



Dear Friend,

The Tri-City Social Services Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI), in partnership with the International Social Worker Exchange Partnership (ISWEP), is excited to share that we will welcome an international social services delegation from Hamburg, Germany - ***and we invite you to play an important role in helping our social services exchange program grow and flourish!***

This year we celebrate 30 years of social work exchanges among Chicago, Hamburg (Germany), and Birmingham (United Kingdom). Over the last three decades, these sister cities have planned and hosted week-long immersion and one-day social work conferences. Delegates learn best practices, enhance global awareness by immersing themselves within the host city's social services fabric with enriching site visits, and participate in an exchange of ideas, information sharing and dialogue with international peers.

The incoming delegation from Hamburg will visit Chicago July 12-18, 2026. This year's exchange will focus on how families intersect with systems of trauma and the impact on their mental health. The delegates will participate in various interdisciplinary site visits that touch on mass incarceration, substance use, child welfare, immigration, and human trafficking. Their visit will end with an all day conference on July 16, 2026 at Kennedy-King College that will be open to the public and will provide an opportunity for working professionals to obtain Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The theme of this year's conference will be "*A community-based approach to elevating family voice: Strength-based practice in complex systems.*"

To ensure Chicago is an effective host and to provide high-quality learning experiences for all participants of this year's exchange and conference, ***we are seeking your financial support.*** Your contribution will directly support the planning and execution of this international exchange to help cover costs such as transportation, housing, and meals for the delegates as well as conference day costs.

Chicago Sister Cities International is a program of World Business Chicago, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization (FEIN: 36-4313685) and all donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James L. Scherrer".

James Scherrer
Co-Chair, Tri-City Social Services Committee
Chicago Sister Cities International

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Wolf".

Lauren Wolf
Co-Chair, Tri-City Social Services Committee
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Sponsorship Levels

Diamond: \$5,000

- Featured participation in a sponsored leadership panel or curated closing program segment
- Opportunity to participate with international delegates for one selected site visit
- Invitation to VIP Welcome Networking Reception
- Six conference registrations
- Premier logo placement on the CSCI Tri-City Social Services website
- Priority brand visibility on conference marketing and onsite materials
- Verbal recognition and formal appreciation during the conference program

Gold: \$2,500

- Invitation to VIP Welcome Networking Reception
- Four conference registrations
- Logo placement on the CSCI Tri-City Social Services website
- Brand visibility on conference marketing and onsite materials
- Verbal recognition and appreciation during the conference program

Silver: \$1,000

- Two conference registrations
- Brand acknowledgment on conference promotional materials
- Verbal recognition and appreciation during the conference program

Bronze: \$500

- One conference registration
- Brand acknowledgment on conference promotional materials

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