
TULSA GLOBAL ALLIANCE WINS SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL'S BEST OVERALL PROGRAM AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC – Tulsa Global Alliance has won Sister Cities International's 2015 Best Overall Program Award for a city with a population between 300,001 and 500,000. The 2015 Sister Cities International Best Overall Program Award recognizes sister city programs that demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in 2014 in advancing the goals and mission of the sister cities movement.

In 2014, Tulsa Global Alliance successfully facilitated all sister cities partnerships for the City of Tulsa, were active in the U.S. State Department's International Visitors Program in Oklahoma, prepared individuals for life in a multi-cultural world, facilitated and enhanced the relationships that promote international trade opportunities, and were the premier international resource organization utilized by Tulsa-area governments, businesses, organizations, educational institutions, and residents.

Tulsa Global Alliance specifically demonstrated their capacity through programs including the 12th biennial four-day Kids' World International Festival, an international breakfast seminar on doing business in Mexico, seven student exchanges, hosting a 16th annual videoconference between Tulsa and Tiberias, Israel, awarding educator scholarships for sister city exchanges, hosting 181 visitors from U.S. State Department and Library of Congress Programs, and more. Special events conducted over the year included the seventh annual Savoring Sister Cities Celebration, Sister City Photo Contest, Lunar New Year Celebration, monthly "Coffee with the Globals" events, a bi-monthly "Toast the Travelers" reception, Annual Meeting, and 18th Annual Global Vision Awards Fundraiser.

Sister Cities International's Annual Awards are awarded in several categories including Best Overall, Innovation (Arts & Culture, Economic Development, Energy/Sustainable Development, Humanitarian Assistance, and Youth & Education), Volunteer of the Year, and Youth Leadership. Award winners will be honored at a special ceremony on Saturday, July 18 during Sister Cities International's 59th Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Sister Cities International 59th Annual Conference will bring together elected and municipal officials, engaged citizens, diplomats, and business leaders to Minneapolis, Minnesota to discuss, "Building Generations for Peace." Conference sessions will provide attendees with opportunities to learn about strengthening their sister city programs through informative sessions led by experts and industry leaders. For more information on the 2015 Sister Cities International Annual Conference, please visit: www.SisterCitiesConference.org.

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About Sister Cities International

Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for over 545 individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States with relationships in over 2,100 communities in 145 countries. This sister city network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote peace and understanding through programs and projects focusing on arts and culture, youth and education, economic and sustainable development, and humanitarian assistance.

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