



ONE VOICE TOOL KIT

The mission of Fort Worth Sister Cities is to cultivate successful relationships and international understanding among the youth, adults, businesses, and organizations of Fort Worth and its sister cities through educational, leadership, and exchange programs.

Programs

Sister Cities programs and initiatives are developed around four key themes: economic and sustainable development, arts and culture, youth and education, and humanitarian assistance.

Sources of Revenue:

Private contributions, Fort Worth's hotel bed tax, earned and program revenues and **membership dues**.

Sister Cities:

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

Why Join Fort Worth Sister Cities?

- Anti-Americanism is on the rise around the world, especially in predominately Muslim countries
- Large majorities of Americans believe the U.S. is viewed negatively by people in other countries due to current U.S. foreign policy not American values
- Americans are broadly perceived by others as arrogant, ignorant, lacking in humility, loud and unwilling to listen
- More than 30 U.S. Government reports and studies have concluded that educational and cultural exchanges are highly effective tools for changing public opinion of the U.S.
- Sister Cities International is the only organization with the responsibility of partnering U.S. communities with communities abroad to promote cultural understanding and cooperation, and ultimately world peace

How do contributions help Fort Worth Sister Cities?

Supporting Sister Cities immediately strengthens our efforts to diminish global mistrust stemming from ignorance, isolation or willful misunderstanding

Donations support our local sister city's volunteer network and educational, municipal, business, cultural, professional and technical exchanges, projects and programs.

Famous Quotes:

Responsibility does not only lie with the leaders of our countries or with those who have been appointed or elected to do a particular job. It lies with each of us individually. –Dalai Lama

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it. –Eleanor Roosevelt

I can think of no worthier task than that of creating the tools for international co-operation and working for the betterment of his fellow human beings. –U Thant, Former Secretary General, United Nations

If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner. –Nelson Mandela