

12,000+

Volunteer hours
contributed
by Sister Cities
members and friends

RECEPTIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

8

- Membership Appreciation Reception
- Third Annual Ramen Showdown
- Reception for Edmonton delegation
- Reception for Mendoza liasion
- SCN Party Bus for TIRRC Food Crawl
- World of Friendship
- Reception featuring German Consul General
- Kendra Scott Holiday Shopping Party

2019-2020 ANNUAL BRIEFING SISTER CITIES OF NASHVILLE

Celebrating 30 Years!

NUMBER OF SISTER CITIES

9

Metro Council and Mayor approved resolution to add Chengdu, China as our ninth sister city

SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN EXCHANGES

14

Students from schools across the Nashville area took part in student exchanges, including the Chengdu-U.S. Youth Debate Challenge

4 FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN NASHVILLE

20,000+ NASHVILLIANS REACHED

- Celebrate Nashville
- Cherry Blossom Festival
 - Oktoberfest
 - French Fest

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS FEATURING NASHVILLE

4

"Nashville in Belfast"
week-long festival;

First-ever Sister
Cities/Nashville pavilion
at the Heritage Festival in
Edmonton;

Nashville booth at
Tamworth Country
Music Festival;

"Nashville Days" festival
in Magdeburg

STUDENT EXCHANGES

10

Inbound and
outbound
student
exchanges

ADULT DELEGATIONS

8

Outbound adult
exchanges

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS EARNED BY SC OF NASHVILLE

- Sister Cities International Innovation Award for Arts and Culture
- Sister Cities International Youth Leadership Award
- Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers' Friends of Foreign Language Award

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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 mem-

bership 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.



Former Mayor Karl Dean and his wife, Anne Davis, recognized for their support of Sister Cities of Nashville during World of Friendship.

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 2019

- Reciprocal college internship with Caen, France
- SCN exhibits at Third Annual French Fest
- SCN attends Sister Cities International Conference – wins two major awards
- SCN hosts reception to welcome Mendoza sister cities liaison

AUGUST 2019

- SCN together with Monell's hosts first ever sister cities/ Nashville pavilion at Heritage Cultural Festival in Edmonton, Canada
- SCN delegation participates in transit-oriented business exchange to Edmonton
- SCN hosts party bus for members to participate in the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition annual international food crawl

- Nashville artist Martica Griffin participates in artist exchange to Magdeburg, Germany

SEPTEMBER 2019

- SCN co-hosts reception with Alberta Music featuring Nashville and Edmonton artists in conjunction with Americana Festival
- SCN welcomes performing artists from Tamworth, Australia and Edmonton during Americana Fest with performances in Nashville including Bluebird Café
- SCN's Youth Advisory Board kicks off academic year with joint meeting Oasis Center teens
- SCN/Nashville Bar delegation visit to Caen, France for comparative legal seminar
- Nashville and Belfast high school students participate in ongoing skype exchange

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CONNECTING NASHVILLE TO THE WORLD

Nashville's 9 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.

CHENGDU, CHINA

Chengdu is the capital of the Chinese province of Sichuan. It is one of the three most-populous cities in Western China and one of the most important economic, financial, commercial, cultural, transportation, and communication centers in Western China. It is also home to the renowned Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

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 long-standing 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.

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	2020 Treaty to be signed with Chengdu, China
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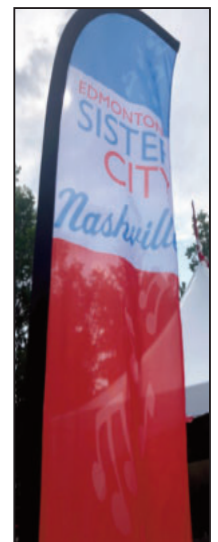
OCTOBER 2019

- Magdeburg, Germany hosts annual Nashville Days Festival
- SCN exhibits at Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival
- SCN exhibits at Oktoberfest in Nashville's Germantown
- SCN attends farewell reception for Consul General of Japan in Nashville
- Students and teachers from Caen, France visit Nashville on two-week cultural and educational exchange



NOVEMBER 2019

- SCN celebrates its 11th Annual World of Friendship fundraiser at Noah Liff Opera Center
- Together with American Council on Germany, SCN hosts reception and discussion with German Consul General in New York David Gill, reflecting on the 30th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall
- SCN sends two students and their debate coach to Chengdu, China for the annual Chengdu-U.S. Youth Debate Challenge
- Nashville artist Andee Rudloff participates in artist exchange to Magdeburg
- SCN Youth Advisory Board meets and Nations' Ministries and decorates and stuff 110 stockings to donate to refugee children in Nations Ministries' programs.
- SCN presents to Nashville area public and private schools about Student Ambassador program
- Delegation from Edmonton, Canada visits Nashville on cultural exchange



DECEMBER 2019

- SCN "Adopts a Teacher" through the Tennessean's program to provide needed school supplies for MNPS teachers
- Kendra Scott has Holiday Gives Back Shopping Party to benefit SCN
- In partnership with Titans, SCN offers discounted game

Sister Cities of Nashville Calendar of Events

tickets to members

- Belmont University leaders meet in Belfast with Queens University

JANUARY 2020

- Four Harpeth Hall students spend Winterim experience interning with the Tamworth Regional Council for the Tamworth Country Music Festival
- SCN hosts special 30th anniversary Membership Reception at CMA
- Invest Northern Ireland hosts table at the Nashville Technology Awards



- Belfast Lord Mayor and business leaders visit Nashville on trade mission
- Belfast-Nashville Songwriters Showcase in Nashville
- Nashville artists travel to Belfast to perform in the Belfast-Nashville Songwriters Showcase
- SCN exhibits at Music City Irish Fest

APRIL 2020

- Fourth Annual Ramen Showdown to benefit SCN
- SCN co-hosts Annual Cherry Blossom Walk with Japan America Society of Tennessee
- SCN exhibits at Cherry Blossom Festival



FEBRUARY 2020

- Taiyuan high school students and teachers visit Nashville on cultural and educational exchange, staying with host families
- SCN Youth Advisory Board meets with Vanderbilt Humphreys Fellows
- Edmonton delegation visits Nashville on business, trade mission; reception to commemorate 30th anniversary of twinning



MAY 2020

- Nashville high school Student Ambassadors travel to Caen and Paris on two-week educational exchange
- Attorneys from Caen, France visit Nashville for annual legal exchange

JUNE 2020

- SCN hosts close to 150 Fulbright Scholars from 60+ countries for Home Hospitality Night
- Nashville delegation travels to Tashkent, Uzbekistan for cultural and civic exchange
- Students and teachers from Mendoza, Argentina visit Nashville on cultural and educational exchange, staying with host families

Mendoza on two-week educational exchange

- Nashville high school Student Ambassadors travel to Taiyuan and Beijing on two-week educational exchange
- Nashville high school Student Ambassadors travel to Tamworth and Sydney on two-week educational exchange

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