

## Suffolk Sister Cities International, Inc. Membership Form

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### Areas of Interest (check all that apply):

- Suffolk, England  Oderzo, Italy  
 Membership  Youth  Education  Special Events  
 Exchanges  Publicity  Arts/Culture  Technology

### Membership Level (circle one):

Student (\$10) Individual (\$30) Family (\$50) Patron (\$100)  
 Ambassador (\$250) Benefactor (\$500) Life Membership (\$1,000) Donation

*Please mail completed membership form along with your check to:*

Suffolk Sister Cities International  
 PO Box 796  
 Suffolk, VA 23439

# Join SUFFOLK SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Become involved in a fast-growing Sister Cities program by:

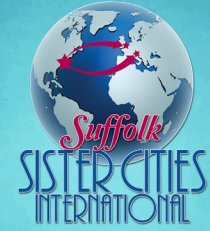
- Hosting visitors from our sister cities
- Developing international programs for Suffolk youth
- Traveling in an official delegation to our sister cities
- Making international friends
- Supporting humanitarian assistance efforts
- Developing potential trade and tourism with our sister cities
- Enhancing the cultural diversity of our city, thereby contributing to Suffolk's quality of life



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*Bringing Cities Together  
 One Friendship At A Time*



## SUFFOLK SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

*Suffolk, Virginia*



# Sister Cities

## ...IN THE WORLD

President Eisenhower proposed a people-to-people organization in 1956 to bring cities together, to increase global understanding and to enhance world peace. In 1967, this initiative became Sister Cities International (SCI), which now unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers in 570 member communities with over 2,300 partnerships in 150 countries on six continents.

## ...IN OUR CITY

In 1981, Suffolk established its first Sister City relationship with Suffolk County, England. Suffolk's second Sister City affiliation with Oderzo, Italy, began in 1995 because of one man's connection with our two cities. Amedeo Obici, an immigrant from Oderzo, founded Planters Nut and Chocolate Company and Obici Hospital in Suffolk.

Suffolk Sister Cities International, Inc. (SSCI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established to promote international relationships established by Suffolk City Council. Its membership is open to all who are interested in fostering the goals of the organization.

SSCI and its international youth association, SIYA, have won national awards for Youth and Education and for the best Overall Program for cities with populations less than 100,000.

## ...IN YOUR LIFE

Enrich your life by making friends around the world and expanding your cultural, civic and educational horizons.

# England

## SUFFOLK COUNTY



Over 30 towns and seven boroughs make up the 1,500 square miles known as Suffolk County. Bounded on the north by Norfolk, on the east by the North Sea, on the south by Essex, and on the west by Cambridge, Suffolk County is famous for its stunning coastline and delightful countryside.

## ...RICH IN HISTORY

Visitors to Suffolk in search of the idyllic English village, rolling farmlands, river valleys, lofty churches, 12th and 13th century castles, beautiful gardens or unspoiled beaches will not be disappointed. Long known for its concerts, outdoor sports, horse racing, exhibitions and festivals, the country now has a reputation for fine food, specialty shops and farmers' markets.

Suffolk County truly has it all.

Over the years, student and teacher exchanges between Suffolk County, England, and Suffolk, Virginia, have resulted in many lasting friendships.



# Italy

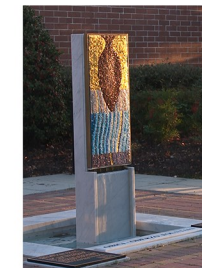
## ODERZO

Between Venice and the beautiful Dolomite Mountains lies Oderzo, a small, friendly city of 16,000 people. Situated on the Monticano River, Oderzo is known as the "Archaeological City," as its land was

crossed by an old Roman road built in 148 B.C. The municipality's archaeological ruins are well-preserved in its Civic Museum of Archaeology, one of the oldest museums in Italy. Oderzo's Roman name, Opitergium, means "the village of the market" and today, it remains a popular, upscale shopping mecca.



Oderzo, known as the city of the old and the new, comes alive with artists, craftsmen, fashion shows, festivals, shops, and restaurants. Once a year, the town stages an outdoor opera in the piazza, complete with elaborate sets and costuming.



Symbolizing the strong friendship between our two cities are Suffolk's Obici-Oderzo Fountain, designed by Oderzo architect Paolo Rossi, and a Mr. Peanut® statue that stands proudly at Amedeo Obici High School in Oderzo.

## ...SYMBOLS OF FRIENDSHIP

