

12,000+

Volunteer hours contributed
by Sister Cities members
and friends

RECEPTIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

9

- Membership Appreciation Reception
- Second Annual Ramen Showdown
- SCN dinner for Caen delegation
- SCN Party Bus for TIRRC Food Crawl
- "Far Western" Film Screening at Belmont University
- Reception for Visiting Artists; "Creating Community"
- International Artist Forum and Panel Discussion
- World of Friendship
- Kendra Scott Holiday Shopping Party

ADULT DELEGATIONS

14

Inbound and out-bound adult exchanges

2018-2019 ANNUAL BRIEFING SISTER CITIES OF NASHVILLE

NEW PROGRAMS

7

- New Sister Cities patch for Girl Scouts
- Reciprocal artist exchange with Germany, Argentina and France
- Physician exchanges from Taiyuan
- Arts & Business Council artist forum
- NCRC leads Skype Q&A with Belfast students
- "Nashville in Belfast" featuring Monell's restaurant
- SCN Youth Advisory Board provides Christmas stockings to refugee children

OUTBOUND EXCHANGES

\$13,000+

In scholarships provided to Nashville students

17

 Nashville schools represented

TOTAL STUDENT EXCHANGES

Inbound and outbound student exchanges

10

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, FESTIVALS ATTENDED

6

- Culture Connects in Magdeburg,
- Heritage Festival in Edmonton;
- Global Energy Forum in Taiyuan;
- Sister Cities International Conference;
- Vendimina Festival in Mendoza
- Nashville Days in Magdeburg

5 FESTIVALS & EVENTS

20,000+ NASHVILLIANS REACHED

- Celebrate Nashville
- Cherry Blossom Festival
- SCN Kite Festival at Dragon Boat Races
- Music City Irish Fest
- French Fest

NASHVILLE IN BELFAST

175,000

Social Media Hits

185,000

Residents Receive Magazine Featuring Nashville in Belfast

30,000

Visit St. George's Market and Nashville Booth

4,000

Attend Concerts Featuring Nashville Artists

110

City Buses and Storefronts Feature "Nashville in Belfast" logo

SISTER CITIES OF NASHVILLE: MISSION

The mission of Sister Cities of Nashville, Inc. is to foster understanding among citizens of Nashville and other cultures of the world. It is an active volunteer organization connecting Nashvillians with friends around the world through cultural exchange and community partnership. The mission of the organization is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation — one individual, one community at a time.



SCN: ACCOMPLISHING THE MISSION

1. Developing long-term global community partnerships that create opportunities for people to experience and explore each other's cultures;
2. Creating an environment that promotes an international perspective, an appreciation and celebration of the richness of the diversity of cultures in Nashville and the acceptance of all nationalities, religions and ethnic backgrounds;
3. Providing educational opportunities for communities to learn creatively, work and solve problems together through reciprocal arts and cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional, and technical exchanges of citizens and projects; and
4. Collaborating with other organizations with similar goals.

Through Sister Cities of Nashville, hundreds of global citizens get to see and experience Nashville and to meet Nashvillians, and Nashvillians of all ages and walks of life get the chance to visit foreign countries and experience their cultures. This promotes a better appreciation of who Americans really are and helps to overcome stereotypes and hostilities caused by policy disagreement between our nations. In this way, Sister Cities of Nashville helps to promote world peace.

SCN: A COLLABORATIVE ORGANIZATION

Sister Cities is committed to the collaborative process with other Nashville organizations and institutions:

- SCN has also worked closely with Metro Nashville Public Schools, Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation, the Nashville Bar Association, Alliance Francais, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the American Council on Germany, German-American Chamber of Commerce, U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association, Japan-America Society of Tennessee, the Consulate General of Japan in Nashville, Conexion Americas, Global Chamber, Girl Scouts, Oasis Center, Nashville International Center for Empowerment, Arts & Business Council and the Tennessee World Affairs Council.

Also with Vanderbilt University, Belmont University, Lipscomb University, Tennessee State University, Watkins College of Art, Design and Film, many area private schools, the Tennessee Language Center, Metropolitan Nashville Public Library, Preston Taylor Ministries, Martha O'Bryan Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, the Nashville Ballet, Nashville Symphony, Cheekwood, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Nashville Entrepreneur Center, Nashville Zoo and others.

SCN: HISTORY, ORGANIZATION

Sister Cities of Nashville, originally founded by the Mayor's office, was incorporated as a

501c3 not-for-profit corporation in December of 1990 by a group of dedicated volunteers. SCN is a membership organization

led by a community Board of Directors with a paid Executive Director working in cooperation with the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development. The Mayor of Nashville is the Honorary Chairman.



SCN NASHVILLE: INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION

Sister Cities of Nashville is a chapter of Sister Cities International which developed from a program begun in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower to promote international goodwill through citizen diplomacy. Originally housed as part of the National League of Cities, SCI became a separate nonprofit corporation in 1967 and is funded through a core grant from the U.S. Department of State.



Sister Cities of Nashville Calendar of Events

JULY 2018

- Reciprocal college internship in City Hall with Caen, France
- SCN Exhibits at Second Annual French Fest

AUGUST 2018

- Sister Cities International Conference; SCN Board chair attends
- SCN delegation travels to Edmonton, Canada for Heritage Cultural Festival and civic meetings
- Belfast high school students visit Harpeth Hall and stay with host families
- Invest Northern Ireland participates in Nashville's Health: Further conference
- Northern Ireland's Omagh Community Youth Choir visits and performs in Nashville

SEPTEMBER 2018

- SCN hosts party bus for members to participate in the

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition annual food crawl

- SCN hosts second Kite Flying Festival in conjunction with the Cumberland River Compact's Dragon Boat Races
- SCN welcomes performing artists and music industry executives from Edmonton, Canada and Tamworth, Australia for the Americana Music Festival. Other performances at Bluebird Café and Belcourt Taps
- SCN Youth Advisory Board has meeting to plan programming for year

OCTOBER 2018

- SCN delegation travels to Magdeburg, Germany for Nashville Days Festival and Culture Connects Conference
- SCN delegation travels to Kamakura, Tokyo and Hakone on cultural exchange. U.S. Ambassador to Japan Bill Hagerty hosts reception to welcome them
- SCN exhibits at Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival

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CONNECTING NASHVILLE TO THE WORLD

Nashville's 8 Sister Cities Span the Globe

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland. The region's connection with Tennessee dates from the Scots-Irish settlement of the area in the 18th century to the diverse relationships and cultural ties that link Belfast and Nashville today. Nashville's partnership with Belfast focuses on social projects, educational, musical and cultural exchanges.

**BELFAST,
NORTHERN
IRELAND**



 **EDMONTON,
CANADA**

Edmonton is the capital city of Alberta, Canada. Beginning as a fur trading post at the end of the 1700s, the city has grown into an economic, political and educational center. Known as Canada's "festival city," Edmonton hosts numerous international events throughout the year celebrating culture and the arts.



 **MENDOZA,
ARGENTINA**

Located in the eastern foothills of the Andes Mountains, **Mendoza** was settled in 1561 by Pedro de Castillo. Two of the region's main industries are wine making and olive oil production. Mendoza has been designated as one of the top 10 historic destinations in the world.



**CAEN,
FRANCE**

Caen, the capital of Lower Normandy is located a few miles inland from the D-Day beaches. It was one of William the Conqueror's capitals and the departure point for his invasion of England. Caen was Nashville's first active sister city with the relationship originating even before it became an official sister city in 1991. Programs have included professional, educational, arts, music and sports exchanges.

Sister Cities
Of Nashville
Timeline



1985 Nashville and Caen Bar Associations have first exchange

1990 Sister Cities of Nashville formed

1990 First sister city treat signed with Edmonton, Canada

1991 Sister Cities of Nashville incorporated and granted 501c3 status

1991 Treaty signed with Caen, France

1995 Treaty signed with Belfast, Northern Ireland

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MAGDEBURG, GERMANY

Magdeburg is located along the Elbe River in northern Germany about 90 miles west of Berlin. The importance of this city extends from the middle ages through the Reformation to the present. Just to the east of the former inner-German border, Magdeburg is now the capital of Saxony-Anhalt.

KAMAKURA, JAPAN

Approximately 30 miles south of Tokyo in the Kanagawa Prefecture, **Kamakura** is a popular tourist destination due to its scenic beaches and numerous temples, shrines and historic monuments. This small city was once the seat of the shogunate established by Minamoto no Yoritomo in 1192.

TAIYUAN, CHINA

Taiyuan is the capital of Shanxi Province. A military town in ancient times, Taiyuan is now one of China's major industrial cities. The partnership builds on a longstanding regional partnership established between Tennessee and Shanxi Province in the 1980s.

TAMWORTH, AUSTRALIA

Tamworth is a regional center for industry, commerce, education and tourism. Located in the state of New South Wales, Tamworth is 260 miles northwest of Sydney. It is best known as "The Country Music Capital of Australia," hosting an annual festival lasting 11 days.

1995 Treaty signed with Belfast, Northern Ireland

2003 Treaty signed with Magdeburg, Germany

2007 Treaty signed with Taiyuan, China

2009 Treaty signed with Mendoza, Argentina

2013 Treaty signed with Tamworth, Australia

2014 Treaty signed with Kamakura, Japan

Sister Cities of Nashville Calendar of Events

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- Artists from Mendoza, Argentina and Magdeburg, Germany visit Nashville for ten-day artist exchange
- SCN and Arts & Business Council host "International Artist Forum: Creating Community"
- Kamakura delegation featuring "Blueside of Lonesome Band" visit Nashville and perform at Belmont University and Station Inn

NOVEMBER 2018

- Caen, France students and teacher visit Nashville on two-week exchange, staying with host families
- SCN Celebrates its Tenth Annual World of Friendship fundraiser
- SCN Youth Advisory Board meets at NICE (Nashville International Center for Empowerment) to learn about mission, programming and volunteer opportunities
- SCN presents in area public and private high schools regarding Student Ambassador program.
- Belfast's Queen's University administrators visit Nashville on higher education exchange
- Belfast's Ulster University administrators visit Nashville on higher education exchange
- Belfast's Cinemagic director visits Nashville to collaborate on Belfast-Nashville student produced film and music videos
- Welcomed member of Irish Legislature



DECEMBER 2018

- Physician delegation from Taiyuan, China, visits Nashville to discuss best practices in geriatric care
- Kendra Scott has Holiday Gives Back Shopping Party to benefit SCN
- Omni Hotel in Nashville hosts annual holiday party that features the cuisine and culture of our eight sister cities
- SCN Youth Advisory Board stuffs and delivers more than 75 Christmas stockings to benefit refugee children

JANUARY 2019

- Vice Mayor of Taiyuan leads delegation of city leaders to Nashville for civic exchange
- Four Harpeth Hall students spend Winterim experience interning in City Hall in Belfast
- Four Harpeth Hall students spend Winterim experience interning with the Tamworth Regional Council for the Tamworth Country Music Festival
- SCN delegation visits Tamworth for annual Country Music Festival
- Nashville Symphony COO participates in British Orchestra Conference in Belfast; makes further music connections between Nashville and Belfast
- Invest Northern Ireland hosts table at the Nashville Technology Awards

Sister Cities of Nashville Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2019

- Taiyuan high school students and teachers visit Nashville on 10-day exchange, staying with host families
- SCN Youth Advisory Board meets with Vanderbilt Humphreys Fellows
- Magdeburg mayor leads delegation visit to Nashville



- SCN exhibits at Cherry Blossom Festival
- Tamworth high school students and teachers visit Nashville on a one-week exchange, staying with host families
- Sister Cities Board Strategic Planning Retreat

MARCH 2019

- SCN delegation visits Mendoza for 82nd Annual Vendimia Festival (grape harvest)
- Nashville songwriters perform in Belfast for Belfast Nashville Songwriters' Showcase
- SCN exhibits at Music City Irish Fest at Riverfront Park
- Belfast-Nashville Songwriters Showcase in Nashville
- Mendoza high school students and teachers visit Nashville on two-week exchange, staying with host families
- Belfast city leaders visit Nashville on civic exchange
- Belfast's Queens University officials visit Nashville to develop further connections in higher education



MAY 2019

- Nashville high school Student Ambassadors travel to Caen and Paris on a two-week educational exchange

JUNE 2019

- Nashville high school Student Ambassadors travel to Mendoza on a two-week educational exchange
- Nashville high school Student Ambassadors travel to Taiyuan and Beijing on a two-week educational exchange
- Nashville high school Student Ambassadors travel to Tamworth and Sydney on a two-week educational exchange
- Nashville delegation featuring Monell's Restaurant travels to Belfast for Nashville in Belfast festival



APRIL 2019

- Belfast's Ulster University students travel to Nashville on exchange to study civil rights movement
- Third Annual Ramen Showdown at Otaku Ramen to benefit SCN
- SCN co-hosts Annual Cherry Blossom Walk with Japan America Society of Tennessee



FALL 2019 DELEGATION VISITS

- SCN delegation visit to Edmonton, Canada, during Heritage Cultural Festival in August; host "Nashville" booth at the festival
- SCN delegation visit to Caen in September

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