

Sister Cities Summary Sheet

Dushanbe, Tajikistan

The people of Dushanbe gave Boulder a magnificent Tajik Teahouse in 1987. The Dushanbe Teahouse is now a Boulder institution and is visited by more than 100,000 people annually. In 2009, Boulder began construction on the Cyber Café and Friendship Center in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. It's dedicated to the people of Dushanbe on behalf of the people of Boulder.

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Jalapa, Nicaragua

The people of Boulder have worked with the Jalapa community for more than 30 years on sustainable, cooperative projects that have brought clean water to destitute rural communities, empowered women through co-op programs, fostered education programs for adults and children and many other projects.

Boulder Jalapa Friendship City Projects, Inc. funds projects that have a social contract to create community and work for the greater good of its residents and fosters people-to-people diplomacy through organizing delegations to and from Nicaragua. The project provides the framework which enables skilled volunteers to work in the Jalapa region of Nicaragua providing direct services and/or technical assistance.

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Kathmandu

Kathmandu is an ancient city that is rich in cultural heritage, with unique Newari architecture and centuries old Hindu and Buddhist religious sites. It is the capital of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal but is also the hub of the country's economy and culture. Known as the City of temples, it is the gateway of tourism in Nepal.

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Kisumu, Kenya

Projects:

- Khudo School Water & Sanitation
- Migosi Market/Trading Center Sanitation Facility
- Oasis of Hope Secondary School Sanitation Block
- Rabuor Primary School Orphan Feeding Program

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Lhasa, Tibet

Boulder-Lhasa Sister City Project is a public charity formed in 1986. We develop and implement non-political exchanges of mutual benefit with Lhasa, Tibet, including surrounding areas, in health care, education, environmental protection, science & technology, agriculture & animal husbandry, and culture & art. Boulder is Tibet's only sister city in the United States.

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Manté, Mexico

The Boulder-Mante Sister City relationship is an outgrowth of an annual medical mission to Mante developed by Boulder Community Hospital. The intent of the relationship is to expand the opportunity for residents of both Boulder and Mante to know one another and to share according to the resources and abilities of each community.

In 2010, the City of Boulder honored Boulder Community Hospital for its 20th annual medical campaign to Mante and honored the 10th anniversary of the Boulder-Mante Sister City Committee. Likewise, the City of Boulder sent greetings to Mante on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Mexico's independence.

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Nablus, Palestinian Territories

The Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project fosters relationships through cultural, educational and professional exchanges, inspiring lifelong friendships that promote understanding and peace through person-to-person "citizen diplomacy."

Some ongoing projects that endeavor to connect residents of both cities are:

- Early Readers Program — Supporting publishing of Palestinian children's stories
- Student to Student Pen Pal — engaging classes of students to get to know each other through pairing with same-aged students in each city
- Yoga Teacher Training — training yoga teachers in Nablus
- Exchanges — hosting visitors from Nablus and bringing delegations to Nablus to build professional and personal relationships and areas of collaboration and partnership
- Volunteering — supporting students and other Boulderites to offer community service in Nablus

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Ramat HaNegev, Israel

We have launched several programs connecting Boulder to Ramat HaNegev, including people-to-people delegation visits between the two regions, an immersive language and kibbutz experience in Ramat HaNegev, pairing the tech start-up culture of the two regions, and collaboration between the University of Colorado and Ben Gurion University.

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Yamagata, Japan

The Sister City relationship between the residents of Boulder, Colorado and Yamagata, Japan has brought us together to eat, work and dance, to learn and exchange culture, people and gifts. Above all though, the experiences from this relationship allow us to grow as residents, enabling us to educate our family, friends and neighbors, increasing tolerance and harmony. To increase international understanding, Boulder Channel 8 cooperates with the Yamagata Broadcasting Company by exchanging local television broadcast film footage.

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Yateras, Cuba

Yateras, located in the province of Guantánamo, the easternmost province of Cuba, is a municipality or township consisting of several small towns and agricultural land. The entire municipality has a population of about 20,000 people, most of whom are engaged in agriculture. The main products are coffee, citrus fruit and bananas.

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