

YOUR SUPPORT GIVES GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS A BIG LEG UP

The world is always undergoing change. Oftentimes, regions of the world can be in political upheaval, economies can be in competition, and cultural differences can cause misunderstandings because parties don't see eye-to-eye. This is why the work Iowa Sister States does to engage people-to-people on a citizen level is so important. By exposing Iowans and our sister states to each other's customs and cultures, showcasing the brilliance of our individual places on the globe, we find out that despite our differences, we are more alike.

We create long-lasting friendships between Iowans and the people of our nine sister states: Yamnashi, Japan; Hebei, China; Veneto, Italy; Kosovo; Taiwan; Cherkasy, Ukraine; Stavropol, Russia; Yucatan, Mexico, and Terengganu, Malaysia.

As Iowa Sister States continues our work of helping Iowans become citizen diplomats of the world, we are committed to creating new avenues for the world to connect, no matter where we are on the globe.



Technology helps us to bring the world closer through events such as our Iowa-Hebei virtual education exchange which brought students from urban and rural Iowa and Hebei, China together to learn from one another and explore each other's culture and education through conversation and virtual games. It is programs like these which rely on funding from supporters like you.

INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS



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Iowa Sister States utilizes funding for cultural opportunities benefiting both Iowa and international students. Our "New Beginnings" series was developed and held in connection with our sister state of Veneto, Italy. It was only one of the exciting and successful examples of the importance of our enduring and continuing development of sustainable global relationships which enhance the lives of Iowans and the world.

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Corporate philanthropy is an important driver of support to ISS. When corporations give the gift of support, it benefits programs throughout Iowa and helps forge robust relationships in important areas such as agriculture, technology, education, and so many more.

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You can make gifts of appreciated stock or land, property or real estate. You are entitled to an income tax deduction for the full appreciated value while avoiding income and estate taxes on the appreciation.

You can give a cash donation and earmark it for a specific program or area. ISS provides several easy options for cash donations by check, debit card, or text to give.

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THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GROWING

Iowa Sister States gives you the opportunity to make a meaningful and lasting gift to the continuation of programs which enhance our efforts in citizen diplomacy. When made through your estate plans, your planned gifts are vital to helping Iowa Sister States perpetually meet the needs of our growing international relationships.