

# GOING TO KANSAS CITY...CONNECTING THE WORLD

## SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS CITY, MO

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January 2007

Dear International Colleague,

As Officers of the Sister City Association of Kansas City, we would like to thank you for your support of international activities in the Greater Kansas City Region and to re-introduce the Sister City movement to you! 1200 U.S. Communities are now paired with 2100 partners in 127 nations around the world to constitute Sister Cities International. We are one of the only organizations that can boast that their Honorary Chairman is the President of The United States.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower formed the base for Sister Cities in 1956 bypassing bureaucratic formality and encouraging international and cross-cultural interaction on a personal level. In 1961, when President Eisenhower left office, he and his friend Joyce Hall, moved the founding organization into the private sector. As an extension of that original program, Kansas City Sister Cities was started locally in 1967 with an agreement between Kansas City and Seville, Spain. From this first Sister City relationship came the ties that bridge Kansas City to 13 other Cities worldwide. As you will note in the attached letter from our Mayor, Kay Barnes, Sister City Association of Kansas City has become an important part of our international community.

Through your membership in the Sister City Association of Kansas City, you will help strengthen this exciting, historic organization. Our Association operates through the collection of generous charitable contributions as well as annual membership dues. These dues are tax-deductible to the full extent of our nonprofit, 501c3 charter. On the application included with this letter, please determine the level at which you would like to contribute to the Sister City Association, as well as the specific city committee affiliation you would like to support.

**The completed application and membership dues should be returned via the enclosed envelope and sent to:**

**Sister City Association of Kansas City  
3013 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64108**

Upon receipt of your application, we will issue you a Kansas City Sister City Association Membership Card for 2005. This Card will confirm your affiliation with our exciting organization and will allow you access to any of the announced Kansas City Sister City Association functions. You will also receive priority access to specific

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Sister City events throughout your active membership, including our prestigious Annual Awards Dinner.

If you have additional questions or would like to learn more about Sister Cities, please feel free to visit the website for Sister City International at [www.sister-cities.org](http://www.sister-cities.org), or our local website for Kansas City at [www.KCSisterCities.org](http://www.KCSisterCities.org).

Thank you again for interest and support!

**Mayor Kay Barnes**  
29th Floor, City Hall  
414 East 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106

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Dear Friends,

Seville  
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1967

It gives me great pleasure to write you today and invite you to become a member of Kansas City's Sister City Association. We are proud of the worldwide connections established through our Sister City program and the passion and belief that sister city members have for their work with the sister city movement. It truly promotes peace through mutual understanding, communication and respect at a time when this is needed now more than ever. It takes everyone working together to make a difference.

Kurashiki  
Japan  
1972

Morelia  
Mexico  
1973

At the cutting edge of technology including work with life sciences, transportation and logistics, agriculture and tourism, we experience a shrinking world. Kansas City is positioning itself as a global center and Sister Cities plays a role in that important endeavor.

Freetown  
Sierra Leone  
1974

Our long-time Sister City participation began when Kansas City established its first relationship with Seville, Spain almost 40 years ago. We now have 13 sister cities and connections all over the world.

Tainan  
Taiwan  
1978

During my first term I established Kansas City's International Office to provide leadership and expertise as we continue to situate KC as an important hub of international activity. Through the Sister Cities program our community has had cultural and economic opportunities that paired us with partners in nations across the globe.

Xi'an  
China  
1989

Guadalajara  
Mexico  
1991

Work of our successful Sister Cities projects has garnered recognition and awards through Sister City International based in Washington D.C. Please take moments and visit the Kansas City, Missouri website at [www.KCSisterCities.org](http://www.KCSisterCities.org) to learn more about sister city activities, specific sister cities programming and how you can become affiliated with our local organization.

Hannover  
Germany  
1993

Port Harcourt  
Nigeria  
1993

I urge you to participate and get involved in the expansive "Sister City World" with connections that involve people and organized groups at all levels of our society. Through communication and sharing concepts of cultures, ideas, languages and a diverse community we continue to build bridges.

Arusha  
Tanzania  
1995

We hope you will join us.

San Nicolas  
de los Garza  
Mexico  
1997

Sincerely,

Kay Barnes

Ramla  
Israel  
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**Full Name of Applicant:**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname (if preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

Number / Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Numbers:**

Home: \_( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Select Your Membership Level**

**Individual**

Individual - \$30.00

Student (under 25) - \$15.00

Family - \$50.00

**Group**

Domestic - \$250.00

Affiliate Non-Profit

Organization - \$250.00

**Corporate**

Global - \$1,000.00

International - \$500.00

Family includes spouse or significant other and children living in the household under the age of 18 for 1 city.

**Make checks payable to Sister City Association of Kansas City, Missouri.**

**Membership Dues Are Tax Deductible!**

**Please Select Your Sister City Committee(s) for Association:**

General Member—I would like to support the Association as a whole.

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Metz, France (2004)

**When selecting more than 1 Sister City...**

**As an individual, or family, please include \$20 for each additional Sister City;**

**As a student, please include \$10 each additional Sister City.**

**Please contact me/us when you need volunteers to...**

Plan International Events

Host International Visitors

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 Support Sister City Operating Committees  
 Foster Student Exchanges  
 Assist Sister City Technology program  
 Disseminate posters and brochures regarding Sister City Events  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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