

Sister Cities International Announces 2010 Annual Awards Winners

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Recipients Recognized for Excellence and Innovation in Building Partnerships Globally

WASHINGTON, DC – Sister Cities International announced today the recipients of its Annual Awards program, which recognizes sister city programs and volunteers for the impact they have made in their community during 2009. The recipients will receive their awards at Sister Cities International's 54th Annual Conference, July 27-31 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"These awards showcase the impact sister cities programs have in their own city and around the world," said Patrick Madden, president and CEO of Sister Cities International.

This year's recipients are:

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Volunteer of the Year

Carol Seidberg, Phoenix, Arizona

Best Overall

Suffolk (Virginia) Sister Cities Association, population 50,000-100,000

Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, population 100,001-500,000

Fort Worth Sister Cities International, population more than 500,000

Innovation: Arts and Culture

Sister Cities Association of Spokane, population 100,001-500,000

Houston-Leipzig Sister Cities Association, population greater than 500,000

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Innovation: Humanitarian Assistance

Fort Worth Sister Cities International, population greater than 500,000

Innovation: Sustainable Development

Chicago Sister Cities International, population greater than 500,000

Innovation: Sustainable Development—Energy

Sarasota (Florida) Sister Cities Association, population less than 100,000

International Relations Council of Riverside (California), Inc., population 100,001 to 500,000

Innovation: Youth and Education

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Sister City Association of Prescott (Arizona), population less than 100,000

Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, population 100,001-500,000

Chicago Sister Cities International, population greater than 500,000

Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Association, population greater than 500,000

Each award recipient will receive a Sister Cities International commendation during the Lou Wozar Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, July 31 at noon at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque. The Annual Awards Program was established in 1962 to recognize outstanding sister city programs.

The 2010 Annual Conference was made possible through the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Department of State, Department of Energy, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Americans for the Arts, and the Carvey Family.

Visit www.sister-cities.org/conference to learn more about the 2010 Annual Conference.

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