaneously depict Palestinian Sign Language and American Sign Language. The development of these dictionaries made great improvements in both the range and quality of the exchanges as students were able to develop a tool that allowed them to better grasp the complexities of a language they are learning to master.

*"By actually being able to communicate with them in real time, we were able to learn much more than we could have from reading a book."  
– Niya Bennett, student at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, FL*



“Virtual exchanges are a vital tool for sharing ideas, concepts, and cultures that make a safer and more peaceful world.”

### Opening up new spaces for citizen virtual exchanges

These weekly video exchanges have facilitated unique and irreplaceable experiences for all involved – experiences that would not have been possible without virtual exchange. Virtual exchange surpasses the geographic boundaries that would otherwise prohibit these students from connecting. It is a vital tool for the exchange of ideas, concepts, and cultures that makes our world a safer and more peaceful place. The connections made between both groups have expanded the horizons and challenged each student to step out of their comfort zone, while bridging the language gap, and shortening the distance between Gainesville and Palestine at the same time. Students and educators in both the Palestinian and American deaf communities credit the Stevens Initiative with the deepening of relationships and contribution to a common understanding between students.

*Professor Michelle Freas said of her students in the program, “Their increasing motivation to learn more about Deaf culture and their peers in the Palestinian Territories is really impactful to me as their facilitator.”*

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# All Mexico-US Sister Cities Mayors' Summit



## An Appreciation of our Independence and Interdependence

From February 15-17 2018, Sister Cities International worked with local partners and representatives from Albuquerque; El Paso; Ciudad Juarez; Guadalajara; the State of Maryland; the Federal Government of Mexico; San Antonio; San Jose; Silicon Valley; and the Federal Government of the United States to host the first Mexico-U.S. Sister Cities Mayors' Summit in Guadalajara, Mexico. We welcomed 300 attendees, including 60 U.S. and Mexican mayors and locally elected officials from 70 communities. We covered

a number of important topics under the theme of independence and interdependence in order to help both countries advance citizen diplomacy.

The Summit was the result of a unique collaboration between both Mexican and U.S. national governments; Sister Cities International; municipal governments; citizen diplomats; civic leaders; and corporate and community sponsors from both Mexico and the United States.

## Addressed Key Emerging Issues for Both Countries

Our discussions included sessions on innovation; economic integration; climate change and resilient cities; technology; immigration; education; the role of local government in the urban agenda; trade and safety; and the power of culture and sports to transform lives.

During the Summit, we discussed transnational digital entrepreneurs; how to engage the private and public sectors as citizen diplomats; ways to incentivize the establishment of technology as clusters based in exchange between Mexican and U.S. Sister Cities; and we recognized that transportation could be a catalyst for new urbanism. We also learned about strategies

between different trade corridors and the lessons that each region learns from their counterparts about trade and safety, and focused on exploring how we can leverage our assets as communities.





## Signed Declaration of Collaboration: Enhancing Community Economic Vitality and Quality of Life

The Summit culminated in a declaration signed by attending mayors wherein attendees recognized that the interaction between Mexico and the United States occurs at all levels, particularly at the local level.

As a follow up to the Summit and by agreement between Sister Cities mayors, Guadalajara shared the original founding documents of San Antonio and Bexar County for San Antonio's Tricentennial celebrations in May 2018.

The All Mexico-U.S. Sister Cities Mayors' Summit clearly helped binational representatives understand the

benefit and potential of using Sister Cities relationships to enhance community economic vitality and quality of life.

The Summit reinforced our shared commitment and mission, as citizen diplomats, to promote peace through people-to-people connections based on mutual respect, understanding and cooperation. It underscored the enduring value and vital importance of the citizen diplomat and the Sister Cities relationship as the connective tissue between our two peoples on an everyday basis, but especially when national issues put a strain on our historic friendship.



## Ambassadors Speakers Series

Throughout the spring, SCl in conjunction with the City Club of Washington D.C., hosted a number of Diplomatic Luncheons to highlight bilateral relations, and the role citizen diplomacy plays in these relations. SCl hosted ambassadors from Afghanistan, Barbados, Costa Rica, Greece, Ghana, Kosovo, and Ireland. These ambassadors touched on trade, investment, tourism, climate change, and how citizens from their country and the United States can engage and develop relationships. They reaffirmed that people-to-people connections forge bonds that last and provide a context for meaningful engagement with multiple human, economic and community benefits.



## What We Are Doing In 2019

1

*Japan – Texas Leadership Symposium: Business, Culture, and Diplomacy – Enhancing Competitiveness*

Japanese-U.S. sister city relationships are some of the most longstanding, strongest, and most innovative relationships in our network. At this symposium we will build upon these partnerships, by highlighting successful business and trade ventures, how culture can lay the foundation for diplomacy, and the importance of leaning on the expertise of service members.

2

*Wunderbar Together: United States and Germany Leveraging Social Networks*

Throughout 2019, SCI will be showcasing how U.S.-German sister cities are on the forefront of building stronger communities. Through conferences, community events, and cultural exchanges, local citizen diplomats will share how bolstering the social fabric of local communities helps strengthen democratic institutions while building community resilience.

3

*SCI and TeamUp – Small Cities as Incubators for Learning and Leadership*

In partnership with TeamUp, SCI will award two grants to small or medium sized sister cities in the Japan-U.S. network, to facilitate student mobility programs. The programs will find creative ways to promote student exchange, expand the internationalization of education, and serve as examples for other communities of similar size.

4

*People to People and Business Connections in the Baltics, the Silk Road and Cuba*

In 2019 SCI will be providing members with opportunities to foster people-to-people connections while experiencing new cultures. A cruise between Scandinavia, Russia, and the Baltic sea will provide attendees a number of networking and cultural opportunities. A trip to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan will combine tourism with diplomacy, and act as a follow up to our Silk Road series at our Annual Conference. A business delegation to Cuba in October, hosted by People-to-People International, will highlight Cuban economic and cultural development, and seek to highlight new practices and modes of thinking to Cuban business.

5

*Telling Our Story Project*

At SCI, we understand the importance of highlighting our impact. In order to do this effectively, we are launching a monthly media series which will shed light on our Community Impact, Social Engagement, and Innovations to citizen diplomacy. This program will also facilitate the sharing of best practices and inspirational stories.



## 2018-2019 Board of Directors



Sister Cities International is governed by a 28-member Board of Directors who are elected by the voting membership of the organization. Board members serve three-year terms, and state, 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 every year they serve on the Board.

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Sister Cities International's Honorary Board is comprised of key individuals who have shown great leadership in Sister Cities International through the years. They are long-standing volunteers from membership, former members of the Board of Directors, or former State Coordinators who, because

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“ Sister Cities International leads the way by building resilience, grooming citizen diplomats who can build a more peaceful world, and integrating newcomers into their communities. ”

John Thon Majok,  
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# 2019 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).

U.S. 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

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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 subjected to approval by Sister Cities International's Executive Staff or Board of Directors for final judgement.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Charter Sister Cities:**

When two U.S. 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 U.S. 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).

## 2019 Country Partnerships

| Country/Region         | Partnerships | Country/Region          | Partnerships | Country/Region                | Partnerships |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
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| Albania                | 1            | Iceland                 | 2            | Paraguay                      | 3            |
| Algeria                | 1            | India                   | 21           | Peru                          | 15           |
| American Samoa         | 1            | Indonesia               | 5            | Philippines                   | 39           |
| Angola                 | 1            | Iran                    | 1            | Poland                        | 27           |
| Argentina              | 13           | Iraq                    | 7            | Portugal                      | 7            |
| Armenia                | 4            | Ireland                 | 36           | Puerto Rico                   | 2            |
| Aruba                  | 1            | Isle of Man             | 1            | Romania                       | 5            |
| Australia              | 17           | Israel                  | 44           | Russia                        | 58           |
| Austria                | 7            | Italy                   | 81           | Rwanda                        | 3            |
| Azerbaijan             | 2            | Jamaica                 | 6            | Saint Kitts and Nevis Islands | 1            |
| Bahamas                | 6            | Japan                   | 162          | Senegal                       | 4            |
| Barbados               | 1            | Jordan                  | 5            | Serbia                        | 2            |
| Belarus                | 1            | Kazakhstan              | 1            | Sierra Leone                  | 2            |
| Belgium                | 9            | Kenya                   | 10           | Slovakia                      | 4            |
| Belize                 | 4            | Kosovo                  | 2            | Slovenia                      | 3            |
| Benin                  | 1            | Kyrgyzstan              | 2            | Somalia                       | 1            |
| Bolivia                | 2            | Latvia                  | 2            | South Africa                  | 8            |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 2            | Lebanon                 | 3            | South Korea                   | 47           |
| Botswana               | 1            | Lesotho                 | 1            | Spain                         | 33           |
| Brazil                 | 21           | Liberia                 | 5            | Sweden                        | 14           |
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| Eswatini               | 1            |                         |              |                               |              |
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| France                 | 88           |                         |              |                               |              |
| Georgia                | 3            |                         |              |                               |              |
| Germany                | 100          |                         |              |                               |              |
| Ghana                  | 25           |                         |              |                               |              |
| Greece                 | 13           |                         |              |                               |              |
| Guatemala              | 3            |                         |              |                               |              |
| Guinea                 | 1            |                         |              |                               |              |
| Guyana                 | 1            |                         |              |                               |              |
| Haiti                  | 13           |                         |              |                               |              |
| Honduras               | 1            |                         |              |                               |              |



St Charles-Ludwigsburg Sister Cities hosts Trivia Night 2018 to raise funds to support their local student exchange program.



## 2019 State Partnerships

| Country/Region       | Members | Partners | Country/Region | Members | Partners |
|----------------------|---------|----------|----------------|---------|----------|
| Alabama              | 4       | 21       | Minnesota      | 16      | 36       |
| Alaska               | 2       | 7        | Mississippi    | 1       | 0        |
| Arizona              | 11      | 48       | Missouri       | 5       | 39       |
| Arkansas             | 4       | 12       | Montana        | 2       | 3        |
| California           | 79      | 356      | Nebraska       | 5       | 8        |
| Colorado             | 15      | 56       | Nevada         | 1       | 6        |
| Connecticut          | 4       | 11       | New Jersey     | 3       | 8        |
| Delaware             | 1       | 7        | New Mexico     | 7       | 27       |
| District Of Columbia | 1       | 14       | New York       | 11      | 40       |
| Florida              | 32      | 148      | North Carolina | 23      | 62       |
| Georgia              | 6       | 29       | Ohio           | 21      | 79       |
| Hawaii               | 2       | 29       | Oklahoma       | 6       | 23       |
| Idaho                | 4       | 4        | Oregon         | 11      | 21       |
| Illinois             | 33      | 84       | Pennsylvania   | 5       | 35       |
| Indiana              | 12      | 27       | South Carolina | 4       | 15       |
| Iowa                 | 14      | 33       | South Dakota   | 2       | 4        |
| Kansas               | 7       | 12       | Tennessee      | 5       | 17       |
| Kentucky             | 13      | 25       | Texas          | 29      | 177      |
| Louisiana            | 1       | 0        | Utah           | 2       | 10       |
| Maine                | 3       | 5        | Vermont        | 1       | 2        |
| Maryland             | 8       | 52       | Virginia       | 14      | 54       |
| Massachusetts        | 4       | 21       | Washington     | 16      | 78       |
| Michigan             | 7       | 20       | Wisconsin      | 10      | 35       |

“ (On our sister cities trip), we were more than campers, we were diplomats...This gave the whole experience a sense of major importance, as if we were leaving our mark. ”

Mateen Kane,  
High School Citizen Diplomat, Baltimore, MD

## 2019 City Connection Marketplace

Our City Connection Marketplace is available to members to provide hands-on assistance in establishing new sister city, county, or state partnerships. We help dozens of cities start the partnership process from scratch and assist many more at various stages of their search.

### Alabama

Jasper  
Madison

### Arizona

Gila Bend

### Arkansas

Fayetteville

### California

Maywood  
McFarland  
Needles  
Placer County  
Santa Ana  
Truckee  
Weed

### Colorado

Commerce City  
Grand Junction

### Florida

Apalachicola  
Fort Pierce  
Gulfport  
Pembroke Park  
Pinellas County  
Surfside  
West Park

### Georgia

Peachtree Corners

### Idaho

Twin Falls

### Illinois

Havana  
Hazel Crest

### Iowa

Decorah  
Marshalltown

### Kansas

Bonner Springs  
Wilson

### Kentucky

Grayson  
Lawrenceburg  
Midway

### Louisiana

Baton Rouge

### Maine

Eastport

### Massachusetts

West Springfield

### Michigan

Boyne City

### Minnesota

Luverne

### Mississippi

Clinton

### Nebraska

Nebraska City  
Papillion

### New Jersey

Manasquan

### New York

Little Falls  
Trumansburg

### North Carolina

Carthage  
Kernersville  
Oriental

### Ohio

Athens  
Fairborn

Green

Miami

Oxford

Trotwood

### Oregon

Albany

John Day

### South Carolina

Bamberg County

Fountain Inn

Pickens County

Spartanburg

### Texas

Briarcliff

Odessa

Palmview

Port Arthur

Saginaw

Weatherford

### Virginia

Stanardsville

### Washington

Longview

Lynnwood

## Global Connection Marketplace

### Gibraltar

Gibraltar

### Turkey

Alsancak

Sisli Municipality, Istanbul

### Japan

Kanagawa

# 2019 Sister City Partnership Listing By U.S. State

## Alabama

### Birmingham

Anshan, China  
Chao Yang District, Beijing, China  
Plzen, Czech Republic  
Winneba, Ghana  
Apaaso, Ghana  
Szekefehervar, Hungary  
Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel  
Kingston, Jamaica  
Maebashi, Japan  
Hitachi, Japan ○  
Al-Karak, Jordan  
Guediawaye, Senegal ○  
Vinnytsya, Ukraine  
Liverpool, United Kingdom

### Tuscaloosa

Schorndorf, Germany  
Sunyani-Techiman, Ghana  
Narashino, Japan

## Alaska

### Juneau

Whitehorse, Canada  
Mishan, China □  
Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines  
Camiling, Philippines □  
Vladivostok, Russia  
Chia-Yi, 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-Newtownabbey, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

### Glendale

Ørland, Norway

### Mesa

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



*San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg speaks during a Commemorative Ceremony honoring the 30th anniversary of the San Antonio-Kumamoto, Japan Sister City relationship. The ceremony was held at the San Antonio Botanical Center, steps away from the Kumamoto-En - a Japanese garden that Kumamoto gifted to San Antonio in 1989. Since their twinning in 1987, San Antonio and Kumamoto have carried out multiple diverse exchanges.*

### Phoenix

Calgary, Canada  
Chengdu, China  
Prague, Czech Republic  
Grenoble, France  
Ennis, Ireland  
Ramat-Gan, Israel  
Catania, Italy  
Himeji, Japan  
Hermosillo, Mexico  
Taipei Municipality, Taiwan

### Prescott

Suchitoto, El Salvador  
Zeitz, Germany  
Caborca, Mexico

### Scottsdale

Cairns, Australia  
Kingston, Canada  
Haikou, Hainan, China  
Uasin Gishu County, Kenya  
Alamos, 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-Hilla, Iraq ○  
Carlow, Ireland  
Skopje, Macedonia  
Timbuktu, Mali  
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  
La Petite Roche, France □  
Ragusa, Italy □  
Pachuca, Mexico □  
Hanam, South Korea  
Kaohsiung Municipality, Taiwan  
Jining, China ○  
Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

## California

### Alameda

Jiangyin, China  
Dumaguete, Philippines



**Anaheim**

Mito, Japan  
Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

**Bakersfield**

Partyzanski District, Minsk, Belarus  
Cixi, China  
Amritsar, India  
Wakayama, Japan  
Queretaro, Mexico  
Bucheon, South Korea

**Benicia**

Tula, Mexico

**Beverly Hills**

Pudong District, Shanghai, China ○  
Cannes, France  
Herzliya, Israel ○  
Acapulco, Mexico

**Big Bear Lake**

Abtenau, Austria

**Burbank**

Gaborone, Botswana  
Ota, Japan  
Incheon, South Korea  
Solna, Sweden

**Carlsbad**

Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic  
Futtsu, Japan

**Carson**

Soka, Japan

Parañaque, Philippines

La Carlota, Philippines ○  
Wanju-Gu County, South Korea

**Cathedral City**

Tequila, Mexico

**Culver City**

Lethbridge, Canada  
Capo d'Orlando, Italy  
Kaizuka, Japan  
Uruapan, Mexico  
Iksan, South Korea

**Cupertino**

Bhubaneswar, India  
Copertino, Italy  
Toyokawa, Japan  
Hsinchu, Taiwan

**Elk Grove**

Concepción de Ataco, El Salvador

**Fresno**

Châteauroux, France

**Gardena**

Ichikawa, Japan  
Huatabampo, Mexico

**Hayward**

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

**Hemet**

Kushimoto, Japan  
Marumori, Japan

**Irvine**

Tsukuba, Japan  
Hermosillo, Mexico  
Seocho, South Korea  
Nowon, South Korea ○  
Taoyuan, Taiwan

**La Cañada Flintridge**

Villanueva de la Cañada, Spain

**Laguna Beach**

Menton, France  
San Jose del Cabo, Mexico  
St. Ives, Cornwall, England, United Kingdom

**Livermore**

Quezaltenango, Guatemala  
Yotsukaido, Japan  
Snezhinsk, Russia

**Livingston**

Yingtian City, China  
Wakami-Machi, Japan

**Lodi**

Lodi, Italy  
Kofu, Japan

**Long Beach**

Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
Qingdao, China  
San Pablo de Manta, Ecuador  
Yokkaichi, Japan  
Mombasa, Kenya  
Bacolod, Philippines ○  
Sochi, Russia  
Rosarito Beach, Mexico ○  
Venice, Italy ○  
Izmir, 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



Fort Worth student plays with local children in Mbabane, Eswatini.

Nagoya, Japan  
Beirut, Lebanon  
Kaunas, Lithuania  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Auckland, New Zealand  
Makati, Philippines  
St. Petersburg, Russia  
Busan, South Korea  
Taipei Municipality, 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

Huadu District, Guangzhou City, China  
Lengshuijian City, Hunan, China  
Hanyū, Japan

### Milpitas

Huizhou Municipality, China  
Figline Valdarno, Italy  
Tsukuba, Japan  
Kukizaki, Japan  
Dagupan, Philippines

### Modesto

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

### Monterey

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

### Morgan Hill

Headford, Ireland  
San Casciano in Val di Pesa, Italy  
Mizuho, Japan

San Martin de Hidalgo, Mexico  
Ameca, Mexico  
Seferihisar, Turkey

### Mountain View

Hasselt, Belgium  
Iwata, Japan

### Newport Beach

Antibes, France  
Okazaki, Japan  
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico  
Yochon, South Korea  
Vung Tau Province, Vietnam

### Oakland

Dalian, China  
Foshan, China  
Guangzhou, China  
Qingdao, China  
Chengdu, China  
Haikou, Hainan, China  
Weifang, China  
Changping District, China  
Jingan District, China  
Jinzhou, China  
Jurong, China  
Maoming, China  
Mianyang, China  
Nanning, China  
Pudong, China  
SongShang, China  
Tanggu District, Tianjin, China  
Santiago de Cuba, Cuba  
Bahir Dar, Ethiopia  
Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana  
Port-de-Paix, Haiti  
Livorno, Italy  
Ocho Rios, Jamaica  
Fukuoka, Japan  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  
Agadir, Morocco  
Benin City, Nigeria  
Bauchi, Nigeria  
Funchal, Portugal  
Nakhodka, Russia  
Da Nang, Vietnam

### Ontario

Brockville, Canada  
Guamuchil, Mexico  
Mocorito, Mexico  
Winterthur, Switzerland

### Orinda

Tabor, Czech Republic  
Lanphun, Thailand

### Palm Desert

Ixtapa Zihuatanejo, Mexico  
Gisborne, New Zealand

### Palo Alto

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

### Pasadena

Vanadzor, Armenia  
Xicheng District, China  
Järvenpää, Finland  
Ludwigshafen Am Rhein, Germany  
Mishima, Japan  
Kasukabe, 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  
Colima, Mexico  
Ciudad Guzman, Mexico

### Richmond

Zhoushan, China  
Regla, Cuba  
Shimada, Japan

### Riverside

Jiangmen, China  
Erlangen, Germany  
Obuasi, Ghana  
Hyderabad, India  
Sendai, Japan  
Cuautla, Mexico  
Ensenada, Mexico  
Gangnam-Gu, South Korea  
Can Tho, Vietnam

### Sacramento

Jinan, China  
Ashkelon, Israel  
Matsuyama, Japan  
Mexicali, Mexico  
Chisinau, Moldova  
Hamilton, New Zealand

San Juan de Oriente, Nicaragua  
Bethlehem, Palestinian Territories  
Pasay, Philippines  
Manila, Philippines  
Yongsan-Gu, South Korea  
Liestal, Switzerland

#### San Bernardino

Yushu, China  
Herzliya, Israel  
Tachikawa, Japan  
Mexicali, Mexico  
Villahermosa, Mexico  
Tauranga, New Zealand  
Ile-Ife, Nigeria  
Roxas, Philippines  
Zavolzhie, Russia  
Kigali, Rwanda

#### San Diego

Jalalabad, Afghanistan  
Perth, Australia  
Campinas, Brazil  
Yantai, China  
Tema, Ghana  
Yokohama, Japan  
Leon, Mexico  
Tijuana, Mexico  
Panama City, Panama  
Cavite City, Philippines  
Warsaw Province, Poland  
Vladivostok, Russia  
Jeonju, South Korea  
Alcala de Henares, Spain  
Taichung, Taiwan  
Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

#### San Francisco

Sydney, Australia  
Shanghai, China  
Paris, France ○  
Kiel, Germany  
Thessaloniki, Greece  
Bangalore, India ○  
Cork, Ireland  
Haifa, Israel  
Assisi, Italy  
Abidjan, Ivory Coast  
Osaka, Japan  
Amman, Jordan  
Manila, Philippines  
Kraków, Poland ○  
Seoul, South Korea  
Barcelona, Spain ○  
Zurich, Switzerland  
Taipei Municipality, Taiwan  
Caracas, Venezuela □  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

#### San Jose

San Jose, Costa Rica



A San Jose City delegation visits Sister City Okayama, Japan in 2018. The delegation was invited to play taiko with the Gakugeikan High School taiko group who had performed the year before at the Hammer Theater in downtown San Jose as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration of its Sister City relationship.

Pune, India  
Dublin, Ireland  
Okayama, Japan  
Veracruz, Mexico  
Guadalajara, 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 County

Metropolitan City of Florence, Italy  
Moscow, Russia  
Hsinchu County, Taiwan

#### Santa Clara

Nagpur, India ○

Limerick City and County, Ireland  
Izumo, Japan  
Coimbra, Portugal

#### Santa Clarita

Tena, Ecuador  
Sariaya, Philippines

#### Santa Cruz

Chiverico, Cuba ○  
Sestri Levante, Italy  
Riva Trigoso, Italy  
Shingu, Japan  
Jinotepe, Nicaragua  
Kasese, Uganda ○  
Alushta, Ukraine  
Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela

#### Santa Fe Springs

Tirschenreuth, Germany  
Navojoa, Mexico

#### Santa Monica

Hamm, Germany  
Fujinomiya, Japan  
Mazatlan, 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  
Patzcuaro, Mexico  
Kaniv, Ukraine

### South San Francisco

St. 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

### Temecula

Daisen (Nakayama), Japan  
Leidschendam-Voorburg, Netherlands

### Upland

Mildura, Australia  
Caborca, Mexico

### Vallejo

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

### Walnut Creek

Siofok, Hungary  
Noceto, Italy

### Walnut

Calamba City, Philippines

### Watsonville

Pinghu City, China  
Cavtat, Croatia  
San Pedro Masahuat, El Salvador  
Kawakami-Mura, Japan

Jocotepec, Mexico  
Tangancicuaro, Mexico

### 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

### Boulder

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

### Brighton

Ziebice, Poland

### Colorado Springs

Bankstown, Australia  
Ancient Olympia, Greece  
Fujiiyoshida, Japan  
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan  
Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico  
Smolensk, Russia  
Kaohsiung Municipality, Taiwan

### Denver Regional Council of Governments

Baghdad, Iraq

### Denver

Kunming, China  
Axum, Ethiopia  
Brest, France  
Akureyri, Iceland ○  
Chennai, India  
Karmiel, Israel  
Ramat HaNegev, Israel ○  
Potenza, Italy  
Takayama, Japan  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Cuernavaca, Mexico



The Highland Park Sister Cities Foundation brought tenor Gianni Coletta from its sister city, Modena, Italy, to celebrate Highland Park's Italian community.

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  
Panama City, Panama ○

### **Estes Park**

Monteverde, Costa Rica

### **Gunnison**

Majkhali, India

### **Lakewood**

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

### **Longmont**

Chino, Japan  
Ciudad Guzman, Mexico

### **Pueblo**

Weifang, China  
Bergamo, Italy  
Lucca Siculo, Italy  
Chihuahua, Mexico  
Puebla, Mexico  
Maribor, Slovenia

### **Steamboat Springs**

San Martin de los Andes, Argentina  
Saasfee, 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  
Hue, Vietnam

### **Norwalk**

Nagarote, Nicaragua

## **Delaware**

### **Wilmington**

Fulda, Germany  
Kalmar, Sweden  
Ningbo, China ○  
Nemours, France  
Olevano sul Tusciano, Italy

Osogbo, Nigeria  
Watford, England, United Kingdom

## **District Of Columbia**

### **Washington**

Brussels, Belgium  
Brasilia, Brazil  
Beijing, China  
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  
Sunderland, England, United Kingdom

## **Florida**

### **Boynton Beach**

Qufu, China  
Rauma, Finland  
Les Cayes, Haiti

### **Clearwater**

Wyong, Australia  
Kalamaria, Greece  
Nagano, Japan

### **Coral Gables**

Cartagena, Colombia  
Quito, Ecuador  
Aix-en-Provence, France  
La Antigua, Guatemala  
Pisa, Italy  
El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain  
Granada, Spain

### **Crestview**

Noirmoutier, France

### **Delray Beach**

Aquin, Haiti  
Pesaro, Italy  
Miyazu, Japan  
Moshi, Tanzania

### **Doral**

Oranjestad, Aruba

### **Gainesville**

Manizales, Colombia □  
Jacmel, Haiti  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras □  
Duhok, Iraq

Kfar Saba, Israel  
Deir Alla, Jordan  
Mejdlaya, Lebanon  
Matagalpa, Nicaragua  
Qalqilya, Palestinian Territories  
Rzeszow, Poland  
Novorossiysk, Russia

### **Jacksonville**

Bahia Blanca, Argentina  
Curitiba, Brazil  
Yingkou, China  
Suzhou, China ○  
Ningbo, China ○  
Shaoxing, China ○  
Nantes, France  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Murmansk, Russia  
Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, South Africa  
Changwon City, South Korea

### **Kissimmee**

Miaoli, Taiwan

### **Lakeland**


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

### **Miami Beach**

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

### **Miami Dade County**

Mendoza, Argentina  
The Bahamas, Bahamas  
Santa Cruz, Bolivia □  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Cayman Islands □  
Iquique, Chile □  
Pereira, Colombia

San Jose, Costa Rica  
 Prague, Czech Republic  
 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
 Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropolis,  
 France  
 Lamentin, Guadeloupe, France   
 Petit Goave, Haiti  
 Provincia di Asti, Italy  
 Kingston, Jamaica  
 Veracruz, Mexico  
 Asuncion, Paraguay  
 Pucallpa, Peru   
 Saint Kitts and Nevis Islands   
 Dakar, Senegal  
 Cape Town, South Africa  
 Cabildo de Tenerife, Spain  
 Stockholm County, Sweden  
 Taipei Municipality, Taiwan  
 Turks and Caicos Islands   
 Maldonado, Uruguay  
 Monagas State, Venezuela  
 Antolín del Campo, Venezuela

#### Miami

Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 Santiago, Chile  
 Cali, Colombia  
 Lima, Peru


#### Miramar

Santa Ana, El Salvador

#### Mount Dora

Forres, Scotland, United Kingdom

#### North Miami

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

#### Pensacola

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

#### Pompano Beach

Itajai, Brazil  
 Termoli, Italy

#### Sarasota


Hamilton, Canada  
 Siming District, Xiamen, China  
 Perpignan, France

Tel Mond, Israel  
 Treviso, Italy  
 Merida, Mexico  
 Vladimir, Russia  
 Dunfermline, Scotland, United  
 Kingdom

#### St. Augustine

George-Town, Great Exuma, The  
 Bahamas  
 Cartagena de Indias, Colombia  
 San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
 Aviles, Spain  
 Ciudadella de Menorca, Spain

#### 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

#### Tampa

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

#### Tavares



Xindian, 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  
 Nanjing, China   
 Shenzhen, China   
 Salcedo, Dominican Republic  
 Toulouse, France  
 Tbilisi, Georgia  
 Nuremberg, Germany

Ancient Olympia, Greece  
 Ra'anana, Israel  
 Montego Bay, Jamaica  
 Fukuoka, Japan  
 Lagos, Nigeria  
 Bucharest, Romania  
 Daegu, South Korea  
 Taipei Municipality, Taiwan  
 Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago  
 Newcastle upon Tyne, England, United  
 Kingdom

#### Augusta

Biarritz, France  
 Takarazuka, Japan

#### Decatur

Bousse, Burkina Faso  
 Ouahigouya, Burkina Faso  
 Trujillo, Peru

#### LaGrange

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

#### Marietta

Seongdong-Gu, South Korea

### Hawaii

#### Hawaii County

Ormoc, Philippines

#### Maui

Rapa Nui, Chile  
 Hainan Province, China  
 Sanya County, Hainan, China  
 San Cristobal Island, Ecuador   
 Albi, France  
 Hirara (Miyakujima), Japan  
 Hachijo Island, Japan  
 Fukuyama, Japan  
 Arequipa, Peru  
 Manila, Philippines  
 Quezon City, Philippines  
 Bacarra, Philippines  
 Puerto Princesa, Philippines  
 Zambales Province, Philippines  
 Sarrat, Philippines  
 Badoc, Philippines  
 Cabugao, Philippines  
 San Nicolas, Philippines  
 San Juan, Philippines  
 Santa, Philippines  
 Funchal, Portugal  
 Sao Miguel Island, Portugal  
 Goyang, South Korea  
 Madrid, Spain  
 Pingtung, Taiwan



Embo, Scotland, United Kingdom  
Saipan, Northern Mariana Island,  
United States  
American Samoa, United States

## Idaho

### Idaho Falls

Tokai-Mura, Japan

### Moscow

Villa El Carmen, Nicaragua

### Pocatello

Kwaremanguel, Burkina Faso  
Iwamizawa, Japan

## Illinois

### Bartlett

Miaoli, Taiwan

### Belleville

Paderborn, Germany

### Belvidere

Vaux-le-Penil, France  
Schwieberdingen, Germany

### Charleston

Fengshan, Taiwan  
Fengshan District, Taiwan

### Chicago

Toronto, Canada  
Shenyang, China  
Shanghai, China  
Bogotá, Colombia  
Prague, Czech Republic  
Paris, France  
Sydney, Australia  
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

Birmingham, England, United Kingdom  
Sydney, Australia

### Columbia

Gedern, Germany

### Decatur

Seevetal, Germany  
Tokorozawa, Japan

### Dixon

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

### Elk Grove Village

Termini Imerese Sicily, Italy

### Galena

Agen, France

### Hanover Park

Cape Coast, Ghana  
Valparaíso, Mexico

### Highland Park

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

### Highland

Sursee, Switzerland

### Hoffman Estates

Angoulême, France

### Lake Zurich

Nittenau, Germany

### Lockport

Asiago, Italy

### Millstadt

Gross-Bieberau, Germany

### Naperville

Patzcuaro, 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



Photo from St Charles-Ludwigsburg Sister Cities - Ludwigsburg Germany hosts the Venetian Festival every two years. Each of Ludwigsburg's five sister cities is represented.

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

**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

**Columbus**  
Löhne, Germany

**Elkhart**  
Kurdjali, Bulgaria  
Tongxiang, China  
Burton upon Trent, England, United Kingdom

**Fort Wayne**  
Mawlamyine, Burma ○

**Greenfield**  
Kakuda, Japan

**Indianapolis**  
Campinas, Brazil  
Hangzhou, China ○  
Cologne, Germany  
Hyderabad, India ○  
Monza, Italy  
Onitsha, Nigeria  
Piran, Slovenia  
Taipei Municipality, Taiwan  
Northamptonshire County, England, United Kingdom

**Jasper**  
Pfaffenweiler, Germany

**Lafayette**  
Longkou, China  
Ota, Japan

**Newburgh**  
Newburgh, England, United Kingdom

**Noblesville**  
Nova Prata, Brazil  
Cittadella, Italy

**Vincennes**  
Vincennes, France  
Wasserburg, Germany

**Iowa**  
**Clarinda**  
Tamana, Japan

**Council Bluffs**  
Herat, Afghanistan  
Karadah Baghdad, Iraq  
El Hajeb, Morocco  
Tobolsk, Russia

**Davenport**  
Ilheus, Brazil  
Kaiserslautern, Germany  
Carlow County, Ireland

**Des Moines**  
Shijiazhuang, China  
Pristina, Kosovo  
Saint-Etienne, France  
Kofu, Japan  
Stavropol, Russia

**Dubuque**  
Dornbirn, Austria  
Handan, China  
Pyatigorsk, Russia

**Elkader**  
Mascara, Algeria

**Johnston**  
Peja, Kosovo

**Muscatine**  
Crespo, Argentina  
Parana, Argentina  
Zhengding, China  
Ludwigslust, Germany  
Ichikawadaimon, Japan  
Ramallah, Palestinian Territories  
Lomza, Poland  
Kislovodsk, Russia  
Drohobych, Ukraine  
Paysandu, Uruguay □

**Newton**  
Wuchi Town, Taiwan  
Smila, Ukraine

**Osage**  
Lermontov, Russia

**Shenandoah**  
Tisovek, Slovakia

**Waverly**  
Eisenach, Germany

**West Des Moines**  
Mateh Asher, Israel

**Kansas**  
**Abilene**  
Omitama (Minori), Japan

**Hays**  
Xinzheng, China  
Neustadt an der Waldnaab, Germany □  
Santa Maria, Paraguay

**Lawrence**  
Eutin, Germany  
Iniades, Greece  
Hiratsuka, Japan

**Victoria**  
Kubelstein Stadt Schesslitz, Germany

**Wichita**  
Kaifeng, China  
Orleans, France  
Cancun, Mexico  
Tlalnepantla de Baz, Mexico

**Kentucky**  
**Danville**  
Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

**Frankfort**

Shimamoto-cho, Japan

**Georgetown**

Tahara, Japan

**Hopkinsville**

Carentan-les-Marais, France

**Lexington**

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

**Louisville**

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

**Morehead**

Yangshuo County, China  
 Ballymena, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

**Owensboro**

Olomouc, Czech Republic  
 Olomouc Kraj, Czech Republic  
 Nisshin, Japan

**Paris**

Lamotte-Beuvron, France

**Pikeville**

Dundalk, Ireland

**Maine****Portland**

Mytilene, Greece  
 Cap-Haitien, 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

Changwon City, South Korea

Odessa, Ukraine

**Columbia**

Liyang, China  
 Cergy-Pontoise, France  
 Tema, Ghana  
 Cap-Haitien, Haiti  
 Tres Cantos, Spain

**District Heights**

Mbuji-Mayi, Democratic Republic of 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  
 Maryland County, Liberia  
 Bong County, Liberia  
 State of Jalisco, Mexico  
 Ondo State, Nigeria  
 Cross River State, Nigeria  
 Lodz Region, Poland  
 Leningrad Region, Russia  
 St. Petersburg, Russia  
 KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa  
 Gyeongsangnam-Do, South Korea  
 Jeollanamdo, Korea  
 Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey  
 Ninh Thuan Province, Vietnam

**Montgomery County**

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

**Rockville**

Jiaxing, China ○  
 Pinneberg, Germany

**Salisbury**

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

**Massachusetts****Boston**

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

**Cambridge**

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

**Somerville**

Yucuaiqu, El Salvador  
 Gaeta, Italy  
 Tiznit, Morocco

**Michigan****Chelsea**

Shimizu, Hokkaido, Japan

**Grand Rapids**

Ga West District, Ghana  
 Ga East District, Ghana  
 Perugia, Italy  
 Omihachiman, Japan  
 Zapopan, Mexico  
 Bielsko-Biala, Poland

**Lansing**

Sanming, China  
 Akuapem South District, Ghana  
 Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipality, Ghana  
 Pianezza, Italy  
 Otsu, Japan  
 Guadalajara, Mexico  
 Tipitapa, Nicaragua □  
 Asan, South Korea  
 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania ○

**Port Huron**

Chiquimula, Guatemala



*Musicians from San Antonio's Sister and Friendship Cities perform for a full house during the Sister City Jazz Ensemble in February of 2018. The innovative concert featured 12 artists who had never met, coming together to perform a piece composed by a local San Antonio composer titled 'Sister Cities.'*

#### **Saline**

Lindenberg, Germany  
Brecon, Wales, United Kingdom

#### **South Haven**

Quilali, Nicaragua

#### **Minnesota**

##### **Cambridge**

Beli Manastir, Croatia  
Yuasa, Japan  
Rattvik, Sweden

##### **Columbia Heights**

Lomianki, Poland

##### **Duluth**

Thunder Bay, Canada  
Rania, Iraq  
Isumi-shi, Japan  
Petrozavodsk, Russia  
Växjö, Sweden

##### **Elbow Lake**

Flekkefjord, Norway

##### **Fergus Falls**

Nordhordland Region, Norway

##### **Hibbing**

Waldsrode, Germany

##### **Lindstrom**

Tingsryd, Sweden

#### **Little Canada**

Thunder Bay, Canada

#### **Melrose**

Buhl, 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**

Petatlan, Mexico

#### **Shoreview**

Einhausen, Germany

#### **St. Anthony**

Salo, Finland

#### **Missouri**

##### **Columbia**

Laoshan District, 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 Nicolas 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  
Galway, Ireland  
Donegal, Ireland  
Bologna, Italy  
Suwa, Japan  
San Luis Potosi, Mexico  
Szczecin, Poland  
Samara, Russia  
St. Louis, Senegal

#### **Montana**

##### **Livingston**

Naganohara, Japan

##### **Missoula**

Neckargemünd, Germany  
Palmerston North, New Zealand



## Nebraska

### Boys Town

Ballymoe, Ireland

### Kearney

Opava, Czech Republic

### Omaha

Yantai, China  
Braunschweig, Germany  
Naas, Ireland  
Shizuoka, Japan  
Siauliai, Lithuania  
Xalapa, Mexico

## Nevada

### Reno

Hatzor, Israel  
Guadalupe, Nuevo León, Mexico  
Wanganui, New Zealand  
San Sabastian, Spain  
Taichung, Taiwan  
Udonthani, Thailand

## New Jersey

### Montclair

Graz, Austria  
Laguna de Perlas, Nicaragua  
Cherepovets, Russia  
Barnet, England, United Kingdom

### New Brunswick

Debrecen, Hungary  
Limerick City and County, Ireland  
Fukui, Japan  
Tsuruoka, Japan

## New Mexico

### Albuquerque

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

### Angel Fire

Quang Tri Town, Vietnam

### Ascensión

Mesilla, New Mexico

### Clovis

Kasama, Zambia

### Las Cruces

Nienburg, Germany  
Ciudad Lerdo, Mexico

### Los Alamos

Sarov, Russia

### Santa Fe

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

## New York

### Brooklyn, New York City, New York

Üsküdar, Turkey

### Buffalo

Changzhou, China  
Bani, 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

Rzeszow, Poland

Tver, Russia

Muhanga District, Rwanda

Yeongcheon, South Korea

Bursa Yildirim, Turkey

Drohobych, Ukraine

Horlivka, Ukraine

### Canisteo

Wauchope, Australia

### Corning

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

### Honeoye Falls

Borgne, Haiti

### Horseheads

Nakagawa-machi, Tochigi, Japan

### Northport

Sochi, Russia

### Rochester

Xiangyang, China  
Puerta Plata, Dominican Republic  
Rennes, France  
Würzburg, Germany  
Waterford, Ireland  
Rehovot, Israel  
Caltanissetta, Italy  
Hamamatsu, Japan



Students from Hampton Roads enjoying a three-week experience in Wilhelmshaven, Germany. All students and chaperones were home stayed. Norfolk Sister City Association provided scholarship support for one student to participate in this program and support for one student to participate in its Toulon, France exchange program.

Alytus, Lithuania  
Bamako, Mali  
Kraków, Poland  
Velikiy Novgorod, Russia

**Village of Great Neck Plaza**  
Tiberias, Israel

## North Carolina

**Asheville**  
Saumur, France  
Karpenisi, Greece  
San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico  
Valladolid, Mexico  
Osogbo, Nigeria  
Vladikavkaz, Russia  
Dunkeld and Birnam, Scotland

**Boone**  
Collingwood, Canada

**Burlington-Alamance**  
Soledad de Graciano Sánchez, San Luis Potosi, Mexico  
Gwacheon, South Korea

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

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

**Concord**  
Freeport, Grand Bahamas  
Killarney, Ireland  
Siena, Italy

**Durham**  
Zhuzhou, China  
Kunshan, China ○  
Xianning, China ○  
Kavala, Greece  
Toyama, Japan  
Kostroma, Russia  
Arusha, Tanzania  
Tilarán, Costa Rica  
Durham, England

**Gastonia**  
Gotha, Germany  
Santiago de Surco, Peru

**Greensboro**  
Montbeliard, France  
Buiucani District, Chişinău, Moldova

**Greenville**  
Incheon, South Korea

**Hendersonville**  
Verbania, Italy  
Almuñécar, Spain

**Laurinburg**  
Oban, Scotland, United Kingdom

**Matthews**  
Sainte Maxime, France

**Mooresville-South Iredell**  
Hockenheim, Germany

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

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

## North Dakota

**Grand Forks**  
Kanuma, Japan

## Ohio

**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  
Bahir Dar, Ethiopia  
Rouen, France  
Heidenheim, Germany  
Conakry, Guinea  
Miskolc, Hungary  
Bangalore, India  
West Mayo, Ireland  
Holon, Israel  
Beit She'an, Israel  
Vincenza, Italy  
Klaipeda, Lithuania  
Ibadan, Nigeria  
Lima, Peru  
Gdansk, Poland  
Brasov, Romania  
Volgograd, Russia  
Bratislava, Slovakia  
Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Taipei Municipality, Taiwan  
Cleveland County, England, United Kingdom  
Cleveland, England, United Kingdom

**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  
Oiso, Japan  
Monrovia, Liberia

**Delaware**  
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 ○

**Portsmouth**

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

**South Euclid**

Kraljevo, Serbia

**Toledo**

Londrina, Brazil  
Qinhuangdao, China  
Delmenhorst, Germany  
Coburg, Germany ○  
Szeged, Hungary  
Csongrad County, Hungary  
Coimbatore, India  
Toyohashi, Japan  
Bekaa Valley, Lebanon  
Hyderabad, Pakistan  
Poznan, 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  
Haikou, Hainan, China  
Puebla, Mexico

Ulyanovsk, Russia  
Kigali, Rwanda  
Tainan City, Taiwan  
Taipei Municipality, Taiwan

**Stillwater**

Kameoka, Japan

**Tulsa**

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

**Yukon**

Krnov, Czech Republic

**Oregon****Ashland**

Guanajuato, Mexico

**Astoria**

Walldorf, Germany

**Eugene**

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

**Grants Pass**

Rubtsovsk, Russia

**Hood River**

Tsuruta, Japan

**Medford**

Alba, Italy

**Ontario**

Osakasayama, 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

**Morrisville**

Bloléquin, Ivory Coast

**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  
Torun, Poland  
Nizhny Novgorod, Russia  
Incheon, South Korea

**Pittsburgh**

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

**South Carolina****Anderson**

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

**Charleston**

Spoletto, Italy  
Panama City, Panama

**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

### South Dakota

#### Rapid City

Apolda, Germany  
Nikko, Japan

#### Sioux Falls

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

### Tennessee

#### Franklin

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

#### Germantown

Konigs Wusterhausen, Germany

#### Johnson City

Rybinsk, Russia  
Ronneby, Sweden

#### Nashville

Mendoza, Argentina  
Tamworth, Australia  
Edmonton, Canada  
Taiyuan, China  
Caen, France  
Crouy, France ○  
Magdeburg, Germany  
Kamakura, Japan  
Port de la Selva, Spain ○  
Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom  
Nakashi (Naka Machi), Japan

#### Oak Ridge

Obninsk, Russia

### Texas

#### Arlington

Bad Königshofen, Germany

#### Austin

Adelaide, Australia  
Siem Reap, Cambodia ○  
Xishuangbanna, China  
Angers, France

Villefranche Sur Mer, France ○

Koblenz, Germany  
Oita, Japan  
Maseru, Lesotho  
Saltillo, Mexico  
Tehuacan, Mexico ○  
Orlu, Nigeria  
Lima, Peru  
Gwangmyeong, South Korea  
Taichung, Taiwan  
Antalya Kepez, Turkey  
London Borough of Hackney, England, United Kingdom

#### Bandera

Strzelce Opolskie County, Poland  
Tysmenytsia, Ukraine

#### Bryan-College Station

Bastogne, Belgium  
Greifswald, Germany  
Salamanca, Mexico

#### Corpus Christi

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

#### Dallas

Brno, Czech Republic  
Dijon, France  
Riga, Latvia  
Monterrey, Mexico  
Saratov, Russia  
Taipei Municipality, Taiwan

#### Denison

Cognac, France

#### El Paso

Hadera, Israel  
Ciudad Juárez, Mexico

#### Farmers Branch

Garbsen, Germany  
Schonebeck, Germany ○  
Bassetlaw District, England, United Kingdom

#### Fort Worth

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

#### Grand Prairie

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

#### Houston

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

#### Irving

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

#### Killeen

San Juan, Puerto Rico □  
Osan, South Korea

#### La Grange

Frenstat, Czech Republic  
Olfen, Germany

#### Laredo

San Antonio de Areco, Argentina  
Murray Bridge, Australia  
Chenzhou, China  
Zixing, China  
Wuwei, China  
Wenzhou, China  
La Cruz, Costa Rica  
Acambaro, Mexico  
Cienega de Flores, Mexico  
Jerez de Garcia Salinas, Mexico  
Lampazos, Mexico  
Mexticacan, Mexico  
Moncolva, Mexico  
Nuevo Laredo, Mexico  
Montemorelos, Mexico



Torreón, Mexico  
Tepatlán, Mexico  
Tonala, Mexico  
Ciudad Valles, Mexico  
Los Herreras, Mexico  
Papantla, Mexico  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Guadalupe, Nuevo León, Mexico  
Campeche, Mexico  
Cerralvo, Mexico  
Escobedo, Mexico  
General Terán, Mexico  
Tlahualilo Durango, Mexico  
Tijuana, Mexico  
Cuautla, Mexico  
Angostura, Mexico  
Jalpan de Serra, Mexico  
Cuernavaca, Mexico  
Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico  
Leon, Mexico  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
León Guanajuato, Mexico  
Veracruz, Mexico ○  
Lower Hutt, New Zealand  
Laredo, Spain  
Cantabria, Spain  
Tainan City, Taiwan  
Tainan Hsien, Taiwan

#### McAllen

Belize City, Belize  
Saint Laurent, Canada  
Ganzhou, China  
San Jose, Costa Rica  
Acapulco, Mexico  
Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico  
Ixtapa Zihuatanejo, Mexico  
Monterrey, Mexico  
Reynosa, Mexico  
Tampico, Mexico  
Guadalupe, Nuevo León, Mexico  
Cadereyta Jiménez, Mexico  
García, Nuevo León, Mexico  
Ciudad Victoria, Mexico  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico  
Taxco, Mexico  
San Luis Potosí, Mexico

#### Prairie View

Belize City, Belize  
Punta Gorda, Belize  
Guachené, Colombia  
Manta, Colombia  
Santander de Quilichao, Colombia  
Santa Tecla, El Salvador  
Aseeso, Ghana  
Pabellón de Arteaga, Mexico

#### San Antonio

Wuxi, China  
Suzhou, 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  
Municipio de Janos, Mexico  
Guerrero del Real de Rio Grande, Mexico  
Santa Barbara, Mexico  
Satevo, 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 Gora, 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

##### Hartford

Cenon, France  
Kratovo, Macedonia

#### Virginia

##### Alexandria

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

##### Arlington

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

##### Charlottesville

Pleven, Bulgaria  
Besancon, France



Tacoma-Brovary Committee receives title to ambulance to be donated to Brovary, Ukraine (Slavic Christian Center, Tacoma, WA).



The Highland Park Sister Cities Foundation sent three teachers to teach poetry classes in Puerto Vallarta. Its Virtual Classroom teachers collaborated from Virtual to Reality.

Winneba, Ghana ○  
Poggio a Caiano, Italy

**Chesapeake**  
Joinville, Brazil

**Gordonsville**  
Thoré-la-Rochette, France

**Hampton**  
Vendome, France  
Pietermaritzburg Msunduzi, South Africa  
Anyang, South Korea  
Southampton, England, United Kingdom

**Lynchburg**  
Rueil Malmaison, France  
Glauchau, Germany

**Newport News**  
Taizhou, China  
Greifswald, Germany  
Neyagawa, Japan

**Norfolk**  
Halifax, Canada  
Ningbo, China  
Toulon, France  
Wilhelmshaven, Germany  
Tema, Ghana  
Kochi, India  
Kitakyushu, Japan  
Cagayan de Oro, Philippines  
Kaliningrad, Russia  
Norfolk County, England, United Kingdom

**Richmond**  
Zhengzhou, China  
Saitama (Urawa), Japan

Segou, Mali  
Windhoek, Namibia  
Richmond upon Thames, England, United Kingdom

**Roanoke**  
Florianopolis, Brasil  
Lijiang, China  
Saint-Lo, France  
Kisumu, Kenya  
Opole, Poland  
Pskov, Russia  
Wonju, South Korea

**Suffolk**  
Oderzo, Italy  
Suffolk, United Kingdom

**Virginia Beach**  
Waiblingen, Germany  
Miyazaki, Japan  
San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua ○  
Moss, Norway  
Olongapo, Philippines  
Ards and North Down Borough, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

**Washington**  
**Anacortes**  
Sidney, Canada  
Vela Luka, Croatia  
Nikaho, Japan  
Lomonosov, Russia

**Auburn**  
Yuhang District, China  
Guanghan, China ○  
Mola di Bari, Italy  
Tamba (Kasuga), Japan  
Pyeongchang, South Korea

**Bellevue**  
Kladno, Czech Republic  
Yao, Japan  
Liepaja, Latvia  
Hualien, Taiwan

**Bellingham**  
Port Stephens, Australia  
Punta Arenas, Chile  
Vaasa, Finland  
Tateyama, Japan  
Tsetserleg, Mongolia  
Nakhodka, Russia  
Cheongju, South Korea

**Camas**  
Hosoecho, Japan  
Taki-Cho, Japan  
Krapkowice, Poland  
Morawica, Poland  
Zabierzow, 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

**Point Roberts**  
Campobello Island, Canada

**Seattle**  
Sihanoukville, Cambodia  
Limbe, Cameroon  
Chongqing, China

Nantes, France  
Pecs, Hungary  
Reykjavik, Iceland  
Surabaya, Indonesia  
Galway, Ireland  
Beer Sheva, Israel  
Perugia, Italy  
Kobe, Japan  
Mombasa, Kenya  
Mazatlan, 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  
Nishinomiya, Japan  
San Luis Potosi, Mexico  
Jecheon, South Korea

#### **Tacoma**

Boca Del Rio, Mexico  
Fuzhou, China  
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

#### **Walla Walla**

Cannara, Italy

#### **Wisconsin**

##### **Door County**

Jingdezhen, China

##### **Kenosha**

Douai, France  
Wolfenbuttel, Germany  
Cosenza, Italy  
Quezon City, Philippines  
Moshi, Tanzania

##### **La Crosse**

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

##### **Lublin**

Lublin, Poland

#### **Madison**

Ainaro, East Timor

#### **Marshfield**

Jauregui-Lujan, Argentina

#### **Milwaukee**

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

#### **Racine**

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

#### **Rice Lake**

Zamberk, Czech Republic  
Miharu-Machi, Japan

#### **Stevens Point**

Gulcz, Poland  
Rostov Veliky, Russia

#### **Two Rivers**

Domažlice, Czech Republic

**“** We recognize the importance of Sister Cities' role in assisting municipal officials to empower their communities and citizens to participate in international affairs, particularly in terms of economic development. It is estimated Sister Cities programs contribute over half a billion dollars to the U.S. economy each year. **”**

**Elizabeth McKay,**

*U.S. Department of State Public Diplomat in Residence, USC Annenberg*

# 2019 Sister City Partnership Listing By Country-Region

## Afghanistan

**Ghazni**  
Hayward, California

**Jalalabad**  
San Diego, California

**Herat**  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

## Albania

**Fieri**  
Cleveland, Ohio

## Algeria

**Mascara**  
Elkader, Iowa

## Angola

**Luanda**  
Houston, Texas

## Argentina

**Bahia Blanca**  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Buenos Aires**  
Miami, Florida

**Crespo**  
Muscatine, Iowa

**Jauregui-Lujan**  
Marshfield, Wisconsin

**La Plata**  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Mendoza**  
Miami Dade County, Florida  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Parana**  
Muscatine, Iowa

**Rosario, Santa Fe Province**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**San Antonio de Areco**  
Laredo, Texas

**San Carlos de Bariloche**  
Aspen, Colorado

**San Martin de los Andes**  
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

## Armenia

**Gyumri**  
Alexandria, Virginia

**Vanadzor**  
Pasadena, California

**Yerevan**  
Los Angeles, California  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

## Aruba

**Oranjestad**  
Doral, Florida

## Australia

**Adelaide**  
Austin, Texas

**Bankstown**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Cairns**  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Melbourne**  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Mildura**  
Upland, California

**Mona Vale**  
Wilmette, Illinois

**Murray Bridge**  
Laredo, Texas

**Perth**  
San Diego, California  
Houston, Texas

**Port Stephens**  
Bellingham, Washington

**Sutherland Shire**  
Lakewood, Colorado

**Sydney**  
San Francisco, California  
Chicago, Illinois

**Tamworth**  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Wauchope**  
Canisteo, New York

**Wyong**  
Clearwater, Florida

## Austria

**Abtenau**  
Big Bear Lake, California

**Baden bei Wien**  
Grand Prairie, Texas

**Dornbirn**  
Dubuque, Iowa

**Graz**  
Montclair, New Jersey

**Salzburg**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Stegersbach**  
Northampton, Pennsylvania

**Steyr**  
Kettering, Ohio

## Azerbaijan

**Lankaran**  
Monterey, California

**Baku**  
Houston, Texas

## Bahamas

**Cat Island**  
Richton Park, Illinois

**Freeport, Grand Bahama**  
Concord, North Carolina  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina



*Sister Cities International Oklahoma City President Mary Blankenship Pointer and Secretary Nancy Hyde during a visit to Kigali in Rwanda.*



**George-Town, Great Exuma**  
St. Augustine, Florida

**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**  
Washington, District of Columbia  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Hasselt**  
Mountain View, California

**Kasterlee**  
Fountain Hills, Arizona

**Kortrijk**  
Greenville, South Carolina

**Mechelen**  
Arvada, Colorado

**Mons**  
Little Rock, Arkansas 

**Walloon Region**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Belize**  
**Belize City**  
McAllen, Texas  
Prairie View, Texas

**Punta Gorda**  
Prairie View, Texas

**San Pedro**  
Wilmington, North Carolina

**Benin**  
**Cotonou**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Bolivia**  
**Santa Cruz**  
Miami Dade County, Florida   
ok. se escuchó raro eso de "manuel la" **Oruro**  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
**Brčko**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Sarajevo**  
Dayton, Ohio

**Botswana**  
**Gaborone**  
California


**Brazil**  
**Brasilia**  
Washington, District of Columbia

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

**Caxias do Sul**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Curitiba**  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Columbus, Ohio

**Florianopolis**  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Fortaleza**  
Miami Beach, Florida  
Racine, Wisconsin 

**Ilheus**  
Davenport, Iowa

**Itajai**  
Pompano Beach, Florida

**Joinville**  
Chesapeake, Virginia

**Londrina**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Nova Prata**  
Noblesville, Indiana

**Porto Alegre**  
Tampa, Florida

**Rio de Janeiro**  
Miami Beach, Florida  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Salvador**  
Los Angeles, California

**Sao Paulo**  
Miami Dade County, Florida

**State of Rio de Janeiro**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Bulgaria**  
**Kurdjali**  
Elkhart, Indiana

**Pleven**  
Charlottesville, Virginia

**Plovdiv**  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Sofia**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Burkina Faso**  
**Bousse**  
Decatur, Georgia

**Kwaremangel**  
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**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Kumbo**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Limbe**  
Seattle, Washington

**Canada**  
**Brampton**  
Miami Beach, Florida

**Brockville**  
Ontario, California

**Burnaby**  
Mesa, Arizona

**Calgary**  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Campobello Island**  
Point Roberts, Washington

**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

**Richmond Hill**  
Lakeland, Florida

**Saint Laurent**  
McAllen, Texas

**Sidney**  
Anacortes, Washington

**Thunder Bay**   
Duluth, Minnesota  
Little Canada, Minnesota

**Toronto**   
Chicago, Illinois

**Vancouver**  
Los Angeles, California

**Vernon, British Columbia**  
Modesto, California

**Waterloo**  
Centerville, Ohio

**Whitehorse**  
Juneau, Alaska

**Winnipeg**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Cape Verde**  
**Praia**  
Boston, Massachusetts

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

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

**Lo Barnechea**  
Tyler, Texas

**Punta Arenas**  
Bellingham, Washington

**Rapa Nui**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Santiago**  
Miami, Florida  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Viña del Mar**  
Sausalito, California

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


**Anshan**  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Baoding**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Beihai**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Beijing**  
Washington, District of Columbia

**Changchun**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Changping District**  
Oakland, California 

**Changshu**  
Whittier, California

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

**Chao Yang District, Beijing**  
Birmingham, Alabama

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

**Chenzhou**  
Laredo, Texas

**Chongming County**  
Lakeland, Florida



Photo from the 50th Anniversary celebration of the relationship between Dayton, Ohio and Oiso, Kanagawa. Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, City Manager Shelley Dickstein and Dayton Sister City Committee's Oiso Chair Kevin Lydy present Oiso Mayor Hisao Nakajima with gifts. Joining the Dayton delegation are three high school students from Dayton.

**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**Los Angeles, California  
Oakland, California ○**Guiyang**

Fort Worth, Texas

**Haikou, Hainan**Scottsdale, Arizona  
Oakland, California ○  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**Hainan Province**

Maui, Hawaii

**Haizhu District, Guangzhou**

Urbana, Illinois

**Hanchuan**

Martinez, California

**Handan**

Dubuque, Iowa

**Hangzhou**Indianapolis, Indiana ○  
Boston, Massachusetts**Harbin**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Hefei**

Columbus, Ohio

**Huadu District, Guangzhou City**

Millbrae, California ○



*The San Jose Dublin Sister City Board of Directors participate in team building activities during its 2018 board retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains.*

**Huizhou Municipality**

Milpitas, California

**Jiangmen**

Riverside, California

**Jiangyin**

Alameda, California

**Jiaxing**Lakeland, Florida ○  
Rockville, Maryland ○**Jilin**

Spokane, Washington

**Jinan**

Sacramento, California

**Jingan District**

Oakland, California ○

**Jingdezhen**

Door County, Wisconsin

**Jining**

Little Rock, Arkansas ○

**Jinzhou**Oakland, California ○  
Arvada, Colorado**Jiujiang**

Louisville, Kentucky

**Jurong**

Oakland, California ○

**Kaifeng**

Wichita, Kansas

**Kaiping**

Mesa, Arizona

**Kunming**

Denver, Colorado

**Kunshan**

Durham, North Carolina ○

**Lanzhou**Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Tampa, Florida**Laoshan District**

Columbia, Missouri

**Lengshuijian City, Hunan**

Millbrae, California ○

**Leshan**

Gilbert, Arizona

**Lhasa**

Boulder, Colorado

**Lijiang**Malibu, California  
Roanoke, Virginia**Linli**

Redlands, California

**Liuzhou**

Cincinnati, Ohio

**Liyang**  
Columbia, Maryland

**Longkou**  
Lafayette, Indiana

**Luoyang**  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Maoming**  
Oakland, California ○

**Mengzi**  
Modesto, California

**Mianyang**  
Oakland, California ○

**Mishan**  
Juneau, Alaska □

**Nanjing**  
Atlanta, Georgia ○  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Nanning**  
Oakland, California ○

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

**Penglai**  
Sonoma, California

**Pinghu City**  
Watsonville, California

**Pudong**  
Oakland, California ○  
Beverly Hills, California ○

**Qingdao**  
Long Beach, California  
Oakland, California ○

**Qingyang**  
Edmond, Oklahoma

**Qinhuangdao**  
Toledo, Ohio

**Qufu**  
Boynton Beach, Florida

**Quzhou**  
Red Wing, Minnesota

**Sanming**  
Lansing, Michigan

**Sanya County, Hainan**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Shanghai**  
San Francisco, California

Chicago, Illinois  
Houston, Texas ○

**Shaoxing**  
Jacksonville, Florida ○

**Shenyang**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Shenzhen**  
Atlanta, Georgia ○  
Houston, Texas

**Shijiazhuang**  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Siming District, Xiamen**  
Sarasota, Florida

**SongShang**  
Oakland, California ○

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

**Taiyuan**  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Taizhou**  
Newport News, Virginia

**Tanggu District, Tianjin**  
Oakland, California ○

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

**Tongxiang**  
Elkhart, Indiana

**Weifang**  
Oakland, California ○  
Pueblo, Colorado

**Weihai**  
Santa Barbara, California

**Wenzhou**  
Laredo, Texas

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

**Wuwei**  
Laredo, Texas

**Wuxi**  
San Antonio, Texas

**Wuzhong District, Suzhou**  
Southlake, Texas ○

**Xi'an**  
Montgomery County, Maryland

Kansas City, Missouri

**Xiamen**  
Baltimore, Maryland

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

**Xianning**  
Durham, North Carolina ○

**Xicheng District**  
Pasadena, California

**Xingcheng City**  
Lakeland, Florida ○

**Xinzheng**  
Hays, Kansas

**Xishuangbanna**  
Austin, Texas

**Yan'an**  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Yangpu**  
Palo Alto, California

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

**Yangshuo County**  
Morehead, Kentucky

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

**Yibin**  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Yingkou**  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Yingtian City**  
Livingston, California

**Yixing**  
Sanford, North Carolina

**Yuhang District**  
Auburn, Washington

**Yushu**  
San Bernardino, California

**Zhangjiagang**  
Redondo Beach, California

**Zhangjiajie**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Zhengding**  
Muscatine, Iowa



**Zhengzhou**

Richmond, Virginia

**Zhenjiang**

Tempe, Arizona

**Zhoushan**

Richmond, California

**Zhuhai**

Redwood City, California

**Zhuzhou**

Durham, North Carolina

**Zixing**

Laredo, Texas

**Colombia****Barranquilla** ▲

Tampa, Florida

**Bogotá** ▲

Chicago, Illinois

**Cali**

Miami, Florida

**Cartagena**

Coral Gables, Florida

**Cartagena de Indias**

St. Augustine, Florida

**Guachené**

Prairie View, Texas

**Manizales**

Gainesville, Florida □

**Manta**

Prairie View, Texas

**Pereira**

Miami Dade County, Florida

**Santa Marta**

Miami Beach, Florida

**Santander de Quilichao**

Prairie View, Texas

**Congo (Kinshasa)****Mbuji-Mayi,**

District Heights, Maryland

**Costa Rica****Escazu**

Pensacola, Florida

**La Cruz**

Laredo, Texas

**Liberia**

Tyler, Texas

**Monteverde**

Estes Park, Colorado

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

Durham, North Carolina

**Turrialba**

Rancho Cordova, California

**Croatia****Beli Manastir**

Cambridge, Minnesota

**Cavtat**

Watsonville, California

**Dubrovnik**

Monterey, California

**Split**

Los Angeles, California

**Vela Luka**

Anacortes, Washington

**Zadar**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Zagreb**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Cuba****Chivirico**

Santa Cruz, California ○

**Cienfuegos**Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Tacoma, Washington**Holguin**

Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Matanzas**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Regla**

Richmond, California

**Santa Clara**

Bloomington, Indiana

**Santiago de Cuba**

Oakland, California

**Yateras**

Boulder, Colorado

**Czech Republic****Brno**

Dallas, Texas

**Cesky Krumlov**

Miami Beach, Florida

**Domažlice**

Two Rivers, Wisconsin

**Frenstat**

La Grange, Texas

**Karlovy Vary**

Carlsbad, California

**Kladno**

Bellevue, Washington



Lansing Regional Sister Cities Commission (LRSCC) built a clinic in Nsakyie, Ghana and renovated two clinics in and near Aburi. On this trip, LRSCC asked for a list of local needs and purchased every item on the list. LRSCC received a grant from Lansing Rotary Club and will be providing an air conditioning and air purification system to the maternity and neonatal wards this summer.

## Krnov

Yukon, Oklahoma

## Olomouc

Owensboro, Kentucky

## Olomouc Kraj

Owensboro, Kentucky

## Opava

Kearney, Nebraska

## Ostrava

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

## Plzen

Birmingham, Alabama

## Prague

Phoenix, Arizona  
Miami Dade County, Florida  
Chicago, Illinois

## Tabor

Orinda, California

## Zamberg

Rice Lake, Wisconsin

## Denmark

### Aalborg

Racine, Wisconsin

### Odense

Columbus, Ohio

### Varde

San Mateo, California

## Dominican Republic

### Bani

Buffalo, New York

### Puerta Plata

Rochester, New York

### Salcedo

Atlanta, Georgia

### Santo Domingo

Miami Dade County, Florida

## East Timor

### Ainaro

Madison, Wisconsin

## Ecuador

### Cuenca

Tempe, Arizona

### Guayaquil

Houston, Texas

### Quito

Coral Gables, Florida  
Louisville, Kentucky

## San Cristobal 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

### Ataco

Fountain Hills, Arizona

### Concepción de Ataco

Elk Grove, California

### Morazán

Montgomery County, Maryland

### San Jose Las Flores

Cambridge, Massachusetts

### San Miguel

Arlington, Virginia

### San Pedro Masahuat

Watsonville, California

### San Salvador

Los Angeles, California

### Santa Ana

Miramar, Florida

### Santa Tecla

Prairie View, Texas

### Segundo Montes

Cleveland, Ohio

### Suchitoto

Prescott, Arizona

### Yucuaiqu

Somerville, Massachusetts

## Estonia

### Harju County

Maryland State, Maryland

### Tartu

Salisbury, Maryland

## Eswatini

### Mbabane

Fort Worth, Texas

## Ethiopia

### Addis Ababa

Washington, District of Columbia

### Axum

Denver, Colorado

### Bahir Dar

Oakland, California ○  
Cleveland, Ohio

### Gondar

Montgomery County, Maryland

## Finland

### Espoo

Irving, Texas

### Järvenpää

Pasadena, California

### Kuopio

Minneapolis, Minnesota

### Rauma

Boynton Beach, Florida

### Salo

St. Anthony, Minnesota

### Vaasa

Bellingham, Washington

## France

### Agen

Galena, Illinois  
Corpus Christi, Texas

### Aix-en-Provence

Coral Gables, Florida  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropolis

Miami Dade County, Florida

### Albi

Palo Alto, California  
Maui, Hawaii

### 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

**Biarritz**

Augusta, Georgia

**Biot**

Tacoma, Washington

**Bordeaux**

Los Angeles, California

**Boulogne-Billancourt**

Irving, Texas

**Brest**

Denver, Colorado

**Caen**Nashville, Tennessee  
Alexandria, Virginia**Cannes**

Beverly Hills, California

**Carentan-les-Marais**

Hopkinsville, Kentucky

**Cenon**

Hartford, Vermont

**Cergy-Pontoise**

Columbia, Maryland

**Chambolle-Musigny**

Sonoma, California

**Chamonix**

Aspen, Colorado

**Châteauroux**

Fresno, California

**Clermont-Ferrand**

Norman, Oklahoma

**Cognac**

Denison, Texas

**Compiègne**

Raleigh, North Carolina

**Courchevel**

Park City, Utah

**Crouy**

Nashville, Tennessee ○

**Deauville**

Lexington, Kentucky

**Dijon**

Dallas, Texas

**Douai**

Kenosha, Wisconsin

**Epinal**

La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Fontenay-le-Comte**

Palatine, Illinois

**Grenoble**

Phoenix, Arizona

**La Petite Roche**

Little Rock, Arkansas □

**Lamentin, Guadeloupe**

Miami Dade County, Florida □

**Lamotte-Beuvron**

Paris, Kentucky

**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

**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

**Nîmes**

Fort Worth, Texas

**Noirmoutier**

Crestview, Florida

**Nord-Pas de Calais**

Maryland State, Maryland

**Orléans**

Wichita, Kansas

**Paris**San Francisco, California ○  
Washington, District of Columbia  
Chicago, Illinois**Perpignan**

Sarasota, Florida

**Reims**

Arlington, Virginia

**Rennes**

Rochester, New York

**Rouen**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Rueil Malmaison**

Lynchburg, Virginia

**Saint-Etienne**

Des Moines, Iowa

**Saint-Lo**

Roanoke, Virginia

**Sainte Maxime**

Matthews, North Carolina

**Saumur**

Asheville, North Carolina

**St. 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



Danville, Kentucky and sister city Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland exchanged artists in 2018. Community members including Habitat for Humanity, Centre College and the Danville Sister Cities Commission all pitched in to install a mural by international mural artist, Dee Craig. Dee was selected as Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland's exchange artist to Danville, Kentucky.

#### **Tours**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

#### **Vaux-le-Penil**

Belvidere, Illinois

#### **Vendôme**

Hampton, Virginia

#### **Villefranche Sur Mer**

Austin, Texas ○

#### **Vincennes**

Vincennes, Indiana

#### **Georgia**

##### **K'ut'aisi**

Columbia, Missouri

##### **Poti**

LaGrange, Georgia

##### **Tbilisi**

Atlanta, Georgia

#### **Germany**

##### **Aachen**

Arlington, Virginia

##### **Apolda**

Rapid City, South Dakota

##### **Augsburg**

Dayton, Ohio

##### **Bad Königshofen**

Arlington, Texas

##### **Bad Soden am Taunus**

Franklin, Tennessee

#### **Bad Zwischenahn**

Centerville, Ohio

#### **Berlin**

Los Angeles, California

#### **Braunschweig**

Omaha, Nebraska

#### **Bremerhaven**

Baltimore, Maryland □

#### **Buhl**

Melrose, Minnesota

#### **Celle**

Tulsa, Oklahoma

#### **Coburg**

Toledo, Ohio ○

#### **Cologne**

Indianapolis, Indiana

#### **Darmstadt**

San Antonio, Texas

#### **Delmenhorst**

Toledo, Ohio

#### **Dierdorf**

Fountain Hills, Arizona

#### **Dortmund**

Buffalo, New York

#### **Dresden**

Columbus, Ohio

#### **Einhausen**

Shoreview, Minnesota

#### **Eisenach**

Waverly, Iowa

#### **Erlangen**

Riverside, California

#### **Eutin**

Lawrence, Kansas

#### **Frankfurt am Main**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### **Friedberg**

La Crosse, Wisconsin

#### **Fulda**

Wilmington, Delaware

#### **Garbsen**

Farmers Branch, Texas

#### **Garmisch-Partenkirchen**

Aspen, Colorado

#### **Gedern**

Columbia, Illinois

#### **Glauchau**

Lynchburg, Virginia

#### **Gotha**

Gastonia, North Carolina

#### **Greifswald**

Bryan-College Station, Texas  
Newport News, Virginia

#### **Gross-Bieberau**

Millstadt, Illinois

#### **Hamburg**

Chicago, Illinois

#### **Hamm**

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**

Mooreville-South Iredell, North Carolina



**Kaiserslautern**  
Davenport, Iowa  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Kiel**  
San Francisco, California

**Koblenz**  
Austin, Texas

**Konigs Wusterhausen**  
Germantown, Tennessee

**Krefeld**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Kubelstein Stadt Schesslitz**  
Victoria, Kansas

**Legden**  
Melrose, Minnesota

**Leipzig**  
Houston, Texas

**Lichtenfels**  
Vandalia, Ohio

**Lindenberg**  
Saline, Michigan

**Löhne**  
Columbus, Indiana

**Ludwigsburg**  
St. Charles, Missouri

**Ludwigshafen Am Rhein**  
Pasadena, California

**Ludwigslust**  
Muscatine, Iowa

**Magdeburg**  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Mainz**  
Louisville, Kentucky

**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

**Schönebeck**  
Farmers Branch, Texas 

**Schorndorf**  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Schwieberdingen**  
Belvidere, Illinois

**Seevetal**  
Decatur, Illinois

**Stade**  
Lakewood, Colorado

**Stuttgart**  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Taufkirchen**  
West Chicago, Illinois

**Telgte**  
Tomball, Texas

**Tirschenreuth**  
Santa Fe Springs, California

**Trier**  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Ulm**  
New Ulm, Minnesota

**Unterhaching**  
Oakwood, Ohio 

**Waiblingen**  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Waldsrode**  
Hibbing, Minnesota

**Walldorf**  
Astoria, Oregon

**Wasserburg**  
Vincennes, Indiana

**Wesel**  
Hagerstown, Maryland

**Wilhelmshaven**  
Norfolk, Virginia

**Wolfenbüttel**  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

**Würzburg**  
Rochester, New York

**Zeitz**  
Prescott, Arizona

**Zittau**  
Portsmouth, Ohio

## Ghana

**Aboadze**  
Buffalo, New York

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

**Akuapem South District**  
Lansing, Michigan

**Apaaso**  
Birmingham, Alabama

**Aseseeso**  
Prairie View, Texas

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

**Ga East District**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Ga West District**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Kumasi**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipality**  
Lansing, Michigan

**Obuasi**  
Riverside, California

**Sekondi-Takoradi**

Oakland, California  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Sunyani-Techiman**

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Tamale**

Louisville, Kentucky

**Tema**

San Diego, California  
Columbia, Maryland  
Norfolk, Virginia

**Winneba**

Birmingham, Alabama  
Charlottesville, Virginia ○

**Greece**
**Ancient Olympia**

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Athens**

Los Angeles, California  
Washington, District of Columbia  
Chicago, Illinois

**Iniades**

Lawrence, Kansas

**Kalamaria**

Clearwater, Florida

**Karpenisi**

Asheville, North Carolina

**Kavala**

Durham, North Carolina

**Mytilene**

Portland, Maine

**Patras**

Santa Barbara, California

**Piraeus**

Baltimore, Maryland

**Thessaloniki**

San Francisco, California

**Guatemala**
**Chiquimula**

Port Huron, Michigan

**La Antigua**

Coral Gables, Florida

**Quezaltenango**

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-Haitien**

Portland, Maine  
Columbia, Maryland

**Delmas**

North Miami, Florida □

**Deschappelles**

Essex, Connecticut

**Jacmel**

Gainesville, Florida

**Les Cayes**

Boynton Beach, Florida

**Petit Goave**

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

**Csongrad County**

Toledo, Ohio

**Debrecen**

New Brunswick, New Jersey

**Miskolc**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Pecs**

Seattle, Washington

**Siofok**

Walnut Creek, California

**Szeged**

Toledo, Ohio

**Szekesfehervar**

Birmingham, Alabama

**Taszár**

Rockford, Illinois

**Tokaj**

Sonoma, California

**Iceland**
**Akureyri**

Denver, Colorado ○

**Reykjavik**

Seattle, Washington

**India**
**Agra**

Tempe, Arizona

**Ahmedabad**

Columbus, Ohio

**Amritsar**

Bakersfield, California

**Bangalore**

San Francisco, California ○  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Bhubaneswar**

Cupertino, California

**Chennai**

Denver, Colorado  
San Antonio, Texas

**Coimbatore**

Toledo, Ohio

**Delhi**

Chicago, Illinois

**Hyderabad**

Riverside, California  
Indianapolis, Indiana ○  
Montgomery County, Maryland

**Kochi**

Norfolk, Virginia

**Majkhali**

Gunnison, Colorado

**Mumbai**

Los Angeles, California

**Mysore**

Cincinnati, Ohio

**Nagpur**

Santa Clara, California ○

**Pune**

San Jose, California

**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-Hilla**

Tempe, Arizona ○

**Baghdad**

Denver Regional Council of Governments, Colorado

**Duhok**

Gainesville, Florida

**Karadah Baghdad**

Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Rania**

Duluth, Minnesota

**Najaf**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Basrah**

Houston, Texas

**Ireland****Ballymoe**

Boys Town, Nebraska

**Bantry**

La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Carlow**Tempe, Arizona  
County Davenport, Iowa**Carndonagh/Inishowen**

St. Charles, Missouri

**Castlebar**

Dixon, Illinois



*Vocalist Magos Herrera from Mexico City performs "Sister Cities" during the Sister City Jazz Ensemble in February of 2018.*

**Cork**

San Francisco, California

**County Cork**

Maryland State, Maryland

**County Kildare**

Lexington, Kentucky

**County Laois**

Franklin, Tennessee

**County Meath**

Cary, North Carolina

**Dingle**

Santa Barbara, California

**Donegal**

St. Louis, Missouri

**Dublin**

San Jose, California

**Dundalk**

Pikeville, Kentucky

**Ely O'Carroll**

Baltimore, Maryland □

**Ennis**

Phoenix, Arizona

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

Morgan Hill, California

**Killarney**Springfield, Illinois ○  
Concord, North Carolina**Limerick**

Spokane, Washington

**Limerick City and County**Santa Clara, California  
New Brunswick, New Jersey**Naas**

Omaha, Nebraska

**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**

New Haven, Connecticut

**Ashdod**

Tampa, Florida

**Ashkelon**Sacramento, California  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Portland, Oregon**Beer Sheva**

Seattle, Washington

**Beit She'an**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Eilat**

Los Angeles, California


**Hadera**Charlotte, North Carolina  
El Paso, Texas**Haifa**

San Francisco, California

**Hatzor**

Reno, Nevada

**Herzliya**

Beverly Hills, California   
San Bernardino, California  
Columbus, Ohio

**Holon**

Cleveland, Ohio  
Dayton, Ohio


**Karmiel**

Denver, Colorado  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Kfar Saba**

Gainesville, Florida

**Kiryat Gat**

Highland Park, Illinois   
Buffalo, New York

**Kiryat Motzkin**

Tacoma, Washington

**Mateh Asher**

West Des Moines, Iowa

**Misgav**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Nahariya**

Miami Beach, Florida  
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

**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**

Village of Great Neck Plaza, New York  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**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

**Arezzo**

Norman, Oklahoma

**Asiago**

Lockport, Illinois

**Assisi**

San Francisco, California

**Bergamo**

Pueblo, Colorado  
Greenville, South Carolina

**Bologna**

St. Louis, Missouri  
Portland, Oregon

**Cagli**

Spokane, Washington

**Caltanissetta**

Rochester, New York

**Cannara**

Walla Walla, Washington

**Capo d'Orlando**

Culver City, California

**Carunchio**

Saluda, North Carolina

**Catania**

Phoenix, Arizona

**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**

Sonoma, California

**Ischia**

Los Angeles, California  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Isola delle Femmine**

Monterey, California

**La Spezia**

Vallejo, California

**Lambro and Mingardo**

Hazleton, Pennsylvania

**Livorno**

Oakland, California

**Lodi**

Lodi, California

**Lucca**

South San Francisco, California

**Lucca Siculo**

Pueblo, Colorado

**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



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| <b>Monza</b><br>Indianapolis, Indiana                           | <b>Sorrento</b><br>Santa Fe, New Mexico  | <b>Aso</b><br>LaGrange, Georgia                           |
| <b>Noceto</b><br>Walnut Creek, California                       | <b>Spoletto</b><br>Charleston, South Carolina  | <b>Chiba City</b><br>Houston, Texas                       |
| <b>Oderzo</b><br>Suffolk, Virginia                              | <b>Stresa</b><br>Martinez, California  | <b>Chino</b><br>Longmont, Colorado                        |
| <b>Olevano sul Tusciano</b><br>Wilmington, Delaware             | <b>Taormina</b><br>Sunny Isles Beach, Florida  | <b>Daisen (Nakayama)</b><br>Temecula, California          |
| <b>Padua</b><br>Boston, Massachusetts                           | <b>Termini Imerese Sicily</b><br>Elk Grove Village, Illinois                           | <b>Fujinomiya</b><br>Santa Monica, California             |
| <b>Parma</b><br>Stockton, California                            | <b>Termoli</b><br>Pompano Beach, Florida   | <b>Fujisawa</b><br>Miami Beach, Florida                   |
| <b>Perugia</b><br>Grand Rapids, Michigan<br>Seattle, Washington | <b>Torino</b><br>Salt Lake City, Utah  | <b>Fujiyoshida</b><br>Colorado Springs, Colorado          |
| <b>Pesaro</b><br>Delray Beach, Florida                          | <b>Torremaggiore</b><br>Buffalo, New York  | <b>Fukui</b><br>New Brunswick, New Jersey                 |
| <b>Pescara</b><br>Miami Beach, Florida                          | <b>Treviso</b><br>Sarasota, Florida  | <b>Fukuoka</b><br>Oakland, California<br>Atlanta, Georgia |
| <b>Pianezza</b><br>Lansing, Michigan                            | <b>Venice</b><br>Long Beach, California ○  | <b>Fukuyama</b><br>Maui, Hawaii                           |
| <b>Pisa</b><br>Coral Gables, Florida                            | <b>Verbania</b><br>Hendersonville, North Carolina                                      | <b>Funabashi</b><br>Hayward, California                   |
| <b>Poggio a Caiano</b><br>Charlottesville, Virginia             | <b>Vincenza</b><br>Cleveland, Ohio   | <b>Futtsu</b><br>Carlsbad, California                     |
| <b>Potenza</b><br>Denver, Colorado                              | <b>Ivory Coast</b><br><b>Abidjan</b><br>San Francisco, California                      | <b>Gero</b><br>Pensacola, Florida                         |
| <b>Provincia di Asti</b><br>Miami Dade County, Florida          | <b>Bloléquin</b><br>Morrisville, Pennsylvania  | <b>Gifu</b><br>Cincinnati, Ohio                           |
| <b>Ragusa</b><br>Little Rock, Arkansas □                        | <b>Jamaica</b><br><b>Kingston</b><br>Birmingham, Alabama<br>Miami Dade County, Florida | <b>Hachijo Island</b><br>Maui, Hawaii                     |
| <b>Reggio Emilia</b><br>Fort Worth, Texas                       | <b>Montego Bay</b><br>Atlanta, Georgia   | <b>Hakusan (Matto)</b><br>Columbia, Missouri              |
| <b>Riva Trigoso</b><br>Santa Cruz, California                   | <b>Ocho Rios</b><br>Oakland, California  | <b>Hamamatsu</b><br>Rochester, New York                   |
| <b>Rome</b><br>Washington, District of Columbia                 | <b>Portmore St. Catherine</b><br>Lakeland, Florida<br>St. Ann<br>Buffalo, New York     | <b>Hanamaki</b><br>Hot Springs, Arkansas                  |
| <b>San Casciano in Val di Pesa</b><br>Morgan Hill, California   | <b>Japan</b><br><b>Akashi</b><br>Vallejo, California                                   | <b>Hanyū</b><br>Millbrae, California ○                    |
| <b>San Giovanni Valdarno</b><br>Corning, New York               | <b>Ashikaga</b><br>Springfield, Illinois   | <b>Harima-cho</b><br>Lima, Ohio                           |
| <b>Sestri Levante</b><br>Santa Cruz, California                 |  | <b>Himeji</b><br>Phoenix, Arizona                         |
| <b>Siena</b><br>Buffalo, New York<br>Concord, North Carolina    |  | <b>Hino</b><br>Redlands, California                       |

**Hirara (Miyakujima)**

Maui, Hawaii

**Hiratsuka**

Lawrence, Kansas

**Hitachi**

Birmingham, Alabama ○

**Hosoecho**

Camas, Washington

**Ibaraki, Osaka**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Ichikawa**

Gardena, California

**Ichikawadaimon**

Muscatine, Iowa

**Ikata**

Red Wing, Minnesota

**Imabari**

Lakeland, Florida

**Isesaki**

Springfield, Missouri

**Isumi-shi**

Duluth, Minnesota

**Itoman**

Redondo Beach, California ○

**Iwamizawa**

Pocatello, Idaho

**Iwata**

Mountain View, California

**Izumo**

Santa Clara, California

**Kaizuka**

Culver City, California

**Takegawa (Osuka)**

Corning, New York  
Eugene, Oregon

**Kakuda**

Greenfield, Indiana

**Kamakura**

Nashville, Tennessee

**Kameoka**

Stillwater, Oklahoma

**Kanagawa Prefecture**

Maryland State, Maryland

**Kanazawa**

Buffalo, New York

**Kanuma**

Grand Forks, North Dakota

**Kasukabe**

Pasadena, California ○

**Kawachinagano**

Carmel, Indiana

**Kawakami-Mura**

Watsonville, California

**Kawasaki**

Baltimore, Maryland

**Kishiwada**

South San Francisco, California

**Kitakyushu**

Norfolk, Virginia  
Tacoma, Washington

**Kobe**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Seattle, Washington

**Kofu**

Lodi, California  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Kukizaki**

Milpitas, California

**Kumamoto**

San Antonio, Texas

**Kurashiki**

Kansas City, Missouri

**Kurume**

Modesto, California

**Kushimoto**

Hemet, California

**Kyoto**

Boston, Massachusetts

**Maebashi**

Birmingham, Alabama

**Marumori**

Hemet, California

**Matsumoto**

Salt Lake City, Utah

**Matsuyama**

Sacramento, California

**Miasa-Omachi**

Mendocino, California

**Miharu-Machi**

Rice Lake, Wisconsin

**Mishima**

Pasadena, California

**Mito**

Anaheim, California

**Miyazaki**

Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Miyazu**

Delray Beach, Florida

**Mizuho**

Morgan Hill, California

**Nagano**

Clearwater, Florida

**Naganohara**

Livingston, Montana



Marathon runners from Angoulême, France participated in Fit America Run in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

**Nagaoka**

Fort Worth, Texas

**Nagoya**

Los Angeles, California

**Nakagawa-machi, Tochigi**

Horseheads, New York

**Nakashishi (Naka Machi)**

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

**Namerikawa**

Schaumburg, Illinois

**Nanao**

Monterey, California

**Narashino**

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Neyagawa**

Newport News, Virginia

**Nikaho**

Anacortes, Washington

**Nikko**

Rapid City, South Dakota

**Nishinomiya**

Spokane, Washington

**Nisshin**

Owensboro, Kentucky

**Oiso**

Dayton, Ohio

Racine, Wisconsin

**Oita**

Austin, Texas

**Okayama**

San Jose, California

**Okazaki**

Newport Beach, California

**Okinawa City**

Lakewood, Washington

**Omiachiman**

Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Omitama (Minori)**

Abilene, Kansas

**Omiya**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Osaka**

San Francisco, California

Chicago, Illinois

**Osakasayama**

Ontario, Oregon

**Ota**

Burbank, California

Lafayette, Indiana

**Otsu**

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-cho**

Frankfort, Kentucky

**Shimizu, Hokkaido**

Chelsea, Michigan

**Shimizu/Shizuoka**

Stockton, California

**Shimukappu**

Aspen, Colorado

**Shinagawa**

Portland, Maine

**Shingu**

Santa Cruz, California

**Shinhidaka**

Lexington, Kentucky

**Shizuoka**

Omaha, Nebraska

**Soka**

Carson, California

**Suwa**

St. Louis, Missouri

**Tachikawa**

San Bernardino, California

**Tahara**

Georgetown, Kentucky

**Takamatsu**

St. Petersburg, Florida

**Takarazuka**

Augusta, Georgia

**Takayama**

Denver, Colorado

**Takeo**

Sebastopol, California

**Taki-Cho**

Camas, Washington

**Tamana**

Clarinda, Iowa

**Tamba (Kasuga)**

Auburn, Washington

**Tateshina**

Oregon City, Oregon

**Tateyama**

Bellingham, Washington

**Toba**

Santa Barbara, California

**Tokai-Mura**

Idaho Falls, Idaho

**Tokorozawa**

Decatur, Illinois

**Tome (Toyoma)**

Southlake, Texas

**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

**Wakami-Machi**

Livingston, California

**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

**Yotsukaido**

Livermore, California

**Yuasa**

Cambridge, Minnesota

**Jordan**

**Al-Karak**

Birmingham, Alabama

**Amman**

San Francisco, California

Chicago, Illinois

Cincinnati, Ohio

**Deir Alla**

Gainesville, Florida

**Kazakhstan**

**Kyzylorda**

Arvada, Colorado

**Kenya**

**Bomet**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Eldoret**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Kisumu**

Boulder, Colorado

Roanoke, Virginia

**Mombasa**

Long Beach, California

Seattle, Washington



Brewmasters from Fort Worth, TX and Trier, Germany collaborate to create a signature beer for Fort Worth's Oktoberfest.

**Nairobi**

Denver, Colorado

Raleigh, North Carolina

**Thika**

Dixon, Illinois

**Uasin Gishu County**

Scottsdale, Arizona

**Kosovo**

**Peja**

Johnston, Iowa

**Pristina**

Des Moines, Iowa

**Kyrgyzstan**

**Bishkek**

Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Tokmok**

Rockford, Illinois

**Latvia**

**Liepaja**

Bellevue, Washington

**Riga**

Dallas, Texas

**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

**Lithuania**

**Alytus**

Rochester, New York

**Kaunas**

Los Angeles, California

**Klaipeda**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Siauliai**

Omaha, Nebraska

**Vilnius**

Chicago, Illinois

**Macedonia**

**Skopje**

Tempe, Arizona

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



**Kratovo**  
Hartford, Vermont

## Malawi

**Zomba**  
Urbana, Illinois

## Mali

**Bamako**  
Rochester, New York

**Segou**  
Richmond, Virginia

**Timbuktu**  
Tempe, Arizona

## Mexico

**Acambaro**  
Laredo, Texas

**Acapulco**  
Beverly Hills, California  
McAllen, Texas

**Aguascalientes**  
Modesto, California

**Alamos**  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Ameca**  
Morgan Hill, California

**Angostura**  
Laredo, Texas

**Ascensión, Mexico**  
Mesilla, New Mexico

**Atotonilco**  
South San Francisco, California

**Boca Del Rio**  
Tacoma, Washington

**Cabo San Lucas**  
Newport Beach, California

**Caborca**  
Prescott, Arizona  
Upland, California

**Cadereyta Jiménez**  
McAllen, Texas

**Campeche**  
Laredo, Texas

**Cananea**  
Sierra Vista, Arizona

**Cancun**  
Wichita, Kansas

**Casas Grandes**  
San Elizario, Texas

**Cerralvo**  
Laredo, Texas

**Chihuahua**  
Pueblo, Colorado  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Cienega de Flores**  
Laredo, Texas

**Ciudad Guzman**  
Redwood City, California  
Longmont, Colorado

**Ciudad Juárez**  
El Paso, Texas

**Ciudad Lerdo**  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Ciudad Mante**  
Boulder, Colorado

**Ciudad Valles**  
Laredo, Texas

**Ciudad Victoria**  
McAllen, Texas

**Colima**  
Redwood City, California  
Norman, Oklahoma

**Coyoacan**  
Arlington, Virginia

**Cozumel**  
Miami Beach, Florida

**Cuautla**  
Riverside, California  
Laredo, Texas

**Cuernavaca**  
Denver, Colorado  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Laredo, Texas

**Empalme**  
Stockton, California

**Ensenada**  
Redondo Beach, California  
Riverside, California

**Escobedo**  
Laredo, Texas

Garcia, Nuevo León  
McAllen, Texas

**General Teran**  
Laredo, Texas

**Guadalajara**  
San Jose, California  
Lansing, Michigan  
Kansas City, Missouri

Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Portland, Oregon  
Laredo, Texas  
San Antonio, Texas

**Guadalupe, Nuevo León**  
Reno, Nevada  
Laredo, Texas  
McAllen, Texas

**Guamuchil**  
Ontario, California

**Guanajuato**  
Ashland, Oregon

**Guaymas**  
Mesa, Arizona

**Guerrero del Real de Rio Grande**  
San Elizario, Texas

**Hermosillo**  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Irvine, California

**Huatabampo**  
Gardena, California

**Irapuato, Guanajuato**  
McAllen, Texas

**Isla Mujeres**  
Pensacola, Florida  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Ixtapa Zihuatanejo**  
Palm Desert, California  
McAllen, Texas

**Jalpan de Serra**  
Laredo, Texas

**Jerez de Garcia Salinas**  
Laredo, Texas

**Jocotepec**  
Watsonville, California

**La Paz**  
Redondo Beach, California

**Lampazos**  
Laredo, Texas

**Lazaro Cardenas**  
Laredo, Texas

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

**Los Herreras**  
Laredo, Texas

**Manzanillo**

San Pablo, California

**Mazatlán**

Santa Monica, California  
Seattle, Washington

**Merida**

Sarasota, Florida

**Mexicali**

Sacramento, California  
San Bernardino, California

**Mexico City**

Los Angeles, California  
Chicago, Illinois

**Mexiticacan**

Laredo, Texas

**Mocorito**

Ontario, California

**Moncolva**

Laredo, Texas

**Montemorelos**

Laredo, Texas

**Monterrey**

Dallas, Texas  
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 de Juarez**

Palo Alto, California  
McAllen, Texas

**Orizaba**

Portsmouth, Ohio

**Pabellón de Arteaga**

Prairie View, Texas

**Pachuca**

Little Rock, Arkansas 
**Papantla**

Laredo, Texas

**Parral**

Santa Fe, New Mexico


**Patzcuaro**

Sonoma, California  
Naperville, Illinois

**Puebla**

Pueblo, Colorado  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Puerto Vallarta**


Santa Barbara, California  
Highland Park, Illinois  
Tacoma, Washington 
**Queretaro**

Bakersfield, California

**Reynosa**

McAllen, Texas

**Rosarito Beach**

Long Beach, California 
**Salamanca**

Bryan-College Station, Texas

**Saltillo**

Austin, Texas

**San Cristobal de las Casas**

Asheville, North Carolina

**San Felipe**

Hayward, California

**San Jose del Cabo**

Laguna Beach, California

**San Luis Potosi**

St. Louis, Missouri  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
McAllen, Texas  
Spokane, Washington


**San Martin de Hidalgo**

Morgan Hill, California

**San Miguel de Allende**

Redlands, California  
St. Augustine, Florida  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Laredo, Texas  
McAllen, Texas  
Tyler, Texas

**San Nicolas de los Garza**

Kansas City, Missouri 
**San Pedro de las Colonias**

Springfield, Illinois

**Santa Barbara**

San Elizario, Texas

**Satevo**

San Elizario, Texas

**Soledad de Graciano Sánchez**

Burlington-Alamance, North Carolina

**State of Jalisco**

Maryland State, Maryland

**Tampico**

Houston, Texas  
McAllen, Texas


**Tangancicuaro**

Watsonville, California

**Taxco**

McAllen, Texas

**Tehuacan**

Austin, Texas 
**Tepatitlán**

Laredo, Texas

**Tequila**

Cathedral City, California

**Tetlanohcan**

New Haven, Connecticut

**Tijuana**

San Diego, California  
Laredo, Texas

**Tlahualilo Durango**

Laredo, Texas

**Tlalnepantla de Baz**

Wichita, Kansas

**Tlaquepaque**

Springfield, Missouri

**Toluca**

Fort Worth, Texas

**Tonala**

Laredo, Texas

**Torreon**

Laredo, Texas

**Tula**

Benicia, California

**Uruapan**

Culver City, California

**Valladolid**

Asheville, North Carolina

**Valle de Zaragoza**

San Elizario, Texas

**Valparaiso**

Hanover Park, Illinois



Local Fort Worth girl learns about the art of playing the koto, a traditional Japanese instrument.

### Veracruz

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

### Veracruz/Boca del Rio

Tampa, Florida

### Villahermosa

San Bernardino, California

### Xalapa

Omaha, Nebraska

### Zapopan

Grand Rapids, Michigan

### Zapotlanejo

Racine, Wisconsin

### Moldova

#### Balti

Lakeland, Florida

### Buiucani District, Chişinău

Greensboro, North Carolina

### Chisinau

Sacramento, California

### Rybnitsa

Lakeland, Florida ○

### Ungheni

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

### Mongolia

#### Darkhan

Irving, Texas

### Tsetserleg

Bellingham, Washington

### Ulaanbaatar

Oakland, California ○  
Denver, Colorado

### Montenegro

#### Budva

West Palm Beach, Florida

#### Kotor

Santa Barbara, California

### Morocco

#### Agadir

Oakland, California ○

#### Casablanca

Chicago, Illinois

#### Chaouen

Issaquah, Washington

#### El Hajeb

Council Bluffs, Iowa

#### El Jadida

Tacoma, Washington

#### Marrakech

Scottsdale, Arizona

#### Tiznit

Somerville, Massachusetts

### Mozambique

#### Beira

Boston, Massachusetts

### Namibia

#### Windhoek

San Antonio, Texas  
Richmond, Virginia

### Nepal

#### Kathmandu

Eugene, Oregon

### Netherlands

#### Enschede

Palo Alto, California

### Leidschendam-Voorburg

Temecula, California

#### Rotterdam

Baltimore, Maryland

#### Utrecht

Portland, Oregon ○

### New Zealand

#### Auckland

Los Angeles, California

### Christchurch

Seattle, Washington

### Gisborne

Palm Desert, California

### Hamilton

Sacramento, California

### Lower Hutt

Tempe, Arizona  
Laredo, Texas

### Palmerston North

Missoula, Montana

### Queenstown

Aspen, Colorado

### Tauranga

San Bernardino, California

### Upper Hutt

Mesa, Arizona

### Wanganui

Reno, Nevada

### Nicaragua

#### Bluefields

Racine, Wisconsin ○

#### Jalapa

Boulder, Colorado ○

#### Jinotepe

Santa Cruz, California

### Laguna de Perlas

Montclair, New Jersey

**León**  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Matagalpa**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Nagarote**  
Norwalk, Connecticut

**Posoltega**  
Bloomington, Indiana

**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

**Ile-Ife**  
San Bernardino, California

**Lagos**  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Ondo State**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Onitsha**  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Orlu**  
Austin, Texas

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

**Port Harcourt**  
Kansas City, Missouri

**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**  
**Bethlehem**  
Sacramento, California

**Nablus**  
Boulder, Colorado

**Qalqilya**  
Gainesville, Florida

**Ramallah**  
Muscatine, Iowa

## Panama

**Panama City**  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Denver, Colorado ○  
San Diego, California



Ataco, El Salvador representative for sister cities came to visit Fountain Hills, AZ. She shared the story of the town's food shortage due to the world drop in coffee prices. Growers could not afford to pick, process and ship the coffee beans; leaving the residents of Ataco with no income to purchase food for their families. Fountain Hills and Sister Cities quickly raised \$5,200 for the Mayor to purchase prepared food bags to distribute to the families. The food bags are filled with basic supplies such as flour, sugar, beans, rice, to feed an average family of four children for a month or two. A series of fundraisers are planned raise additional funds to help.



**Paraguay****Asuncion**

Miami Dade County, Florida

**Fernando de la Mora**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Santa Maria**

Hays, Kansas

**Peru****Arequipa**

Maui, Hawaii

Charlotte, North Carolina

**Caraz**

Mesa, Arizona

**Chaclacayo**

Snoqualmie, Washington

**Chimbote**

Pensacola, Florida

**Cusco**

Tempe, Arizona

**Ica**

Miami Beach, Florida

**Lima**

Miami, Florida

Cleveland, Ohio

Austin, Texas

**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

**Cabugao**


Maui, Hawaii

**Cagayan de Oro**

Norfolk, Virginia

**Calamba City, Phillipines**

Walnut, California

**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**

Sacramento, California

San Francisco, California

Maui, Hawaii

**Olongapo**

Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Ormoc**

Hawaii County, Hawaii

**Palo**

Palo Alto, California

**Parañaque**

Carson, California

**Pasay**

Sacramento, California

**Pasig City**

South San Francisco, California

**Puerto Princesa**

Maui, Hawaii

**Quezon City**

Maui, Hawaii

Salt Lake City, Utah

Kenosha, Wisconsin

**Roxas**

San Bernardino, California

**San Juan**

Santa Barbara, California

Maui, Hawaii

**San Nicolas**

Maui, Hawaii

**Santa**

Maui, Hawaii

**Sariaya**

Santa Clarita, California

**Sarrat**

Maui, Hawaii

**Zambales Province**

Maui, Hawaii

**Poland****Bielsko-Biala**

Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Bochnia**

Roselle, Illinois

**Gdansk**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Gdynia**

Seattle, Washington

**Gulcz**

Stevens Point, Wisconsin

**Jelenia Gora**

Tyler, Texas

**Kraków**San Francisco, California 

Rochester, New York

**Krapkowice**

Camas, Washington

**Lodz Region**

Maryland State, Maryland

**Lomianki**

Columbia Heights, Minnesota

**Lomza**

Muscatine, Iowa

**Lublin**

Lublin, Wisconsin

**Morawica**

Camas, Washington

**Opole**

Roanoke, Virginia

**Poznan**

Toledo, Ohio

### **Rzeszow**

Gainesville, Florida  
Buffalo, New York

### **Strzelce Opolskie County**

Bandera, Texas

### **Szczecin**

St. Louis, Missouri

### **Torun**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### **Warsaw**

Chicago, Illinois

### **Warsaw Province**

San Diego, California

### **Wroclaw**

Charlotte, North Carolina

### **Zabierzow**

Camas, Washington

### **Zamość**

Fountain Hills, Arizona

### **Ziebice**

Brighton, Colorado

## **Portugal**

### **Cascais**

Sausalito, California

### **Coimbra**

Santa Clara, California  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

### **Faro**

Hayward, California

### **Funchal**


Oakland, California  
Maui, Hawaii

### **Sao Miguel Island**

Maui, Hawaii

## **Puerto Rico**

### **San Juan**

Jacksonville, Florida  
Killeen, Texas 

## **Romania**

### **Brasov**

Cleveland, Ohio

### **Bucharest**

Atlanta, Georgia

### **Cluj-Napoca**

Rockford, Illinois  
Columbia, South Carolina

### **Sibiu**

Columbia, Missouri

## **Russia**

### **Arkhangelsk**

Portland, Maine

### **Chelyabinsk**

Columbia, South Carolina

### **Cherepovets**

Montclair, New Jersey

### **Dickson**

Dixon, Illinois

### **Dubna**

La Crosse, Wisconsin

### **Ekaterinburg**

San Jose, California

### **Engels**

Edmond, Oklahoma

### **Irkutsk**

Eugene, Oregon

### **Izhevsk**

Salt Lake City, Utah

### **Kaliningrad**

Norfolk, Virginia

### **Khabarovsk**

Portland, Oregon

### **Kislovodsk**

Muscatine, Iowa

### **Kostroma**

Durham, North Carolina

### **Kotlas**

Waterville, Maine

### **Leningrad Region**

Maryland State, Maryland

### **Lermontov**

Osage, Iowa

### **Lomonosov**

Anacortes, Washington

### **Moscow**

Santa Clara County, California  
Chicago, Illinois

### **Murmansk**

Jacksonville, Florida

### **Nakhodka**

Oakland, California  
Bellingham, Washington

### **Nizhny Novgorod**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### **Novorossiysk**

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

### **Rubtsovsk**

Grants Pass, Oregon

### **Rybinsk**

Johnson City, Tennessee

### **Samara**

St. Louis, Missouri

### **Saratov**

Dallas, Texas

### **Sarov**

Los Alamos, New Mexico

### **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

**Tver**

Buffalo, New York

**Tyumen**

Houston, Texas

**Ulyanovsk**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Velikiy Novgorod**

Rochester, New York

**Vladikavkaz**

Asheville, North Carolina

**Vladimir**

Sarasota, Florida

**Vladivostok**

Juneau, Alaska  
 San Diego, California  
 Tacoma, Washington

**Volgograd**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Voronezh**

Charlotte, North Carolina

**Zavolzhie**

San Bernardino, California

**Zelenograd**

Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Rwanda****Kigali**

San Bernardino, California  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Muhanga District**

Buffalo, New York

**Saint Kitts and Nevis**

**Saint Kitts and Nevis Islands**  
 Miami Dade County, Florida □

**Senegal****Dakar**

Washington, District of Columbia

Miami Dade County, Florida

**Guediawaye**

Birmingham, Alabama ○

**St. Louis**

St. Louis, Missouri

**Serbia****Belgrade**

Chicago, Illinois

**Kraljevo**

South Euclid, Ohio

**Sierra Leone****Freetown**

New Haven, Connecticut  
 Kansas City, Missouri

**Slovakia****Bratislava**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Nitra**

Naperville, Illinois

**Presov**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Tisovek**

Shenandoah, Iowa

**Slovenia****Ljubljana**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Maribor**

Pueblo, Colorado

**Piran**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**Somalia****Bosaso**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**South Africa****Cape Town**

Miami Dade County, Florida

**Durban**

Chicago, Illinois

**George**

Tacoma, Washington

**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**

Los Angeles, California  
 Chicago, Illinois

**Changwon City**

Jacksonville, Florida  
 Baltimore, Maryland

**Cheongju**

Bellingham, Washington

**Chinju**

Eugene, Oregon

**Daegu**

Atlanta, Georgia  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Daejon**

Montgomery County, Maryland  
 Seattle, Washington

**Gangjin**

Snoqualmie, Washington

**Gangnam-Gu**

Riverside, California

**Gimhae**

Lakewood, Washington ○

**Goyang**

Maui, Hawaii

**Gunsan**

Tacoma, Washington

**Gwacheon**

Burlington-Alamance, North Carolina

**Gwangju**  
San Antonio, Texas

**Gwangmyeong**  
Austin, Texas

**Gyeongsangnam-Do**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Hanam**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Icheon**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Iksan**  
Culver City, California

**Incheon**  
Burbank, California  
Greenville, North Carolina  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Jecheon**  
Spokane, Washington

**Jeollanamdo, Korea**  
Maryland State, Maryland

**Jeonju**  
San Diego, California

**Jincheon**  
Vallejo, California

**Nowon**  
Irvine, California ○

**Osan**  
Killeen, Texas

**Paju**  
Pasadena, California ○

**Pyeongchang**  
Auburn, Washington

**Seocho**  
Irvine, California

**Seongdong-Gu**  
Marietta, Georgia

**Seoul**  
San Francisco, California  
Washington, District of Columbia

**Suncheon**  
Columbia, Missouri

**Ulsan**  
Portland, Oregon

**Wanju-Gu County**  
Carson, California

**Wonju**  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Yeongcheon**  
Buffalo, New York

**Yochon**  
Newport Beach, California ○

**Yongsan-Gu**  
Sacramento, California

**Spain**  
**Albuquerque**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Alcala de Henares**  
San Diego, California

**Almonte**  
Miami Beach, Florida

**Almuñécar**  
Hendersonville, North Carolina

**Aviles**  
St. Augustine, Florida

**Barcelona**  
San Francisco, California ○  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Bilbao**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Borobia**  
Pensacola, Florida

**Cabildo de Tenerife**  
Miami Dade County, Florida

**Cantabria**  
Laredo, Texas

**Ciudadella de Menorca**  
St. Augustine, Florida

**El Puerto de Santa Maria**  
Coral Gables, Florida

**Figueres**  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**Granada**  
Coral Gables, Florida

**Huelva**  
Houston, Texas

**Laredo**  
Laredo, Texas

**Las Palmas de Gran Canaria**  
San Antonio, Texas

**Lleida**  
Monterey, California

**Macharaviaya**  
Pensacola, Florida

**Madrid**  
Maui, Hawaii

**Oviedo**  
Tampa, Florida

**Port de la Selva**  
Nashville, Tennessee ○

**San Sabastian**  
Reno, Nevada

**Santa Cruz de Tenerife**  
San Antonio, Texas

**Santa Fe de la Vega**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico



Lansing Regional Sister Cities Commission established a library at the Aburi Presbyterian Teacher Training College, Ghana. On this trip, LRSCC shipped barrels of books, teaching supplies, and lap top computers. When they presented them to the school, they also offered a monetary gift to each teacher.



**Seville**

Kansas City, Missouri  
Columbus, Ohio

**Toledo**

Toledo, Ohio  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Tres Cantos**

Columbia, Maryland

**Villanueva de la Cañada**

La Cañada Flintridge, California

**Vitoria-Gasteiz**

Anaheim, California

**Sweden****Borgholm**

Rockford, Illinois

**Gothenburg**

Chicago, Illinois

**Helsingborg**

Alexandria, Virginia

**Kalmar**

Wilmington, Delaware

**Linköping**

Palo Alto, California

**Rattvik**

Cambridge, Minnesota

**Ronneby**

Enfield, Connecticut  
Johnson City, Tennessee

**Solna**

Burbank, California

**Stockholm County**

Miami Dade County, Florida

**Tingsryd**

Lindstrom, Minnesota

**Trollhättan**

Tempe, Arizona ○

**Uppsala**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Växjö**

Duluth, Minnesota

**Switzerland****Basel**

Miami Beach, Florida

**Davos**

Aspen, Colorado

**Interlaken**

Scottsdale, Arizona

**Liestal**

Sacramento, California

**Lucerne**

Chicago, Illinois

**Saasfee**

Steamboat Springs, Colorado

**Sursee**

Highland, Illinois

**Winterthur**

Ontario, California

**Zurich**

San Francisco, California

**Taiwan****Chia-Yi**

Juneau, Alaska □

**Chung Li, Taoyuan City**

Enfield, Connecticut

**Fengshan**

Charleston, Illinois

**Fengshan District**

Charleston, Illinois

**Gueishan**

Grand Prairie, Texas

**Hengchun**

Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

**Hsinchu**

Cupertino, California  
Cary, North Carolina

**Hsinchu County**

Santa Clara County, California

**Hua Lien City**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Hualien**

Bellevue, Washington

**Kaohsiung City**

Pensacola, Florida

**Kaohsiung Municipality**

Little Rock, Arkansas  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Portland, Oregon  
San Antonio, Texas  
Seattle, Washington

**Keelung City**

Corpus Christi, Texas  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Miaoli**

Kissimmee, Florida  
Bartlett, Illinois

**New Taipei City** △

Cincinnati, Ohio

**Pingtung**

Maui, Hawaii

**Taichung**

San Diego, California  
Reno, Nevada  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Austin, Texas  
Tacoma, Washington

**Tainan City**

Chandler, Arizona  
Monterey, California  
San Jose, California  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Columbus, Ohio  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Laredo, Texas

**Tainan Hsien**

Laredo, Texas

**Taipei Municipality** △

Phoenix, Arizona  
Los Angeles, California  
San Francisco, California  
Miami Dade County, Florida  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Dallas, Texas  
Houston, Texas

**Taoyuan**

Irvine, California

**Wuchi Town**

Newton, Iowa

**Xindian**

Tavares, Florida

**Tajikistan****Dushanbe**

Boulder, Colorado

**Tanzania****Arusha**

Kansas City, Missouri  
Durham, North Carolina

**Bagamoyo**

Vallejo, California

**Dar es Salaam**

Lansing, Michigan ○

**Moshi**

Delray Beach, Florida  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

**Tanga**

Toledo, Ohio

**Tarime**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Thailand**
**Bangkok**

Washington, District of Columbia

**Lanphun**

Orinda, California

**Udonthani**

Reno, Nevada

**Trinidad and Tobago**
**Port of Spain**

Atlanta, Georgia

**Turkey**
**Adapazari**

Louisville, Kentucky

**Ankara**

Washington, District of Columbia

**Antalya**

Kepez  
Austin, Texas

**Bursa Yildirim**

Buffalo, New York

**Gaziantep**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Istanbul**

Houston, Texas

**Izmir**

Long Beach, California ○  
Tampa, Florida

**Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality**

Maryland State, Maryland

**Kusadasi**

Monterey, California

**Mersin**

West Palm Beach, Florida

**Nevsehir**

Santa Fe, New Mexico ○

**Safranbolu**

Schaumburg, Illinois

**Seferihisar**

Morgan Hill, California

**Üsküdar**

Brooklyn, New York City, New York

**Turkmenistan**
**Ashgabat**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Turks and Caicos Islands**
**Turks and Caicos Islands**

Miami Dade County, Florida □

**Uganda**
**Kasese**

Santa Cruz, California ○

**Ukraine**
**Alushta**

Santa Cruz, California

**Brovary**

Rockford, Illinois  
Tacoma, Washington

**Chernivtsi**

Salt Lake City, Utah

**Chyhyryn**

Sebastopol, California

**Donetsk**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Drohobych**

Muscataine, Iowa  
Buffalo, New York

**Gorlovka**

Pensacola, Florida

**Horlivka**

Buffalo, New York

**Irpın**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Ivano-Frankivsk**

Arlington, Virginia

**Kalush**

Grand Prairie, Texas

**Kaniv**

Sonoma, California

**Kharkiv**

Cincinnati, Ohio

**Khmelnyskyi**

Modesto, California

**Kyiv**

Chicago, Illinois

**Lviv**

Corning, New York

**Odessa**

Baltimore, Maryland

**Smila**

Newton, Iowa

**Tysmenytsia**

Bandera, Texas

**Vinnitsya**

Birmingham, Alabama

**United Arab Emirates**

Abu Dhabi

Houston, Texas

**United Kingdom**
**England**
**Barnet**

Montclair, New Jersey

**Bassetlaw District**

Farmers Branch, Texas

**Birmingham**

Chicago, Illinois

**Burton upon Trent**

Elkhart, Indiana

**Chester**

Lakewood, Colorado

**Cleveland**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Cleveland County**

Cleveland, Ohio

**Corby**

Portsmouth, Ohio

**Doncaster**

Wilmington, North Carolina

**Durham**

Durham, North Carolina

**Kettering**

Kettering, Ohio

**Kingston-upon-Hull**

Raleigh, North Carolina

**Kinver**

Park Ridge, Illinois

**Leeds**

Louisville, Kentucky

**Liverpool**

Birmingham, Alabama

**London Borough of Hackney**

Austin, Texas



Delegates from the government of the Canary Islands celebrate with members of the Canary Islands Descendants Association of San Antonio during the annual Arrival Anniversary Celebration. 2018's anniversary event, titled El Nacimiento, celebrated the arrival of the Canary Islanders in San Antonio and the subsequent establishment of the region by Spain in the 1700s. The delegation visited to celebrate San Antonio's Tricentennial and was comprised of several high-level government officials, including the mayors of both San Antonio's Canarian Sister Cities –Las Palmas and Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

**Merton**

Irving, Texas

**Newburgh**

Newburgh, Indiana

**Newcastle upon Tyne**

Little Rock, Arkansas  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Newmarket, Suffolk**

Lexington, Kentucky

**Norfolk County**

Norfolk, Virginia

**Northamptonshire County**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**Portsmouth**

Lakewood, Colorado

**Richmond upon Thames**

Richmond, Virginia

**Salisbury**

Salisbury, Maryland

**Sheffield**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Southampton**

Hampton, Virginia

**St. Ives, Cornwall**

Laguna Beach, California

**Suffolk**

Suffolk, Virginia

**Sunderland**

Washington, District of Columbia

**Watford**

Wilmington, Delaware

**Northern Ireland**
**Antrim-Newtonabbey**

Gilbert, Arizona

**Ards and North Down Borough**

Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Ballymena**

Morehead, Kentucky

**Belfast**

Boston, Massachusetts  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Carrickfergus**

Danville, Kentucky  
Anderson, South Carolina

**Craigavon, County Armagh**

LaGrange, Georgia

**Newry and Mourne District**

Southern Pines, North Carolina  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**Scotland**
**Dunbar**

Martinez, California  
West Dundee, Illinois  
Alexandria, Virginia

**Dunfermline**

Sarasota, Florida

**Dunkeld and Birnam**

Asheville, North Carolina

**Edinburgh**

San Diego, California

**Embo**

Maui, Hawaii

**Forres**

Mount Dora, Florida

**Grampian Region, Aberdeen**

Houston, Texas

**Oban**

Laurinburg, North Carolina

**Prestwick**

Vandalia, Ohio

**Western Isles**

Anderson, South Carolina

## Wales

### Brecon

Saline, Michigan

## United States

### American Samoa

Maui, Hawaii

### Saipan, Northern Mariana Island


Maui, Hawaii

## Uruguay

### Maldonado

Miami Dade County, Florida

### Paysandu

Muscatine, Iowa 

### Punta del Este

Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

## Uzbekistan

### Bukhara

Santa Fe, New Mexico

### Tashkent


Seattle, Washington

## Venezuela

### Antolín del Campo

Miami Dade County, Florida

### Caracas

San Francisco, California 

### Monagas State

Miami Dade County, Florida

### Puerto La Cruz

Santa Cruz, California

## Vietnam

### Can Tho

Riverside, California

### Da Nang

Oakland, California  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### Haiphong

Seattle, Washington

### Ho Chi Minh City

San Francisco, California

### Hue

New Haven, Connecticut

### Ninh Thuan Province

Maryland State, Maryland

### Quang Tri Town

Angel Fire, New Mexico

### Vung Tau Province

Newport Beach, California 

## Zambia

### Kasama

Clovis, New Mexico

### Livingston

Santa Fe, New Mexico

### Lusaka

Los Angeles, California  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

## Zimbabwe

### Harare

Cincinnati, Ohio

### Mutare

Portland, Oregon



Roselle Sister Cities participates in the Rose Parade in Roselle which takes place during the first weekend of June.



# 2019 Global Membership

## Canada

### Thunder Bay

Seinäjoki, Finland  
Gifu, Japan  
Duluth, Minnesota  
Little Canada, Minnesota

### Toronto

Chongqing, China  
Quito, Ecuador  
Frankfurt, Germany  
Chicago, Illinois  
Milan, Italy  
Sagamihara, Japan  
Warsaw, Poland  
Kiev, Ukraine  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

## Colombia

### Bogota

Chicago, Illinois

### Barranquilla

Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Nanjing, China  
Tampa, Florida  
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

## Taiwan

### New Taipei City

Phoenix, Arizona  
Cotonou, Benin  
La Paz, Bolivia  
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso  
Ulan-Ude, Buryat  
Los Angeles, California  
San Francisco, California  
San Jose, Costa Rica  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
San Salvador, El Salvador  
Versailles, France  
Banjul, Gambia  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Guatemala City, Guatemala  
Bissau, Guinea Bissau  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Riga, Latvia  
Monrovia, Liberia  
Vilnius, Lithuania  
Lilongwe, Malawi  
Majuro, Marshall Islands  
Boston, Massachusetts  
San Nicolas, Mexico  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  
Managua, Nicaragua  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Panama City, Panama  
Asunción, Paraguay

Manila, Philippines  
Quezon City, Philippines  
Warsaw, Poland  
Jiddah, Saudi Arabia  
Dakar, Senegal  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
Pretoria, South Africa  
Daegu, South Korea  
Seoul, South Korea  
Mbabane, Swaziland  
Dallas, Texas  
Houston, Texas  
Marshall, Texas  
Lome, Togo  
Guam, United States Territory

### Taipei Municipality

Phoenix, Arizona  
Gold Coast, Australia  
Cotonou, Benin  
La Paz, Bolivia  
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso  
Los Angeles, California  
Los Angeles, California  
San Francisco, California  
San Jose, Costa Rica  
Prague, Czech Republic  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
San Salvador, El Salvador  
Versailles, France  
Banjul, Gambia  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Guatemala City, Guatemala  
Bissau, Guinea Bissau  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Bangalore, India  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Yokohama, Japan  
Riga, Latvia  
Monrovia, Liberia  
Vilnius, Lithuania  
Lilongwe, Malawi

George Town, Malaysia  
Majuro, Marshall Islands  
Boston, Massachusetts  
San Nicolas, Mexico  
Ulan Bator, Mongolia  
Managua, Nicaragua  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Panama City, Panama  
Asunción, Paraguay  
Malabon, Philippines  
Manila, Philippines  
Quezon City, Philippines  
Warsaw, Poland  
Ulan-Ude, Russia  
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
Dakar, Senegal  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
Pretoria, South Africa  
Daegu, South Korea  
Seoul, South Korea  
Saigon, South Vietnam  
Mbabane, Swaziland  
Dallas, Texas  
Houston, Texas  
Marshall, Texas  
Guam, United States

## Cities Seeking Partners

### Gibraltar

Gibraltar

### Japan

Kanagawa

### Turkey

Alsancak  
Sisli Municipality, Istanbul



*Sister Cities International Oklahoma City celebrates the Chinese New Year*

## Frequently Asked Questions



If your question isn't answered below, please contact us at [info@sistercities.org](mailto:info@sistercities.org).



### What is a Sister City?

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

### What does Sister Cities Do?

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

### How can I get involved?

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

### How can I create a new Sister City?

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

### What difference do Sister Cities make?

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

### How can I contribute to Sister Cities International?

Visit our website and click the "donate" button,



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# Membership Programs and Benefits

For more member benefits, please visit our website at [www.sistercities.org/membership](http://www.sistercities.org/membership)

## Global Networking

- Peer-to-peer networking with sister cities programs
- Connect with foreign communities
- Support from foreign and domestic Diplomatic Corps

## Telling Your Story

- Marketing & communications assistance
- Recognition through Annual Awards
- Crisis communications

## Resources That Matter

- Governance & policy services
- Discounted affinity benefits
- Toolkits & templates

### City Connection Marketplace

Sister Cities International has helped dozens of communities develop partnerships in countries around the world. Let us help you find your next sister city.

*"Concord might never have paired with Freeport, Bahamas has it not been for the assistance of this program."*

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