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2024 Annual Report



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2024 Goals and Priorities

- SLC delegation visit Matsumoto, Japan
- Filling of board member seats in Districts 2 and 7
- Student visit to Salt Lake City from Matsumoto, Japan
- Secure more funding
- Reconnect with Chernivtsi, Ukraine
- Attend Sister Cities International Summit in San Antonio, TX
- Sister Cities application process reviewed and updated
- Involved local Salt Lake artists for gifts exchanged with Sister Cities
 - Example: *Out of the Blue* (The Whale) statue gifted to Matsumoto, Japan.



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Ongoing Goals and Priorities

- Find youth representation for advisory board
- Fill board openings: District 1, At Large
- Digitize past Sister City documents and images
- Meet with community members with past knowledge of city relationships
- Subcommittee Annual Planning
- Organize gift collection





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Utah Sister Cities

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Torino, Italy

Highlight of the Year:

- Staff and the board participated in Festa Italiana to celebrate Italian culture, heritage and food. During the event, Counsel Chair Petro introduced the Sister Cities program, underlining its highlights and mission.

Current Programming Status:

- In talks with the University of Utah and Politecnico di Torino



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Matsumoto, Japan

Highlights of the Year:

- In early October, Mayor Erin Mendenhall and Council Member Mano led an SLC delegation to Matsumoto.
- As a part of the 30+ years-long "International Life School" program, four high school students and their chaperone from Matsumoto visited for 10 days.

Current Programming Status:

- High school pen pal program
- Exploring ideas for small businesses, arts, and education collaboration.



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Chernivtsi, Ukraine

Highlight of the Year:

- Refugees can now have a Ukrainian translator sit with them for a Utah Drivers Test.
- Mayor Erin Mendenhall and Mayor Roman Klichuk met via zoom to talk about celebrating 35 years with a delegation visit.

Current Programming Status:

- The board and staff are preparing for delegation visit towards the end of 2025.
- Working to find teachers for pen pal program proposed by the mayors.



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Trujillo, Peru

Highlight of the Year:

- Introduced Mayor Erin Mendenhall and the new Consul General, Czibor Omar Chicata Sutmoller Sagenschnier.

Current Programming Status:

- Staff is working with Consul General to make contact with Trujillo's local government.
- Working to find a teacher in Trujillo for the new pen pal program.



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Other Relationships

Keelung, Taiwan

Highlight of the Year:

- Staff was given historical photos from Mrs. Yee, a community member who was heavily involved with this relationship when it was active.

Current Programming:

- Relationship is on hold due to staff changes and capacity in Keelung.

Izhevsk, Russia

Due to the nature of the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, we had no contact with our Russian Sister City this year.



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