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2019

CONNECTING DETROIT
WITH GLOBAL LEADERS

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Who We Are

Global Ties Detroit is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that hosts international exchange programs on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and other governmental organizations, universities, and think tanks to promote global exchange and citizen diplomacy.

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We connect Detroit with global leaders, introducing influential international professionals and changemakers to their Detroit counterparts and forging lasting relationships. These interactions and resulting partnerships become powerful tools to address and solve some of our biggest global challenges.

The organization also promotes Detroit and the metropolitan region as a center of world commerce and culture. We connect internationally minded Detroiters with each other and with global leaders through events, programs, and exchanges.

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Steve Rybicki

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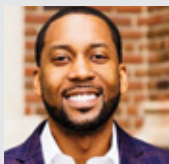
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Farewell to Our Friend

Global Ties Detroit recognizes long-time supporter and Honorary & Advisory Board Member Fred Hoffman, former Honorary Consul for Germany in Michigan. Fred passed away in 2019, though his legacy of community service and civic engagement continue. We are grateful to Fred and his spouse

Jim Stokes for their significant contributions to furthering Citizen Diplomacy throughout the state and region.

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Dwight D. Eisenhower

34th President of the United States

I have long believed, as have many before me, that peaceful relations between nations requires understanding and mutual respect between individuals. If only people will get together, then so eventually will nations.

Letter from The President and the Executive Director

Dear Friend,

2019 has been an extraordinary year of global engagement and local impact! Through its exciting and innovative programs and events, Global Ties Detroit promotes peace, prosperity and mutual respect between emerging leaders in Metro Detroit and round the world. Over the year, more than 300 citizen diplomats and organizations in business, community development, education, government, and more were engaged in discourse in Detroit and southeast Michigan. These interactions add up to 6,528 volunteer resource hours and the exchanges created an economic impact of \$750,150. The impact of exchange in our area continues to multiply, as 26 local leaders took part in reverse exchanges, bringing the Detroit story to the world!

Thanks to the leadership and guidance of our outstanding Board of Directors, the generosity and dedication of so many amazing hospitality and resource volunteers, and the commitment and hard work of our staff, Global Ties Detroit has achieved the following milestone successes in 2019:

- Facilitated D2PAK, a direct, U.S. Department of State-sponsored two-way exchange for business professionals and entrepreneurs between Punjab, Pakistan and Detroit, Michigan with the support of the U.S. Consulate in Lahore.
- Convened the Annual Dinner in June for 300 guests at the beautiful Waterview Loft at Port Detroit thanks to the generous support of Presenting Sponsors DTE and Continental Services and the many supporting sponsors and donors.
- Connected leaders from Palestinian Polytechnic University in Hebron with local university and college educators and administrators as a kick-off to a three-year U.S. Embassy program which will link local businesses with entrepreneurship students in the West Bank.

We are grateful to each and every one of you who contributed to this global engagement in 2019. As we head into the next year, we are expanding international exchange opportunities to include many more individuals, communities, and corporations throughout the region, exponentially increasing the impact of Global Ties Detroit on improving international understanding and cooperation. We look forward to working with you in 2020 as people and nations come together!

Sincerely,

Steve Rybicki & Marian Reich



STEVE RYBICKI

Board President



MARIAN REICH

Executive Director

Our Sponsors



DTE Energy
Know Your Own Power®



Global Ties Detroit is grateful for the generous financial support from our sponsors this year. These funds allow us to increase the impact of international exchange programs simultaneously highlighting Detroit as a center of global commerce and culture. We are also able to offer events that bring together internationally-minded Detroiters and rising professionals from around the world.

As sponsors, these organizations are given priority access to interact with emerging global leaders in a variety of industries from mobility and tech to education and international trade.

Consider becoming a Global Ties Detroit sponsor and learn how our global delegations can enhance your team's knowledge and network.

What a perfect summer evening for nearly 300 sponsors, supporters, and members of the Consular Corps of Michigan to join Global Ties Detroit Board and staff for exhilarating conversations, exceptional cuisine and an exciting Silent Auction at the Waterview Loft at Port Detroit! Ned Staebler, President & CEO of TechTown served as our uniquely engaging emcee. The program featured a warm welcome by DTE Energy's Jas Singh and special remarks from Global Ties U.S. Chair Christopher Washington, PhD and Diplomat in Residence Lou Fintor. It was a night of connecting Detroiters and global delegates in a celebration of citizen diplomacy right on our international border!



Annual Dinner





Silent Auction Donors

Arab American National Museum

Atheneum

Avalon International Bread

Beyond Juice

Blank iTTi Blank

Blondell Doughty

Blue Nile

Bon Bon Bon

Brome Modern Eatery

Buddy's Pizza

Cadieux Cafe

Canine to Five

Chef Adam Hightower, LLC

Chef Bernard Parks

Cinema Detroit

City Bird

Common Pub

Consulate General of Canada in Detroit

Courtyard Marriott Detroit Downtown

Downtown Detroit

Detroit Bus Co.

Detroit City Football Club

Detroit Experience Factory

Detroit Foundation Hotel

Detroit Pistons

The Detroit Zoo

DoubleTree Suites Detroit Downtown - Fort Shelby

El Moore Detroit

Eldorado General Store

Equinox West Bloomfield

Ewa Matuszewski

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Flowers of Vietnam

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Maggiano's Troy #0191

Maggie's Organics

Magical Michigan Tours

Maka Janikashvili

Maple Movie Theatre

Marriott Renaissance Center Detroit

Metropolis Cycles

Metropolitan Element Hotel

Michigan Science Center

Mitten Crate

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts

Pewabic Pottery

PieSci Pizza



Pink Elephant and Products and Events L3C

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Preservation Detroit

Rebel Nell

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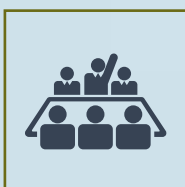
List of Countries and # of Delegates

Afghanistan: 8	Finland: 1	Montenegro: 1	South Korea: 6
Albania: 9	France: 2	Morocco: 2	Spain: 2
Angola: 9	French Polynesia: 1	Nepal: 1	Sri Lanka: 2
Armenia: 3	Germany: 2	New Zealand: 5	Sweden: 1
Australia: 3	Ghana: 1	Nicaragua: 2	Tajikistan: 3
Austria: 1	Guatemala: 6	Pakistan: 9	Tanzania: 1
Azerbaijan: 5	India: 15	Palestinian Territories: 19	Thailand: 5
Bangladesh: 5	Indonesia: 12	Panama: 2	Tonga: 1
Belarus: 29	Iraq: 21	Papua New Guinea: 1	Turkey: 1
Brazil: 2	Israel: 1	Peru: 1	Turkmenistan: 2
Cambodia: 2	Japan: 1	Philippines: 9	Ukraine: 9
China: 20	Kazakhstan: 7	Poland: 2	United Arab Emirates: 1
Colombia: 8	Kuwait: 16	Portugal: 10	United Kingdom: 30
Croatia: 1	Kyrgyz Republic: 4	Russia: 19	Uzbekistan: 10
Denmark: 2	Lithuania: 10	Saudi Arabia: 12	
Dominican Republic: 1	Macedonia: 8	Slovakia: 1	
Ecuador: 1	Malaysia: 2	South Africa: 1	
Egypt: 1	Marshall Islands: 1		
El Salvador: 6	Mexico: 28		
Equatorial Guinea: 2	Micronesia: 1		
Estonia: 1	Moldova: 1		
Fiji: 1	Mongolia: 4		



International and National Sponsors

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| American Councils for International Education | Meridian International Center | Lahore, Pakistan |
| CRDF Global | Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID) | U.S. Department of State-Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs (ECA) |
| Cultural Vistas | Open World Leadership Center | Office of English Language Programs |
| FHI 360 | Palestine Polytechnic University | Office of International Visitors |
| Global Ties U.S. | U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) | U.S. Embassy Jerusalem, Palestinian Affairs Unit |
| Graduate School USA | Belarus | World Learning |
| Institute of International Education (IIE) | U.S. Consulate General | |
| Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) | | |



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Exchange Programs



\$1,411,963
Economic Impact

Global Engagement Local Impact

Top 5 countries

-  Belarus
-  China
-  Iraq
-  Mexico
-  United Kingdom



1,073
Local individuals engaged



6,528
Volunteer resource hours



The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and Short Term Exchanges

Global Ties Detroit coordinates short-term exchanges, most notably the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program, to facilitate the cultivation of lasting relationships between current and emerging foreign leaders and their counterparts in Detroit. International visitors are afforded the opportunity to network and share best practices with local leading voices in more than 50 fields, and their engagement with Detroit's community of entrepreneurs, innovators, civic leaders, security specialists, public health and education professionals, and more elevates Detroit's status as a global city. The impact that Detroit has on exchange participants is reciprocal; short-term visitors attend events and visit museums and restaurants in the city, and laud Detroit's innovative and resilient spirit in their home countries around the world.

The heart of Detroit lies in its steadfast and proud community, and its story is one that people resonate with on a personal level; struggle leads to growth, change and promise of a better tomorrow. Through short-term exchanges, Global Ties Detroit shares this story with the world and expands Detroit's supportive community into a global one by showcasing some of this city's best and brightest to global leaders.



Specialty Programs



While in Detroit for an Economic Development project, a Mayor from Lithuania found himself uniquely inspired.

“After speaking with our counterparts at the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation and Strategic Staffing Solutions, I felt a strong connection to the city. Despite the challenges Detroit has encountered, it is currently in a state of revitalization and is developing and attracting investments and new companies. I look forward to watching Detroit on its journey and plan to stay in contact with professionals we met.”



International Women of Courage Awardee

Global Ties Detroit was honored to host International Woman of Courage Anna Henga, and the experience she had in Detroit was an inspiration for her continued work as Executive Director of the Legal and Human Rights Centre in Tanzania.



Mexican Police Professionalization Exchange Program (PPEP)

Twenty (20) professionals from Mexico for a Police Professionalization Exchange Program designed to strengthen and increase leadership and tactical skills.



UK Youth for Social Cohesion

Nine (9) young leaders from England and Scotland visited Detroit to focus on building resilient communities to prevent violence and promote hope and inclusion.

Top 5 Themes

- Trade and Economic Development
- Global Security and Transnational Crime
- Community Resilience
- Promoting Interfaith Dialogue and Religious Freedom
- Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship

Top 10 Resources

- TechTown Detroit
- The Henry Ford
- Dearborn Police Department
- Detroit Economic Growth Corporation
- American Civil Liberties Union
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- ACCESS
- Wayne State University
- Fordson High School
- ISM, Inc.

Intensive Exchanges

Open World Leadership Program



Programs focus on highlighting democracy and the free market economy to post-Soviet countries and other nations in Eurasia. In 2019, we were pleased to host two 6-member delegations for Open World, one from Belarus exploring Media Literacy and the other from Russia looking into infectious disease prevention and migration. In addition to their professional program, the delegates lived with wonderful volunteer homestay hosts and enjoyed social and cultural activities throughout Detroit!



Delegates



Homestay Nights



Professional Resource Meetings

TESOL Exchange



Eight English language administrators from Cambodia, Estonia, Mexico, Mongolia, Panama, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Thailand took part in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) exchange programming in southeast Michigan focusing on best practices to support student-centered teaching, autonomy and leadership. These dynamic and delightful women academics enjoyed meeting with peers at local colleges and universities and spent an afternoon at the Henry Ford Museum and home hospitality



Countries



Continents



Common Language

Global Ties Detroit's special programs allow for longer-term and intensive professional exchanges which often include homestays, action planning workshops, dinner diplomacy and day hosting. These intensive exchanges offer an opportunity for volunteers and delegates to spend significant time together and get to know one another more deeply; ensuring their new bonds continue long after everyone has returned home.

Professional Fellows Program (PFP)

Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI)



Six (6) Fellows from Armenia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia and Ukraine joined Global Ties Detroit in 2019 through the Professional Fellows and YSEALI programs. These innovative community leaders and entrepreneurs stayed with local families for the duration of their four week program and worked full time at local companies and organizations. They also experienced American culture, celebrating Halloween at a costume party and enjoying much of the best that Detroit has to offer!



Fellowship Days



Homestay Nights



of pieces of Halloween Candy

Russian Business Leaders



Six (6) Russian entrepreneurs spent three weeks embedded in local organizations focused on best practices in marketing, outreach, and digital media, while living with globally-minded homestay hosts. They participated in professional development opportunities as well as volunteer and enrichment activities. This group arrived in time to attend our Annual Dinner and bring extra international flair to the celebration.



Fellowship Days



Homestay Nights



of New Connections

Community Connections

Corporate Social Responsibility was the topic of study for ten (10) dynamic business professionals and civic leaders from Belarus who spent three weeks in metro Detroit for the 5th consecutive Community Connections exchange. This intensive program includes interactive meetings and workshops, action planning, volunteering, cultural activities and living with homestay families. The visitors were impressed by good corporate citizens including DTE Energy, Ford, Quicken Loans and Strategic Staffing Solutions and by the community organizations they support like Arts & Scraps and the Belle Isle Conservancy. A highlight of the exchange is always the Belarus Cultural Night, where the delegates share an evening of cuisine, customs, and traditions from their home country. Special thanks to Irina Jesionowski, Irina Burrous and Judy Kebl for their dedication to this project every year.

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PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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HOMEMADE RECIPES



World Learning
EDUCATION | DEVELOPMENT | EXCHANGE





BELARUS OUTBOUND

Global Ties Detroit Board, staff, and partners reconnected with Community Connections program alumni and met with U.S. Embassy officials and USAID sponsors to see and celebrate the many achievements of the multi-year exchanges. In addition to the professional connections and conferences, the Detroit delegation had the opportunity to understand Belarus history, education, economy, and culture better by visiting homes, businesses, universities, museums, and UNESCO sites of Mir and Nevsizh Castle and the Belovezhskaya Puscha, the oldest, largest primeval forests in Europe. What an amazing adventure!

10
DAYS

6
CITIES
(3 UNESCO Sites)

6
PARTICIPANTS

1437
KILOMETERS





 **D2PAK**



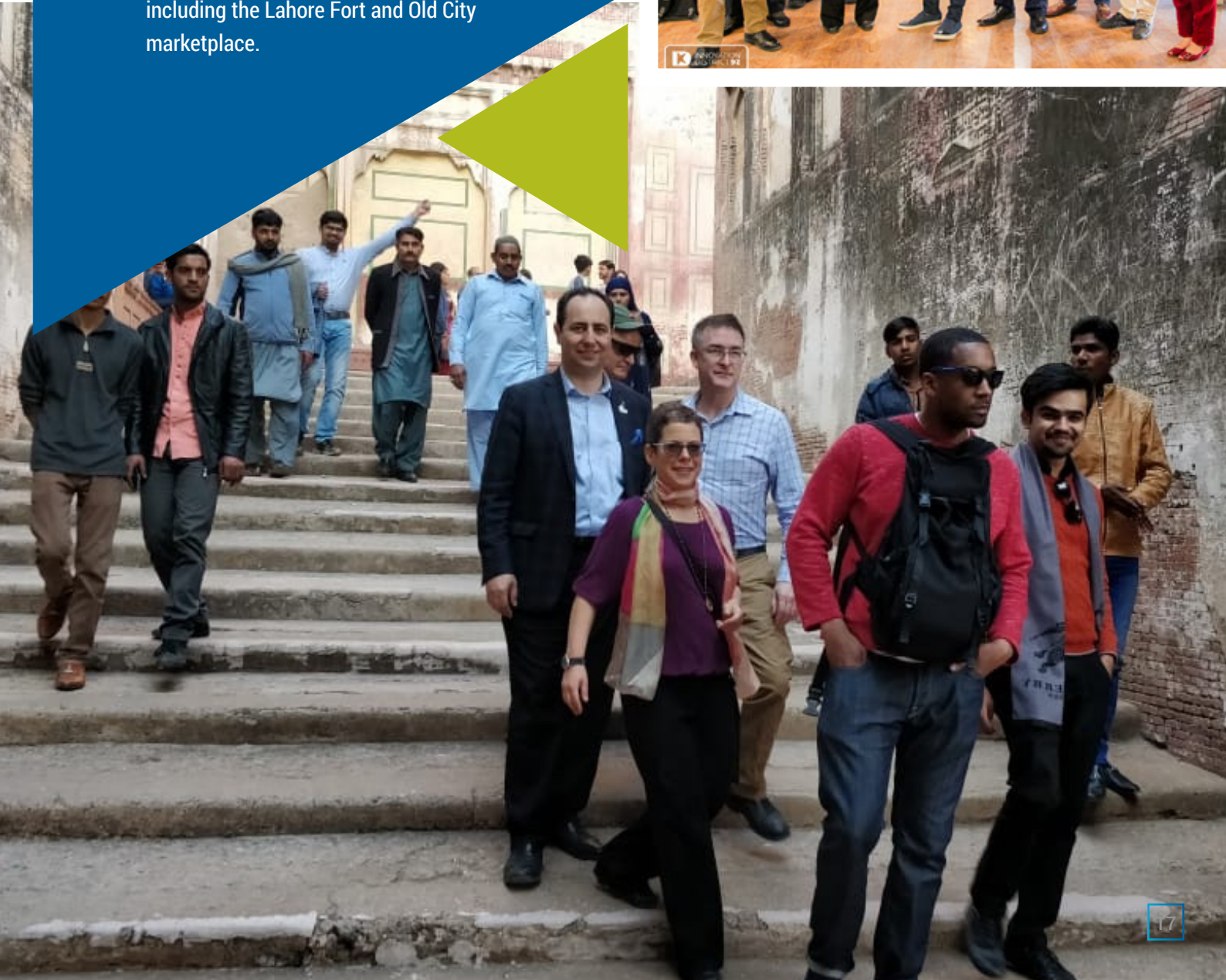
Intensive Exchanges

In May, we welcomed the Pakistani delegation of entrepreneurs to Detroit where they took part in customized training and met with potential investors and partners. The young entrepreneurs spent 10 days learning about the U.S. markets, management and business culture, and gained an appreciation for the supportive entrepreneurial ecosystem in Detroit. They also enjoyed Detroit hospitality and culture, sharing meals in the homes of dinner diplomats, taking part in networking opportunities, and enjoying the city's many museums, historical sites, and parks. It was a life-changing experience for all involved!



Outbound

With support from the U.S Consulate in Lahore, Pakistan, Global Ties Detroit led an innovative two-way entrepreneurship exchange program between Detroit and Punjab region of Pakistan. The project began in February with six business leaders and economic development professionals from Detroit travelling to Pakistan to conduct a “Shark Tank” style competition to identify the most promising entrepreneurs to invite to Detroit. Together with partners from the Superior Group, the Detroit delegation visited the region’s tech incubators, accelerators and universities. As always with Citizen Diplomacy initiatives, the exchange included opportunities to learn about Pakistan’s history, education, culture, education, and cuisine through home hospitality, and visits to key businesses, chambers, schools, and attractions including the Lahore Fort and Old City marketplace.



Continuing Engagement

In 2019, Global Ties Detroit further embarked on its mission of deepening global relationships through outbound exchanges. More than two dozen Detroit Citizen Diplomats -- professional resources, fellowship mentors and homestay hosts --

Belarus

Daily Detroit's Sven Gustafson inspired attendees at the Press Club Belarus with his presentation "how to create a successful post-Industrial Urban Podcast,"urging them to "find your line" and tell the stories that are meaningful in their own community.



Chile

Taylor Thorne of Rebel Nell reunited with Fellow Ignacia Nuñez, founder of the social enterprise Minka, to create the Ignacia Bracelet for a new collection. Handcrafted with recycled fabrics from Santiago, Chile and repurposed layers of fallen graffiti paint from Detroit, the Ignacia Bracelets links two cultures with the same mission to empower women!



Colombia

Molly O'Meara together with her Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses' colleagues, Detroit-based women entrepreneurs, and our own Melanie Grund travelled Colombia to lead Entrepreneurs of the World workshops on start-up skills for women.



Costa Rica

Alana Tucker represented Downtown Detroit Partnership in San Jose where she joined her Fellow Sophia Suarez in a community engagement-led project to improve quality of life through public space. They worked together to build a barrier between a park and the river to keep children safe who play there.



Italy

"After meeting a group in our CDAD offices, I connected with one of the delegates who invited me to present on placemaking at his organization, Farm Cultural. I spent a week in Sicily in July and had an amazing time discovering similarities between Detroit and Favara. People all over the world love Detroit!" Sarida Scott, former Executive Director, Community Development Associates of Detroit



set out on 15 Reverse Exchanges to Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean where they were invited by program alumni. While abroad, these “Detroit Diplomats” led workshops and presentations on entrepreneurship, global education, community development, communications and women’s empowerment.

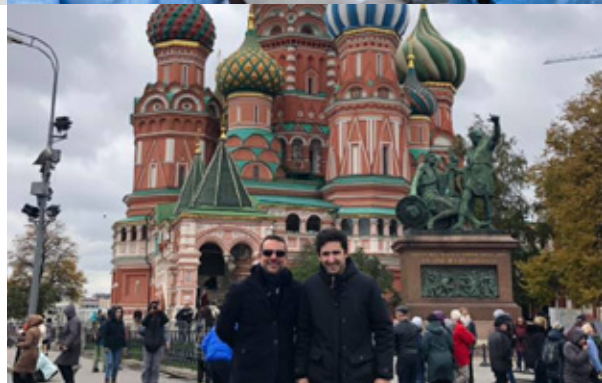
Myanmar

Faris Alami, CEO of ISM shared his innovation and development expertise throughout Myanmar helping to empower youth to become active, engaged responsible leaders and social entrepreneurs, while gaining a new understanding of the opportunities there.



Russia

Homestay host Steve Rybicki was invited to Moscow and St. Petersburg where his former guests were able to reciprocate the hospitality they received in Detroit. They shared the best of Russian culture, providing Steve with an intensive exchange and appreciation of the history, arts, and cuisine.



Russia

“Every aspect of our trip, the people, the cities, the music... was phenomenal. Thank you for inviting us to meet with the delegation of performing arts presenters and host the internship at the Carr Center... Without those things happening this adventure would have never started.” Oliver Ragsdale, President, The Carr Center, who travelled throughout Russia to expand bilateral cultural exchange partnerships as a result of Global Ties Detroit exchange and fellowships programs.



St. Lucia

HYPE Athletics Founder Ali Sayed opened his first international site in St. Lucia with Fellow Nyus Alfred. HYPE St. Lucia is dedicated to the positive development of youth through sports and other enriching activities for children and teens, partnering with schools and other community organizations.



Vietnam

Rosemary Max of Oakland University presented to college students about education and entrepreneurship, invited by the Fellow she mentored, Kim Chi Vu. “One of my favorite things to do in Hanoi was to find a Cong Café, sit and enjoy a coconut coffee drink; It is a chain of cafes started by a female Vietnamese entrepreneur. I couldn’t think of a better way to spend my money—in support of this successful woman-owned business.”



Homestay Hosts and Dinner Diplomats

Sue and Bill Ahlstrom
 Lara and Faris Alami
 Leslie Banas and Dale Buras
 Wafaa and Sami Baraka
 Marley Barnes
 Marilyn and Robert Bilotti
 Ann Bruttell
 Lisa Catto
 Nena and Mel Chudnof
 Lori and Bill Crose
 Antoine Dubeauclard
 Christine Gavin
 Melanie Grund
 Jumana Judeh
 Judy Kebl
 Anne Kuhnle
 Mary Lane and Amar Ouchane
 Steve Lepsetz

Ann and George Mann
 Tonya McNeal-Weary
 Sharon McWhorter
 Claudia Nickel
 Amy and Jeff Olind
 Kevin Parliament
 Francine Pegues
 Barbara Peitsch
 Fernanda Recio and Paul Loftis
 Marian Reich and Daniel Lorca
 Summer Ritner
 Suzanne Rossi and Billy Toll
 Rochelle and Barry Rubin
 Steven Rybicki
 Harriet and Alvin Saperstein
 Robert Shimkoski
 Leslie and Alan Wagner
 Py and Jim Wolfe
 Muntaha and Sam Yono

Professional Fellows Program (PFP) FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

ACCESS
 City of Hamtramck
 International Strategic Management, Inc.
 Lawrence Technological University | Centrepolis
 Office of Detroit Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López
 Wayne State University, Office of International Programs

Russian Business Leaders FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

The Carr Center
 Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation
 International Strategic Management, Inc.
 Media Genesis
 MILO Detroit
 SS Digital Media

Accent Pontiac El Sistema Program
 ACCESS
 Allied Media Projects
 Alternatives for Girls
 American Arab Chamber of Commerce
 American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan (ACLU)
 Anti-Defamation League Michigan Regional Office (ADL)
 Arab American National Museum
 Arab American News
 Arab American Women's Business Council (AAWBC)
 Arts & Scraps
 Autism Alliance of Michigan
 Automation Alley
 Avalon International Breads
 Beaumont Hospital Dearborn
 Belle Isle Conservancy
 Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST)
 Breathe Free Detroit-Ecology Center
 The BTL Group
 Bureau of Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) Investigative Field Office
 Butzel Long
 Campaign to Take on Hate
 The Carr Center
 Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County (CSSW)
 Centrepolis Accelerator
 Centro Multicultural La Familia
 Chalkbeat
 Christ Episcopal Church
 Christine Gavin and Company
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 City of Hamtramck | Mayor Karen Majewski
 Common Word Alliance
 Community Advisory Group for the Gordie Howe International Bridge
 Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD)
 Community Health and Awareness Group (CHAG)
 Community Music School
 Consul General of Canada
 Crain Communications
 Daily Detroit
 Data Driven Detroit



- Dbusiness Magazine
- Deadline Detroit
- Dearborn Fire Department
- Dearborn Police Department
- Detroit and Southeast Michigan Information and Intelligence Center (DSEMIIC)
- Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC)
- Detroit Experience Factory
- Detroit Fire Department
- Detroit Firefighters Association
- Detroit Free Press
- Detroit Future City
- Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC)
- Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)
- Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network (DION)
- Detroit Metro Airport
- Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Detroit News
- Detroit Pistons
- Detroit Public Television (DPTV)
- Detroit Tigers
- Detroit U.S. Export Assistance Center
- Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Developing K.I.D.S.
- Downtown Detroit Partnership
- Dr. Pamela Pugh
- DTE Energy
- DTE Energy Foundation
- East Lansing Water Resource Recovery Facility
- Eastern Michigan University
- Endeavor Detroit
- Environmental Protection Agency
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation - Detroit Office
- Federal Defender's Office
- Flip the Script
- FOCUS: Hope
- Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit
- Ford Motor Company
- Ford River Rouge Factory
- Fordson High School
- Freedom House Detroit
- General Motors
- George P. Mann and Associates
- Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses
- Grace Lee Boggs Center
- Grand Circus
- Great Lakes Environmental Law Center
- Great Lakes Now
- Great Lakes Water Authority
- Greater Detroit Foreign - Trade Zone
- Green Garage
- Hamtramck School-Based Health Center
- The Henry Ford
- Homeland Security Investigations
- Huda School and Montessori
- HYPE Athletics
- ICNA Relief Muslim Family Services
- IDECIDE Detroit
- Images and Perceptions Diversity Conference
- Institute for Social Policy and Understanding
- Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit
- International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit
- International Strategic Management, Inc.
- Islamic Center of America (ICA)
- J.P. Morgan Chase
- Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) & American Jewish Committee (AJC)
- Judge Bernard Friedman
- The Kresge Foundation
- KOTRA (Korean Trade-Investment Promotion Agency)
- LaunchGood
- Lawrence Technological University
- Lincoln Park Fire Department
- Link-Up Detroit
- Mai Family Services
- Matrix Human Services
- Media Genesis
- Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength (MOSES)
- Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs (MAFE)
- Michigan Department of Civil Rights
- Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
- Michigan Education Association
- Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force
- Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE)
- Michigan Muslim Community Council
- Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion
- Michigan State Appellate Defender Office (SADO)
- Michigan State Senator Stephanie Chang
- Michigan State Representative Cara Clemente
- Michigan State Representative Abdullah Hammoud
- Michigan State Representative Mari Manoogian
- Michigan State University College of Music
- Michigan United
- Michigan Venture Capital Association
- Michigan Women Forward
- Michigan Women's Foundation
- Midwest Aids Training and Education Center
- MILO Detroit
- Mort Crim Communications, Inc. (MCCI)
- Motor City Tours
- Motown Museum
- Movement Festival
- MSU | Center for Community and Economic Development
- MSU | University Outreach and Engagement
- Music Hall Center for The Performing Arts
- Muslim American Youth Academy
- Muslim Unity Center
- Neutral Zone
- New Economy Initiative
- New Michigan Media
- Oakland Community College
- Oakland County Department of Economic Development and Community Affairs
- Oakland County Health Department
- Oakland County Sheriff's Office
- Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash
- Oakland University | Engineering Center
- Oakland University | ESL Institute
- Oakland University | Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations
- Oakland University | Office of Global Engagement
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- Office of U.S. Representative Andy Levin
- Office of U.S. Representative Rashida Tlaib
- Office of U.S. Senator Gary Peters
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church- St. Thomas Chaldean Eparchy
- Patronicity
- Pink Elephant
- Ponyride
- Professor Philip Fioravante, Ph.D.
- Quicken Loans
- Rebel Nell
- Recovery Park
- Rock Ventures
- Rotary Club of Detroit
- Royal Oak Model United Nations
- SANE-Wayne County
- Schoolcraft College Fire Academy
- Society of Professional Journalists
- SolAir
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Southeastern Michigan High
- Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- SS Digital Media
- Strategic Staffing Solutions
- Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice
- Super Greenland Market
- TechTown Detroit
- Transphere, Inc.
- U.S. Arab Radio
- U.S. Coast Guard - Detroit Sector
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of State | Bureau of Consular Affairs, Detroit Passport Agency
- U.S. Department of State | Bureau of Diplomatic Security
- U.S. District Attorney's Office - Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy
- University of Detroit Mercy Law School
- University of Michigan Center for Entrepreneurship
- University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts
- University of Michigan Hatcher Graduate Library
- University of Michigan School of Education
- University Research Corridor
- Velocity Incubator
- Vista Maria
- Washtenaw Human Trafficking Court
- Waterford Police Department
- Wayne County Prosecutor's Office
- Wayne State Muslim Student Association
- WDET-FM
- Welcoming Michigan
- Women Officials Network
- Women's Interfaith Solutions for Dialogue and Outreach in Metro Detroit (WISDOM)
- WSU | Center for Peace and Conflict Studies
- WSU | College of Engineering
- WSU | Dean of Students Office
- WSU | Department of Communications
- WSU | Department of Global Studies
- WSU | Innovation Hub
- WSU | Office of International Programs
- WSU | Student Senate
- WXYZ Detroit
- Young Muslim Association
- YWCA Interim House
- Zaman International



Events

January

Global Ties U.S. National Meeting

The Global Ties Detroit team traveled to Washington D.C. for the annual National Meeting. While there, they not only connected with officials from the U.S. Department of State and foreign Consul staff, but they also had the opportunity to highlight the important work coming out of Detroit.

March

International Women of Courage Awardee at Oakland University

Oakland University hosted a lecture and discussion for the International Woman of Courage award winner, Anna Henga with many Global Ties Detroit supporters in attendance and excited to learn of her passionate work on behalf of women in Tanzania.

June

Global Ties Detroit Annual Dinner at Waterview Loft

With generous support from DTE Energy and Waterview Loft at Port Detroit, the Board of Global Ties Detroit along with the Consular Corps of Michigan, supporters, friends and special guests gathered at the stunning Waterview Loft at Port Detroit for an evening of networking and celebration.

August

Summer Networking Event at the Belle Isle Aquarium

Belle Isle Conservancy opened their beautiful aquarium for Global Ties Detroit Board, supporters and friends to welcome a global delegation of leading economic development professionals who networked amongst the remarkable marine specimens.

September

Belarus Cultural Night

The Mann Family opened their home to host the traditional end of program Cultural Night for the Community Connections delegation from Belarus. It is a celebration of a month of discovery in Detroit, new friendships and cultural traditions.

October

Halloween Party

In what has become a favorite tradition, Executive Director Marian Reich and her husband Daniel Lorca hosted another Halloween party for the Professional Fellows from Europe and SE Asia together with their hosts and friends. The visitors were delighted to wear costumes and pass out candy to the trick or treaters.

November

Diplomacy Begins Here Summit

Once again the Global Ties Detroit team connected with their counterparts across the country when they all came together in Kentucky to learn from each other, find inspiration and share best practices.

November

Homestay Host Family Social

Board President Steve Rybicki invited prospective homestay volunteers to meet with experienced hosts and their international guests over dinner. It was an enjoyable evening all around.

November

International Design Dare Reveal

Global Ties Detroit continued its proud sponsorship of this annual event from the Metropolitan Museum of Design Detroit.

A special thank you to Ms. Nicole Fernandez Gati for capturing so many wonderful moments in 2019.



Year after year, visitors and volunteers find the personal connections made during exchanges to be the most memorable and meaningful parts of their time in Michigan. From sharing your home for an intimate dinner or a longer stay, to accompanying a delegation on a trip to an apple orchard or sporting event, to mentoring a fellow professionally – volunteers make meaningful and rewarding connections with guests in a variety of ways.

How to Get Involved

DINNER DIPLOMACY

Interested in becoming a Dinner Diplomat? Here's what you should know:

It's easy!

Dinner hosts are asked to make space and provide a meal only for as many guests as they can comfortably accommodate. The Global Ties Detroit team will work with you to make sure you are prepared to welcome visitors into your home.

It's fun!

A meal is a low-pressure way to socialize and share with a new group of people. Guests bring their experiences and appetites to your house.

It's rewarding!

Hosting a dinner is an easy way to connect with a diverse group of emerging leaders, many of whom have not been to the U.S. before. Having them in your home for a meal is a great opportunity to build connections that can cross borders and last a lifetime.

HOMESTAY HOSTING

By welcoming a visitor during their stay in Detroit, you can truly bring the world to you. Guests will share their unique perspectives and professional backgrounds while spending time in your home, and are eager to learn about life through your eyes. In sharing your home with a guest, you can bring a global perspective to your door.

WORKPLACE

Throughout the year there are many programs that require workplace interactions ranging from a meeting in your office to discuss best practices to a four week Fellowship where you work closely with a Fellow on a specific joint project and hopefully win a prestigious Reverse Exchange to their home country. Your organization will benefit from having a global perspective from an emerging leader.

CULTURAL HOSTING

The visiting delegates want to explore the best of what Detroit has to offer -- including our sports, art, music, and restaurants. We always welcome volunteers interested in adding a personal touch to the program by attending museums, sporting events or the like with the delegation.

INTERNSHIP

The Global Ties Detroit team works year-round with talented undergraduate interns. Interns support the programming and administrative work of the full-time staff, interact with our Board and delegations, and undertake projects of their own design to enrich their professional experience during their months spent with Global Ties Detroit.

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