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

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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 Sister Cities Houston, Cristal Montanez, Executive Director Hashoo Foundation USA, with Mayor Alvin Brown of Jacksonville at Sister Cities International Annual Convention



Mary Kane, President Sister Cities International, Cristal Montanez and Representative from India



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Sister Cities International 2011 Innovation Humanitarian Assistance Award



Cristal Montañez 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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Sister Cities International represents citizen diplomats who work tirelessly to promote the organizations' mission of creating world peace and cultural understanding through economic and sustainable development programs, youth and education projects, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance.

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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.



Alliance of Pakistan Floods Relief Efforts Blessings in Unity

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| 1) Pakistan Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund (Consulate of Pakistan in Houston) | 21) Pakistan Chamber of Commerce USA (PCC-USA) |
| 2) Aisha Foundation | 22) Raindrop Helping Hands |
| 3) Angels in Cowboys Boots (Graciously Provided the 1,220 Buckets) | 23) Raindrop Turkish House |
| 4) Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) South Texas Chapter | 24) Shifa Healthcare |
| 5) Bandu Khan Restaurant | 25) Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT) |
| 6) Famous Foods Products | 26) Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) |
| 7) Hashoo Foundation USA | 27) Sun Charity |
| 8) Helping Hand For Relief & Development (HHRD) | 28) Texas Turkish American Chamber of Commerce (TTACC) |
| 9) HOPE Foundation | 29) The Citizens Foundation (TCF) |
| 10) House of Charity | 30) Voices Breaking Boundaries (VBB) |
| 11) Houston-Istanbul Sister City Association (HISCA) | 31) Muslim Observer |
| 12) Houston-Karachi Sister City Association (HKSCA) | 32) Pakistan Chronicle |
| 13) Imamia Medics | 33) Pakistan Journal |
| 14) Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH) | 34) Pakistan News |
| 15) Muslim Council of USA | 35) Pakistan Post |
| 16) One Dollar Store on Jensen Road | 36) Pakistan Times |
| 17) Pakistani-American Association of Greater Houston (PAGH) | 37) Radio Houston |
| 18) Pakistan Association of Golden Triangle (PAGT) | 38) Radio Light Of Islam |
| 20) Pakistani-American Society of Texas (PAST) | 39) Radio Music-in-the-Box |
| | 40) Radio <i>Naya Andaz</i> |
| | 41) Radio <i>Pardes</i> |
| | 42) Radio Sangeet |

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Detailed "Phases of Development and Implementation of the Project"

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