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**Corvallis-Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association wins *Sister Cities International's*
Best Overall Program Award**

WASHINGTON, DC – Corvallis-Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association has won *Sister Cities International's* 2011 Best Overall Program Award for a city with a population between 50,001 and 100,000. The award recognizes sister city programs that demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in advancing the goals and mission of the sister cities movement.

The Corvallis-Uzhhorod, Ukraine sister city relationship includes multi-faceted projects. In 2011, the program delivered projects in the following areas:

- Increasing Breast Cancer awareness in Uzhhorod
- Maintaining support for children with unique needs in Uzhhorod
- Sending humanitarian aid to Uzhhorod through Counterpart International
- Promoting the prevention of child abuse in Uzhhorod through an exchange of social service professionals

The program brought together physicians, social service professionals, donors, community volunteers, an international aid organization, the local city government as well as the U.S. Department of State to successfully implement the projects.

In 2011, the Association also increased its membership, added diversity to the Board of Directors and improved their outreach efforts. Through the efforts of its members, the program has positively impacted citizens of Uzhhorod and Corvallis and strengthened the relationship between the two cities.

The *Sister Cities International* Annual Awards are awarded in several categories. Award winners will be honored at a special luncheon ceremony on July 14 during the *Sister Cities International* 56th Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.

About *Sister Cities International*

Sister Cities International facilitates nearly 2,000 partnerships in 136 countries on six continents between 600 communities in the United States with similar municipalities abroad. *Sister Cities International* represents citizen diplomats who work tirelessly to promote the organizations' mission of creating world peace and cultural understanding through economic and sustainable development programs, youth and education projects, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance.

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