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Promoting peace through  
mutual respect,  
understanding  
& cooperation - one  
individual, one community  
at a time.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 1956-2006

When President Eisenhower convened the historic White House Summit on Citizen Diplomacy in September of 1956, he had a vision of lasting peace generated by thousands of internationally engaged citizens. His intention was to involve individuals and organized groups at all levels of society in citizen diplomacy, with the hope that personal relationships, fostered through sister city, county and state affiliations, would lessen the chance of future world conflicts. In 2006, Sister Cities International celebrates *Peace through People: 50 Years of Global Citizenship* to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that White House Summit in 1956.

Key elements of the celebration include:

- Raise My Voice Pledge Campaign to enroll thousands of new citizen diplomats in international activities.
- A National Summit on Citizen Diplomacy preceded by 50 Community Summits on Citizen Diplomacy being held from summer 2005 through spring 2006.
- A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Washington, D.C. July 13-15 2006 being held jointly with the National Summit.
- Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recognition awards honoring distinguished citizen diplomat volunteers and local elected/appointed officials.
- A commemorative book of memorable sister city stories, *Peace through People: 50 Years of Global Citizenship*.
- A Partnership & Peace Tour to Morocco as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Islamic Peace and Friendship Initiative.

For detailed information on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration visit [www.sister-cities.org](http://www.sister-cities.org).

Sister Cities International invites all citizens from all backgrounds to join together in seeking and pursuing a vision of *Peace through People: The Next 50 Years of Global Citizenship*.