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HKSCA-Alliance Wins Sister Cities International Innovation Humanitarian Award for a City with a Population of 500,001

Sister Cities International Press Release



Houston-Karachi Sister City Association Wins the Sister Cities International 2011 Innovation Humanitarian Assistance Award

In 2012, the Houston-Karachi Sister City Association was selected as the winner of the the Sister Cities International 2011 Innovation: Humanitarian Assistance Award for a city with population more than 500,001.

The award was presented at the 56th Annual Sister Cities International Conference: A New Era for Citizen Diplomacy in Jacksonville, Florida, on July 14th 2012. Citizens diplomats from more than 20 countries attended this important event.





Ellen Golberg, President Siter Cities Houston, Cristal Montanez, Executive Director Hashoo Foundation USA, with Mary Kane, President Sister Cities International, Cristal Montanez and Representative from India



Humanitarian Award



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Sister Cities International 2011 Innovation Humanitarian Assistance Award



Cristal Montañéz Baylor, Executive Director Hashoo Foundation USA, member of the Executive Board of Directors of Houston-Karachi Sister City Association and Alliance for Pakistan Floods Relief Efforts Coordinating Committee, received the Sister Cities International 2011 Innovation: Humanitarian Assistance Award on behalf of these organizations.

During the Best Practices: Humanitarian Assistance Workshop Panel, Cristal shared the phases of development which made the implementation of this project successful. Ellen Israel Goldberg, Sister Cities of Houston President and Leslie Santamaria, City of Houston Protocol Manager & Sister City Coordinator represented Houston at the event.

The Innovation awards recognize the accomplishments of outstanding community and individual Sister City programs that promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation.



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Humanitarian Award



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Alliance of Pakistan Floods Relief Efforts **Blessings in Unity**

A United Effort of the Greater Houston Community Led by the Houston-Karachi Sister City Association to Serve the People Affected by the Devastating Floods in Sindh, Pakistan

In response to the devastating floods of 2011 that affected more than 5.3 million people in Sindh Pakistan, the Houston-Karachi Sister City Association (HKSCA) called a meeting of all the leading community organizations and media outlets of Houston.

Under the leadership of President of HKSCA Muhammad Saeed Sheikh, an Alliance of Pakistan Floods Relief Efforts was formed consisting of 42 community businesses, organizations, and media outlets.

The Alliance raised \$81,000 in cash and \$100,000 in in-kind donation. The donated items were distributed to 1,200 families in the Mirpur Khas internally displaced persons camp in Pakistan's Sindh province.

The Alliance continues to meet to monitor the donations and its impact.



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1) Pakistan Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund
(Consulate of Pakistan in Houston)
2) Aisha Foundation
3) Angels in Cowboys Boots
(Graciously Provided the 1,220 Buckets)
4) Association of Physicians of Pakistani
Descent of North America (APPNA) South Texas
Chapter
5) Bandu Khan Restaurant
6) Famous Foods Products
7) Hashoo Foundation USA
8) Helping Hand For Relief & Development
(HHRD)
9) HOPE Foundation
10) House of Charity
11) Houston-Istanbul Sister City Association
(HISCA)
12) Houston-Karachi Sister City Association
(HKSCA)
13) Imamia Medics
14) Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH)
15) Muslim Council of USA
16) One Dollar Store on Jensen Road
17) Pakistani-American Association of
Greater Houston (PAGH)
18) Pakistan Association of Golden Triangle
(PAGT)
20) Pakistani-American Society of Texas (PAST)

22) Raindrop Helping Hands 23) Raindrop Turkish House 24) Shifa Healthcare 25) Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT) 26) Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) 27) Sun Charity 28) Texas Turkish American Chamber of Commerce (TTACC) 29) The Citizens Foundation (TCF) 30) Voices Breaking Boundaries (VBB) 31) Muslim Observer 32) Pakistan Chronicle 33) Pakistan Journal 34) Pakistan News 35) Pakistan Post 36) Pakistan Times 37) Radio Houston 38) Radio Light Of Islam

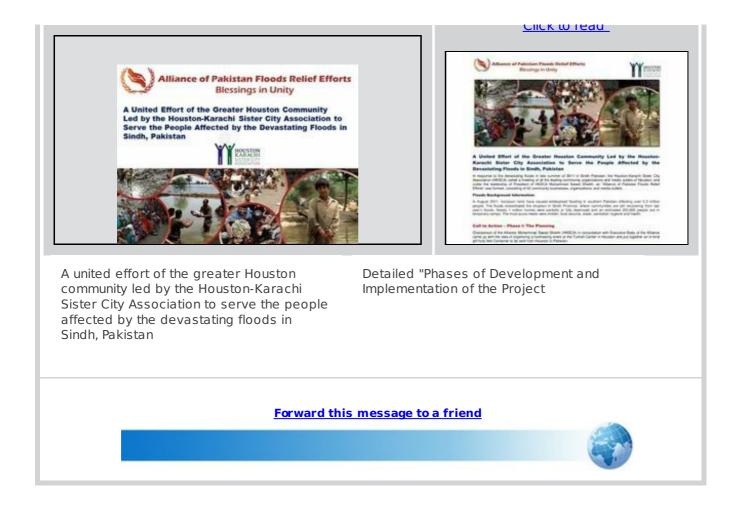
21) Pakistan Chamber of Commerce USA

- 39) Radio Music-in-the-Box
- 40) Radio Naya Andaz
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