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AYUSA is always looking for loving host families who are willing to take the "risk" to host an international young person, and would very much appreciate your support. AYUSA provides opportunities for American families to host students from around the world. The YES program specifically reaches out to countries with significant Muslim populations. They also have a number of other programs recruiting high caliber students for this life-changing experience. October 15 is the deadline for Spring 2007 AYUSA exchange student applications. For more information, contact Shelly Whelpton at swhelpton@ayusa.org or 202.362.3338.

[Use International Education Week, Nov. 13-17 to Promote Sister City Programs](#)

[International Education Week will be held November 13-17, 2006.](#) This is a great opportunity to promote the positive benefits of sister city programs, because national media attention will be driven toward exchange programs this week. Promotional information, a global IQ quiz, and more are available online. [If you are holding a sister city event during International Education Week, register it in the online database, and let us know about it too,](#) so we can talk about it to press and media (send an email to amiller@sister-cities.org with "IEW event" in the subject line).

[Annual Conference: Mark Your Calendars Now for July 18-21, 2007](#)

Whip out your daybooks, planners and palm pilots, and block out July 18-21 for the 2007 Sister Cities International Annual Conference, themed, "The Next 50 Years of

Sister Cities." Join us in Fort Lauderdale, the "Venice of America," for hands-on learning workshops geared to strengthening local sister city programs, an expanded Best Practices Showcase, and fantastic social events on land and water. A Youth Conference is also planned. Watch www.sister-cities.org for further details. Your full conference brochure will be mailed before the year is out!

Global Membership: Take Your International Sister City to the Next Level

For only \$140, your international sister city can participate in the Annual Conference at a reduced rate, vote on board candidates and governing issues, receive updates and publications, and stay connected through our members-only online member database and networks. Strengthen your partnership with your sister city and increase its involvement within Sister Cities International while furthering the citizen diplomacy movement. [Fill out a sponsorship form today](#) or [email membership@sister-cities.org](mailto:email_membership@sister-cities.org) [for more information](#).

Own Your Own Copy of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book

Published in partnership with Butler Books, the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book, "[Peace Through People: 50 Years of Global Citizenship](#)," is a 248-page color coffee table book highlighting the inspiring history of the sister city movement and retailing for only \$39.95. Delve into the archives of Sister Cities International and explore the incredible history of the sister city program. [Purchase your copy of the first edition today!](#)

Find New Ideas in Our Discussion Groups, Sign Up Now

Did you know that every week, you can get an email summarizing media coverage around the United States about the sister city program loaded with links? That's just one of the benefits available to [our discussion group members](#). To get the media update (hint: [join the General Discussion Group](#)) or [join one of our other discussion groups dealing with fundraising or governance](#), [visit our Discussion List area online](#). You must be logged in to the website with a username and password to join a discussion group. If you need a username and password, please contact Ali Kaker at akaker@sister-cities.org.



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