

Tlalnepantla Mexico



The Sister City relationship between Tlalnepantla de Baz and Wichita was established in 1973 by Presidente Municipal (Mayor) Joaquín Rodríguez Lugo and Mayor James Donnell. Tlalnepantla de Baz is located just North of Mexico City. In 1975, a replica of Blackbear Bosin's Keeper of the Plains was presented to the city of Tlalnepantla and now stands in Wichita Plaza.



Official visits have involved cross training between Fire and Police departments. Each year, a group of cyclists make the journey from Tlalnepantla to Wichita, arriving in time to celebrate the Wichita River Festival. Many trade, cultural and educational exchange visits have further strengthened our Sister City relationship.



Cancún Mexico

Cancún is located on the East coast of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico and is a popular tourist destination. Cancún and Wichita became Sister Cities in 1975. In 1976, there was an exchange of a replica of Blackbear Bosin's Keeper of the Plains to Cancún and a replica of the Mayan Rain God, Chac, to the Mid-America All-Indian Center in Wichita.



The Wichita-Cancún Elementary School was established in Cancún. There are exchange visits between La Salle University and Wichita Friends University. Mayors' delegations exchange visits have continued on a regular basis.



WICHITA AREA SISTER CITIES



Kaifeng



Orléans



SISTER CITIES



Tlalnepantla



Cancún

Mission Statement

To promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation one individual, one community at a time.

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Membership Advantages

Are you interested in being involved in the **Wichita Area Sister Cities** events and travelling to our Sister Cities? Your voluntary support will help raise funds for our activities and you will be able to make visiting delegations feel welcome to Wichita.

The **Goals** of Wichita Area Sister Cities, which is a member of *Sister Cities International*, are:

Cultural – ballet, music, art

Diplomatic - Mayor and City Council visits

Economic - business opportunities

Educational – exchanges and training

Professional – cross-training

Tourism - group and individuals

How to join?

You can join at any of our events or you can go online to:

wichitaareasistercities.org

to pay or renew your membership, add your name to our mailing list, make tax-deductible donations, or buy event tickets. You may also download a membership application form and post it to:

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Membership of Wichita Area Sister Cities is open to any individual, family, business, non-profit organization or civic group.

Wichita Area Sister Cities is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

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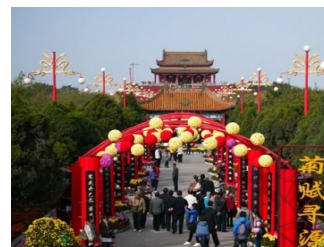


Kaifeng China



In 1985, Wichita and Kaifeng Mayors, Robert Brown and Zhu Zhencheng agreed to establish a Sister City relationship. Kansas was already a sister state of Henan province, where Kaifeng is located. The relationship became official on December 3rd, during a visit by Mayor Zhu. In September 1986, Mayor Brown led the first delegation to Kaifeng.

Subsequently, there have been many visits back and forth in which there have been exchanges of expertise in medicine, English language instruction as well as discussions concerning trade and cultural topics.



Orléans France



On April 16th, 1944, the 137th infantry of Kansas, 35th division, liberated Orléans from Nazi occupation. Orléans is located an hour by train, south of Paris. An outgrowth of this event was the beginning of a long-term relationship between Wichita and Orléans. In 1949, school children of Wichita sent a 1/7th scale train, built by Chance Manufacturing, to Orléans for the enjoyment of children at Parc Pasteur, where it continues to operate every summer.

Orléans and Wichita formally became Sister Cities in 1974. As symbols of this relationship, a Joan of Arc sculpture from Orléans was located in front of the city library. A reproduction of Blackbear Bosin's Keeper of the Plains was put on display in Orléans.

