



## FORT WORTH SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

(FWSCI)

### TALKING POINTS

- FWSCI has an annual economic impact of \$14 million per year on our city.
- At this time, FWSCI serves as a key partner for the city in promoting Fort Worth globally as an international city and is counted on by the city and its citizens to promote citizen diplomacy and international exchange.
- In fact, FWSCI is under contract to operate and manage the Sister Cities program, including protocol and hospitality, on behalf of the City of Fort Worth, and has done so since 1985 (33 years).
- FWSCI currently operates on an annual budget of \$1.5 million, of which \$50,000 and office space is contributed by the City of Fort Worth – 3% of our overall budget. While that number is appreciated, it is not enough to cover annual programming needs.
- More than 2,000 citizens of Fort Worth participate as volunteers in programs each year.
- Nearly 500 visitors come to Fort Worth for programs and exchanges annually.
- And, in an effort to help grow the next generation of leaders, every student ambassador seeking financial assistance has been helped in some way; an estimated \$94,000 was awarded in scholarships to Fort Worth students and educators in 2017.