



FAST FACTS

- Sister cities are relationships between municipal governments
- The City of Fort Worth has entered into formal agreements recognized by the U.S. Dept. of State with nine international cities
- Fort Worth Sister Cities is under contract to operate and manage the Sister Cities program on behalf of the City of Fort Worth and its citizens since 1985 (34+ years)
- Sister Cities operates on an annual budget of \$1.5 million of which \$50,000 and office space is contributed by the City of Fort Worth – 4% of our overall budget
- Sister Cities programs yield an annual economic impact to the City of \$14 million
- 2,000+ citizens of Fort Worth participate as volunteers in programs annually
- Sister Cities promotes Fort Worth globally as an international city
- Every major city in the U.S. has a sister cities program
- Sister Cities hosts nearly 500 visitors for programs and exchanges annually
- Every student ambassador seeking financial assistance has been helped in some way
- Over \$264,000 as awarded to Fort Worth students and educators in 2018 to participate in local programs and exchanges

SOURCES OF REVENUE

- Programs – 71%
- Private contributions – 25%
- City of Fort Worth – 4%

WHY SUPPORT FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES?

- Creates economic impact on Fort Worth's local economy of \$14 million annually
- Leverages international relationships to attract economic connections
- Provides students with leadership skills preparing them for a global marketplace
- Makes Fort Worth a more diverse community in which to work and play
- Helps repair and strengthen America's international relationships
- Helps create a more peaceful world today and for the future eliminating misunderstanding and prejudices that lead to conflict