SPRINGFIELD SISTER CITIES

LEAVE A LEGACY OF GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP

Sister Cities Association of Springfield, Missouri

For over 40 years, Springfield Sister Cities has built bridges of understanding and friendship through our sister city relationships with Isesaki, Japan, and Tlaquepaque, Mexico. Through cultural exchanges, student programs, and signature events, we bring the world to Springfield — and Springfield to the world. ***A planned gift is a powerful way to ensure these connections continue for generations to come.***



Be one of the First to Join the Sister Cities Legacy Society

To celebrate Sister Cities' 40th year, we are beginning a legacy giving program. By including Sister Cities in your estate plans, you become a founding member of our *Sister Cities Legacy Society* —supporters committed to sustaining international friendship and cultural exchange for years to come.

Legacy Society members receive:

- **Recognition as desired on Sister Cities website and in publications**
- **Transferable lifetime membership in the Sister Cities organization**
- **Invitations as available to special cultural events and delegation gatherings**
- **The lasting impact of fostering global understanding**
- **Tax benefits and savings**

Ways to Give

SSCA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, which makes giving tax exempt to the fullest extent allowed by law. Planned giving is flexible and can align with your financial goals:

- **Bequests** – Include Sister Cities in your will or trust
- **Beneficiary Designations** – Name Sister Cities on retirement accounts, life insurance, investment accounts, even a car title
- **Charitable Gift Annuities & Trusts** – Provide income to you or your loved ones while supporting Sister Cities
- **Gifts of Stock or Real Estate** – Donate appreciated assets in a tax-efficient way to maximize your impact
- **Endowment Gifts** – Create lasting funding for programs you care about most

Your Impact

Your legacy gift helps sustain and grow programs such as:

- Annual Cultural Events like the Cherry Blossom Kite & Piñata Festival, Gigs in the Garden, the Japanese Fall Festival and the Taste of Tlaquepaque
- Travel and exchange opportunities with our sister cities
- Global friendship, peace and understanding
- Supporting long-term operational stability for our nonprofit organization

Make It Personal

You may choose to give to one of Sister Cities Community Foundation Funds:

- Fund cultural events or musician exchanges:
  Sister Cities Performing and Cultural Arts Fund (4957)
- Contribute to SSCA's endowment for long-term sustainability:
  Springfield Sister Cities Association Presidents Endowment Fund (5412)
- Support travel scholarships for those who could otherwise not travel:
  Sister Cities – Kay Finnie Scholarship Fund (6417)
  Sister Cities – Dr. Harold Kanagawa Scholarship Fund (15883)
- Leave your gift unrestricted to meet the greatest needs:
  Sister Cities Capacity Building Fund (19051)

Sister Cities is a nonprofit partner at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks where our endowed funds are professionally managed and invested. Use of the funds is governed by our community-based Board of Directors.

Simple Next Steps

1. Speak with your financial or legal advisor
2. Include Sister Cities in your plans
3. Let us know your intentions so we can thank and recognize you

Sample language:
"I give to the Sister Cities Association of Springfield, Missouri, the sum of $_____ or _____% of my estate to be used for its general purposes or as directed."

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Together, We Build a More Connected and Peaceful World

Your legacy ensures that future generations in Springfield, Isesaki, and Tlaquepaque will continue to share culture, build friendships, and promote peace through understanding.

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