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A Letter from the Mayor

Dear friends,

Congratulations to Sister Cities on another successful year. Your work keeps us focused on what it takes to be a truly international city.

Everyone knows that all business starts with relationships, and there's no one better than creating and nurturing relationships than Sister Cities. Fort Worth currently has eight sister cities, and I am proud of these relationships and committed to working together to broaden our horizons.

As we move into 2013, I see many possibilities for new connections for Fort Worth. There is a world of opportunities and we will explore them. I look forward to growing our Sister Cities relationships in creating a bigger international family.

Congratulations on another great year and we look forward to your continued success.

Sincerely,

Betsy Price
Mayor

Our mission is to advance peace through lasting relationships and international understanding.



A Letter from the Chair

As Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, I am proud to say that 2012 was a good year for Fort Worth Sister Cities. We experienced many celebrations, as well as some challenges, and we remain one of the largest and most active programs in the U.S. - connecting businesses, educational institutions, government, and cultural organizations with their counterparts in Fort Worth's eight sister cities.

The high point of our year was the recognition received as the country's Best Program, an award received for the eighth time, more than any other city in the United States. We also had the pleasure of commemorating the 25th anniversaries of our partnerships with Nagaoka, Japan and Trier, Germany, as well as traveling to Guiyang, China to sign our eighth official agreement.

2012 also saw many international exchanges including firefighters from Bandung, Indonesia; an organist from Trier, Germany; and engineering students from Toluca, Mexico. The newly elected mayor of Budapest visited Fort Worth and we participated in the grand opening of a health and social center in Mbabane, Swaziland built by funds received through Sister Cities International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Our crowning jewel continues to be youth programs designed to prepare students for a successful global future. We sent 85 students to our sister cities in 2012 and welcomed nearly 200 here for various programs bringing a little bit of the world to Fort Worth.

As we move forward and connect Fort Worth even more, we thank our 2011/12 board chair Brad Mahon and all our dedicated volunteers, generous sponsors and talented staff who made all of this possible. You are making Fort Worth a truly international city.

Sincerely,

Ann Rice
Chairwoman of the Board



Our Mission Statement

The mission of Fort Worth Sister Cities International is to advance peace through lasting relationships and international understanding.

We believe in an international environment of peace and cooperation that welcomes all races and creeds and promotes the acceptance of diversity.

We believe in an educational environment that prepares students for the future and motivates students to learn and study different cultures.

We believe in a student-centered program that encourages the development of leadership skills and motivates students to pursue their own personal goals.

Taking the U.S. abroad. Bringing the world back home.

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For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012

	2012
Statement of Financial Position	
Total Assets	\$ 816,695
Total Liabilities	259,612
Total Net Assets	557,083
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 816,695

Statement of Financial Activities

Revenue and other support:	
City of Fort Worth	\$ 100,000
Membership Dues	49,250
Programs & Exchanges	670,489
Contributions	92,990
Fundraising	404,079
Investment Income	28,726
Total Revenue and other support	1,345,534

Expenses:

Programs & Exchanges	\$1,082,122
Fundraising	150,536
General & Administrative	36,438
Total Expenses	1,269,096

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 76,438
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	4,299
Change in Net Assets	80,737

Net Assets at Beginning of Year	476,346
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 557,083

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.

PROGRAMS

29	Inbound Exchanges
13	Outbound Exchanges
405	Inbound and Outbound Delegates
189	Local Programs

YOUTH EXCHANGES

130	Students Participated - Inbound
79	Students Participated - Outbound
46%	White
08%	African American
22%	Hispanic
24%	Asian

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS - \$88,871

ECONOMIC IMPACT - \$2,645,000



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Local Awards

- Bob Bolen Award for Outstanding Board Leadership – Paul Geisel
- Volunteer of the Year – Cody Cox
- Youth Volunteer of the Year – Zack Kurima
- Eisenhower Award for Organizational Involvement – Fort Worth ISD
- Yamagata Emerging Leaders Scholar – Megan Eckelbarger

National Awards

- Best Overall Program (2011, 2009, 2007, 2003, 2001, 1998, 1992, 1990)
- Innovation in Arts & Culture (2010)
- Most Innovative Youth Program (2010, 2003, 2002)
- United Nations Positive Peace Award for Most Positive City - Top 5 Finalist (2010)
- Innovation in Humanitarian Assistance (2009, 2008, 2004)
- Chairman's Award: Mae Ferguson (2008)
- Volunteer of the Year: Shinichi Hara, Nagaoka, Japan (2007)
- Sister Cities International President's Award: Mary Palko (2006)
- Volunteer of the Year: Elaine Yamagata (2005)
- Sister Cities 50th Anniversary Award (2005)
- Innovation in Public Safety (2003)
- Volunteer of the Year – Mary Palko (1999)
- 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 and 1986)

