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**Celebrating 30 years of service
to Fort Worth. Thanks to you.**

Connecting globally. Thriving locally.



"The increasing inter-connectivity of nations in today's global economy underscores the need for robust partnerships between communities around the world. Organizations like Sister Cities International foster such relationships, increasing mutual knowledge and understanding between cities and cultures."

**– President Barack Obama,
Honorary Board Chair, Sister Cities International**



"Fort Worth is an increasingly global community, and with that comes the responsibility to connect with international partners to exchange information, ideas and economic opportunity. No one is better at creating and nurturing international relationships than Fort Worth Sister Cities and the City of Fort Worth says thank you for thirty years of service."

**– Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price,
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"For thirty years we have formed international relationships, fostered new business connections and promoted tourism and cross-cultural understanding that are vital to seizing opportunities and overcoming challenges in a global era. Thanks to so many of you, Fort Worth Sister Cities has played a huge role in enhancing the image of our city abroad – helping to improve the lives of our citizens and enhance global opportunities for all."

**– Michael Bennett, Chairman of the Board,
Fort Worth Sister Cities International**

Impacting the World for 30 Years

Fort Worth Sister Cities International, a 501c3 nonprofit, is the only organization dedicated solely to promoting Fort Worth globally and enriching our community through international education, exchange and commerce.

We manage the City of Fort Worth's eight sister city relationships from Nagaoka, Japan, to Toluca, Mexico. Our annual program goals are designed to:

- Orchestrate international inbound and outbound exchanges
- Provide instruction for protocol and diplomacy
- Produce unparalleled youth and educator programs
- Conduct exchanges to foster economic development

In an increasingly smaller world, Fort Worth Sister Cities plays a huge role in enhancing the image of our city abroad – helping to improve the lives of our citizens and enhance global opportunities for all.

2014 Year in Review

Municipal

- Hosted Toluca, Mexico Mayor and official delegation
- Hosted a tourism exchange from Bandung, Indonesia
- Welcomed Mbabane, Swaziland Mayor and City Manager to celebrate 10th anniversary
- Hosted police officers from Toluca for training
- Coordinated delegation of 25 led by Fort Worth Mayor Pro Tem Espino to Toluca for business meetings and Dia de los Muertos
- Coordinated downtown development exchange to Toluca
- Sent official delegation led by former councilman Joel Burns to Budapest and Gyor, Hungary and Vienna, Austria
- Coordinated business meetings in Toluca and Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Education

- Partnered with FWISD for first Spanish Immersion Summer Camp for 130 elementary students
- Conducted educational seminars focused on Hungary, China and Vietnam
- Conducted Reggio Children's seminar attended by 100 early childhood development specialists
- Hosted engineering students from Toluca and interns from Trier, Toluca, Vietnam and China

Youth

- Partnered with Trinity Valley School and All Saints Episcopal for Toluca, Mexico student exchange to Fort Worth
- Conducted 25th International Leadership Academy and 8th Jr. Academy – largest ever
- Hosted 140 students and sent 75 on exchanges
- Partnered with Trinity Valley School, McLean and Country Day and welcomed 36 Nagaoka, Japan students
- Worked with Western Hills High School on a Bandung, Indonesia student exchange to Fort Worth

Arts & Culture

- Staged Oshogatsu Japanese New Year's celebration
- Conducted Gospel Choir Concert in recognition of 10th anniversary with Mbabane, Swaziland
- Partnered with Trinity River Vision and Trier, Germany for Oktoberfest
- Staged a Hungarian Goulash Cookoff and Taste of Chinese Cuisine event

Fundraising

- Conducted online auction with local chefs
- Concluded 4 year major gifts campaign
- Staged first Amazingly Global Race
- Raised over \$30,000 at photos with Santa in Sundance Square benefitting youth
- Re-designed Mayor's International Dinner with Global Awards added in 2015



The inaugural Global Awards honored businesses, individuals and organizations that had made significant contributions to global understanding, world political stability and international trade to solve international health, economic, social or environmental challenges.

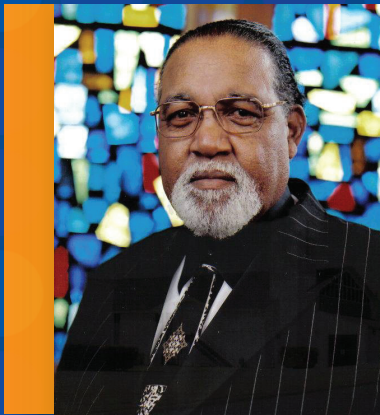


GLOBAL IMPACT AWARD RECIPIENT
U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger

Congresswoman Kay Granger received the Fort Worth Sister Cities International Global Impact Award in recognition of her efforts to support and promote Fort Worth abroad, her international impact through her work in Congress, and her commitment to public service.

Congresswoman Granger has promoted Fort Worth to presidents and prime ministers, world leaders and CEO’s. She has used her influence in Congress to support global health initiatives to eradicate polio worldwide, provided resources to stop the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child, and she has wisely invested in countries to strengthen their security and grow their economies. She has worked to empower and protect women around the world and mentored Iraqi women running for office for the first time, as well as fighting vigorously to end human trafficking.

The Global Impact Award is recognition of Congresswoman Granger’s lifetime commitment to making Fort Worth and the world a better place. She has set the mark high for future recipients.



GLOBAL CITIZENS AWARD RECIPIENT
Black Ecumenical Leadership Alliance, Inc.

The Black Ecumenical Leadership Alliance (BELA) is a coalition of leaders organized and founded in 1999 by Reverend Dr. Albert E. Chew, Jr. along with other Fort Worth pastors. Pastor Chew had a vision to bring Christian ministers together in an effort to impact and change the lives of people throughout Fort Worth, Texas, and the world.

BELA has accomplished many things since its inception and their financial assistance locally and around the world is remarkable. They provided \$50,000 to victims of hurricane Katrina and \$100,000 for hurricane victims in Haiti; scholarships totaling \$150,000 to bring students from Swaziland to Fort Worth for Sister Cities’ Leadership Academy; and locally \$25,000 for scholarships at Fort Worth

Montessori School, as well as \$300,000 towards St. Mary Ethiopian Orthodox Church to secure a church building. They have also focused on providing meals, food and hygiene items for the homeless along with assistance to countless churches throughout the area and across the United States.

The Black Ecumenical Leadership Alliance continues to work collaboratively to make a difference in the lives of people regardless of demographics.



GLOBAL NEXUS AWARD RECIPIENT
Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport

Located halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is the world’s third busiest, hosting 1,850 flights a day and serving more than 62 million customers a year. DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 149 domestic and 55 international destinations.

In the last four years, DFW has experienced growth in international destinations and is one of only seven airports in the world offering service to more than 200 destinations. Last year, DFW launched new service to Shanghai and Hong Kong by American Airlines, as well as to Doha, Qatar by Qatar Airways, and to Abu Dhabi by Etihad Airways. Also, Emirates Airline and Qantas Airways expanded their service from DFW to Dubai and Sydney by adding the Airbus A380, the largest passenger aircraft in the world. In May, American Airlines will launch new international service from DFW to Beijing, China. This route will mark DFW’s first nonstop connection to China’s capital city, and will expand American’s growing service to Asia from its largest hub and home airport.

DFW Airport is a major economic driver for the Dallas/Fort Worth region, generating about \$32 billion in economic impact each year, with the Airport supporting more than 143,000 local jobs and over \$9 billion in annual payroll.

They are a clear recipient of the Global Nexus Award because no one connects Fort Worth to the rest of the world better than Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014

Statement of Financial Position

Total Assets	\$ 785,447
Total Liabilities	176,143
Total Net Assets	609,304
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 785,447

Statement of Financial Activities

Total Revenue and other support	\$1,108,510
Total Expenses	1,078,788
Programs & Exchanges	929,085
Fundraising	83,835
General and Administrative	65,868
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	29,722
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	132,610
Change in Net Assets	162,332
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	446,972
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 609,304

The financial information presented here represents a portion of the financial statements of the Association. Audited financial statements are available upon request and online at www.fwsistercities.org.

Youth and Adult Programs

21	Total Inbound Exchanges
10	Total Outbound Exchanges
386	Total Inbound and Outbound Delegates
96	Total Local Programs

Youth Exchanges

151	students participated - inbound
67	students participated - outbound

Scholarships Provided for Youth Programs

\$ 82,654 awarded

Economic Impact

\$ 2 million

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- US/China Sister Cities Award for Youth Programs (2014)
- Sister Cities International Chairman's Award: Michael S. Hyatt (2013)
- China International Friendship Cities Award for 2012 International Friendly City
- Sister Cities Award for Innovation in Humanitarian Assistance (2012, 2009, 2008, 2004)
- Sister Cities Award for Best Overall Program (2011, 2009, 2007, 2003, 2001, 1998, 1992, 1990)
- Sister Cities Award for Innovation in Arts & Culture (2010)
- Sister Cities Award for Most Innovative Youth Program (2010, 2003, 2002)
- United Nations Positive Peace Award for Most Positive City Top 5 Finalist (2010)
- Sister Cities International Chairman's Award: Mae Ferguson (2008)
- Sister Cities Volunteer of the Year: Shinichi Hara (2007)
- Sister Cities International President's Award: Mary Palko (2006)
- Sister Cities Volunteer of the Year: Elaine Yamagata (2005)
- Sister Cities 50th Anniversary Award (2005)
- Sister Cities Award for Innovation in Public Safety (2003)
- Sister Cities Volunteer of the Year – Mary Palko (1999)
- Sister Cities Special Achievement Awards in Education (1996)
- Reader's Digest Award for Best Overall Youth Program (1991)
- Sales and Marketing Executive Award (1990)
- Neighborhood USA Award (1989)
- Reader's Digest Award for Best New Program and Most Community Involvement (1988 & 1986)

Local Awards

- Bob Bolen Award for Outstanding Board Leadership – Phillip Moroneso
- Volunteer of the Year – Ret. Det. Manuel Reyes and Sgt. Daniel Segura
- Youth Volunteer of the Year – Kalkidan Alemu
- Eisenhower Award for Organizational Involvement – Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Yamagata Emerging Leaders Scholar – Kalkidan Alemu

