

Friendship Force International's 2017 Annual Report





Friendship Force members aboard the 2017 Celebration at Sea cruise.



Lydia, a student from Canada, making new friends on the Family Journey between Ottawa and Guadeloupe.



Ambassadors from FF Hsinchu, Taiwan and their hosts from FF Sydney, Australia participating in Melbourne Cup activities.







Goodwill ambassadors travel the world over















the Friendship Force

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Shrinking the World Map



















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A Report from the Board



Back row: Fred Opondo, **Middle Row:** Lyn Hargreave, Stuart May, Simone Lanzoni, Bob Duncan, Therese Vilovar, Birgit Wagner, Jeremi Snook, **Front row:** Kurt Haefeli, Bobbie Mulholland, Hiro Onishi, Ivan Ng, Ramona McGee, and Jo Custead.

Bob Duncan, Chair Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA

Stuart May Boca Raton, Florida, USA

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Lyn Hargreave, Secretary Kalamazoo, Michigan

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Roberta (Bobbie) Mulholland Adelaide, Australia

Ivan Ng Nanyang, Singapore

Hiroshi Onishi Nara, Japan

Fred Opondo Nairobi, Kenya

Therese Vilovar Petit-Bourg, Guadeloupe

Birgit Wagner Varel, Germany Friendship Force's 40th Anniversary was focused on celebrating friendship, the success of the organization started by a man of vision, Wayne Smith, and a future that promises to strengthen the world we live in and want to pass on. The heart and health of the organization are both strong and thriving.

My philosophy as Board Chair has been that the Board of Directors has three primary goals. The first goal is to ensure that management, and specifically the CEO/President, is moving the organization forward. Second, is to guarantee that FFI continues to be responsive to the needs of its members and clubs. And the third goal is that we must stay true to our mission in everything we do. I believe these goals were achieved in 2017 and will continue to be benchmarks for the future.

We hope you see that the Board, along with the CEO, has worked to be as transparent as possible in our communications. We have successfully encouraged fiscal responsibility and accountability. Although administrative costs have been reduced, I fully expect that the Board will have to address the rising costs of doing business with a fee increase in the near future in order to maintain operations. I expect some to ask, "Why is it necessary to increase fees if we are doing all of this fundraising?" The simple answer is that fees are used to maintain the organization, and money from fundraising is used to grow the organization. Therefore, both are needed.

FFI continues to be a strong, viable organization destined to make the world a better place, and you have an important role in that. At the 40th Anniversary

World Conference in Manchester, Wayne Smith's daughter, Suzy Smith Bennitt, said that her dad would be proud of what FFI has accomplished over the past 40 years. I hope you feel the same way too.

In friendship & peace,

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Bob Duncan Board Chair, 2016/2017



A Letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

My office is slowly filling with gifts and mementos from Friendship Force adventures. One special item left over from the 40th Anniversarv World Conference is a photo of Wayne Smith. In this particular image, he is standing behind a microphone in a blue-and-black striped shirt holding above his head miniature flags from the United States and Russia. This image from the early 1980s serves as a reminder of how friendship can bring peace in a world riddled with divisions.

Friendship Force was created to remind us that despite whatever global system, regime, or agenda may try to divide us, the human spirit, with understanding, kindness, and welcoming arms, will always prevail. As a result, the message of peace through friendship has reached hundreds of thousands of people in nearly every part of the world over the last 40 years.

Starting in 2017 and continuing through 2018, we celebrate the positive impact building bridges of understanding across the barriers that separate people can have. But as Wayne Smith's picture serves to remind all of us, our work is far from done. Thank you all - leaders, ambassadors, hosts, partners, and donors, for your contributions of time, energy, and passion in 2017. Happy birthday, Friendship Force!

In friendship,

firemicharok

Estimados Amigos,

Mi oficina se está llenando poco a poco de regalos y recuerdos de mis aventuras con Friendship Force. Uno en especial es la foto de Wayne Smith que me dieron en la Conferencia Mundial donde celebramos nuestro 40 aniversario. En esta foto, Wayne está detrás de un micrófono con una camisa rayada de azul y negro sosteniendo pequeñas banderas de Estados Unidos y de Rusia. Esta imagen, tomada a principios de los años 80, sirve como un recordatorio de cómo la amistad puede traer la paz en un mundo

Friendship Force se creó para recordar que, a pesar de cualquier sistema global o régimen político que pueda intentar dividirnos, el espíritu humano, con comprensión, bondad y acogida, siempre prevalecerá. Como resultado, el mensaje de paz a través de la amistad ha alcanzado a cientos de miles de personas en

casi todas las partes del mundo durante los últimos 40 años.

Al principio del 2017 y continuando al 2018, celebramos el impacto positivo que puede haber al construir puentes de comprensión a través de las barreras que separan a las personas. Pero la imagen de Wayne Smith también sirve para recordarnos que nuestro trabajo está lejos de terminar. Gracias a todos los líderes, embajadores, anfitriones, socios y donantes por contribuir con tiempo, energía y pasión en 2017. ¡Y feliz cumpleaños, Friendship Force!

En Amistad, Jeremi Snook

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Liebe Freunde,

Mein Büro füllt sich langsam mit Geschenken und Erinnerungsstücken von Friendship Force Abenteuern. Ein besonderer Gegenstand, der mir nach der 40. Jubiläumskonferenz blieb, ist ein Foto von Wayne Smith. Auf diesem Foto steht er in einem blau-schwarz gestreiften Hemd hinter einem Mikrofon und schwenkt Miniaturflaggen von den USA und Russland über seinem Kopf. Dieses Bild aus den frühen 1980ern dient als eine Erinnerung daran, wie Freundschaften in einer Welt voller Spaltung Frieden bringen können.

Friendship Force wurde gegründet um uns daran zu erinnern, dass sich der menschliche Geist immer durchsetzen wird - mit Verständnis, Liebenswürdigkeit und willkommen heißenden Armen - welch globale Systeme, Regimes oder Agendas uns auch immer zu trennen versuchen. Die Botschaft von Frieden durch Freundschaft hat als Folge in den letzten 40 Jahren hunderttausende Menschen in fast allen Teilen der Welt erreicht.

2017 haben wir damit begonnen und in 2018 werden wir die positiven Auswirkungen weiter feiern, die das Bauen von Brücken der Verständigung über Grenzen hinweg, die die Menschen trennen, haben kann. Wie uns das Bild von Wayne Smith aber alle erinnert, ist unsere Arbeit noch lange nicht am Ende angelangt. Vielen Dank euch allen – Vorstände, Botschafter, Gastgeber, Partner und Sponsoren - für euren Beitrag an Zeit, Energie und Leidenschaft im Jahr 2017, und Happy Birthday, Friendship Force!

In Freundschaft, leremi Snook



私の事務所は徐々にですが、フレンドシップフォースの新たな冒険による贈り物や記念品によって埋 められてきています。40周年記念の世界大会で残された特別なアイテムの一つはウェインスミス氏 の写真です。この特別な写真の中で、彼は青と黒の縞模様のシャツを着てマイクの後ろに立ち、米国 のサ発くす。この何初ゆサ発の下く、IKは月に赤の胴体はのフィブで有く、イノの後つに立つ、不降とロシアのミニヤチャーの両国旗を頭上に掲げています。この1980年代初期の写真はフレンドシ ップが如何に障壁だらけの世界に平和をもたらすことができるか思い出させてくれます。 私たちを隔てようとするどんな世界的なシステムや政治制度、思惑があろうとも、理解する力、親切

いにつて時になっこうると「いるヒットロンタンム」ムド以口町以、心ボルのつっての、年所、うの小林明 心、歓迎する力を持つ人間の心の方が常に勝るという事を思い起こす為にフレンドシップフォース い、私生するり、こうて、八周ののののかかかにいるこいりまで心いいたとう何にクレフトラリアノイベスは創設されたのです。その結果、友情を通して世界平和を広めるメッセージは、これまでの40年に

わたり世界の何十万人の人々に届いています。

2017年に始まり2018年も引き続いて、私たちは人々を隔てる障壁を超えた相互理解を築く橋渡 というサに知るりというサマコにかにいていないこのは、ハママとMa くる/キューで、Nin AS しをする為に積極的な役割を果たしていきます。とは言え、ウェインスミス氏の写真が私達みんな いとう 3 何に1月124日13612日13年末にしていたのう。こ6日に、フェーレスへんいのチェル 14年の小の香 に思い出させてくれた通り、私達の仕事はまだまだ道半ばです。2017年に、時間、労力、情熱を費 やしてくださった全てのリーダー、アンバサダー、ホスト、パートナー、寄贈者の皆さんに深く感謝申 し上げます。そしてフレンドシップフォースの40周年おめでとうございます。

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友情を込めて

Jeremi Snook



Caros amigos,

Meu escritório está aos poucos se enchendo de presentes e lembrancas de aventuras com a Friendship Force. Um item especial da Conferência Mundial do 40 º aniversário é uma foto de Wayne Smith. Nessa imagem, Wayne está atrás de um microfone em uma camisa listrada de azul e preto segurando miniaturas das bandeiras dos Estados Unidos e da Rússia. A imagem, capturada no início dos anos 80, serve como um lembrete de como a amizade pode trazer a paz em um mundo com tantas divisões.

A Friendship Force foi criada para nos lembrar que, a despeito de gualquer sistema global ou regime político que possa tentar nos dividir, o espírito humano, com compreensão, bondade e acolhimento, sempre prevalecerá. Como resultado, a mensagem de paz através da amizade alcançou centenas de milhares de pessoas em quase todas as partes do mundo ao longo dos últimos 40 anos.

Comecando em 2017 e continuando em 2018, nós celebramos o impacto positivo que que pode haver ao construirmos pontes de compreensão através das barreiras que separam as pessoas. Mas a imagem de Wayne Smith serve também para nos lembrar que nosso trabalho está longe de terminar. Obrigado a todos os líderes, embaixadores, anfitriões, parceiros e doadores por contribuírem com tempo, energia e paixão em 2017. E feliz aniversário, Friendship Force!

Em amizade, leremi Snook







Дорогие Друзья!

Мой кабинет постоянно наполняется подарками и сувенирами от путешествий клубов Силы Дружбы. На этом фоне особо выделяется фотография Уэйна Смита, оставшаяся у меня с нашей Юбилейной Конференции Празднования 40-летия Фрэндшип Форс.На фото он за микрофоном в синечерной полосатой рубашке, держит над головой миниатюрные флаги США и России. Это фото с начала 80-х годов напоминает нам о том, как дружба может принести мир на планету, полную

Организация «Сила Дружбы» была создана. чтобы напомнить нам о том, что, независимо от глобальной системы, режима или политики, которые могут попытаться разделить нас, человеческий дух, понимание, доброта и гостеприимство. В итоге, за последние 40 лет послание мира от клубов Силы Дружбы достигло

сотен тысяч людей почти во всех частях планеты. Начиная с 2017 года мы отмечаем позитивный рост мостов дружбы, невзирая на все эти барьеры. А фотография Уэйна Смита напоминает всем нам,

что наша работа далека от завершения. Спасибо всем Вам - лидерам, послам, встречающим, партнерам и благотворителям - за ваше время. энергию и энтузиазм в 2017 году, и с Днем Рождения, Сила Дружбы!

Искренне ваш, Джереми Снук

Mon bureau se remplit peu à peu de souvenirs et cadeaux de mes aventures Friendship Force. Un objet particulièrement distinct provient de la Conférence Internationale et Célébration du 40ème Anniversaire de Friendship Force, une photo de Wayne Smith. Sur cette image, celui-ci tient derrière un micro, vêtu d'une chemise rayée bleue et noire, tenant au-dessus de sa tête les drapeaux miniatures des Etats-Unis et de la Russie. Cette image du début des années 80 dépeint la façon dont l'amitié peut apporter la paix dans un

monde criblé de divisions.

Friendship Force a été créée pour nous rappeler que, peu importe les régimes, programmes

ou agendas politiques mondiaux susceptible de nous diviser, l'esprit humain, mêlant gentillesse, compréhension et bras accueillants, prévaudra toujours. Par conséquent, le message de paix à travers l'amitié a touché des milliers de personnes ces 40 dernières années, dans presque chaque partie du monde.

Depuis 2017, et tout au long de l'année 2018, nous célébrons l'impact positif que peut avoir la compréhension des peuples, au-delà des barrières qui séparent les individus. Cependant, comme nous le rappelle cette photo de Wayne Smith, notre travail est loin d'être achevé. Merci à tous - leaders, ambassadeurs, hôtes, partenaires et donneurs, pour votre contribution en 2017 : temps, énergie, passion, et Joyeux Anniversaire Friendship Force !

Amicalement, Jeremi Snook

What is Friendship Force?



Founded in 1977, Friendship Force is a non-profit cultural organization focused on promoting understanding, cultural education, and citizen diplomacy through homestay Journeys and personal friendships. Through these exciting personal encounters, strangers become friends – and we know that by experiencing different views, you can discover common ground.

Friendship Force International conducts over 300 programs every year, in over 350 communities throughout more than 60 countries. Our programs bring diverse people together into each other's cultures and homes to share one-of-a-kind experiences not available to regular tourists. When you travel or host with the Friendship Force, you get to know real people by sharing real life. Friendships are formed that often last a lifetime.

Our unique Friendship Force Journeys provide international travelers with opportunities to host or be hosted by local people, and to be treated to a local experience in places around the world, seeing the world through other people's eyes.



Friendship Force members are ordinary people like you, living all over the world, who are eager to welcome you into their culture and their life, sharing insights and experiences that are not available to tourists. By sharing experiences, a home, meals, and conversations, we believe we can reach a new level of understanding among the human family.









Giving Thanks by the Numbers



Thanks to each of the **3,450** ambassadors who traveled in the name of friendship and the home hosts who opened their doors to welcome them! Thank you for connecting more than **60** countries together during **243** Global and International Club-to-Club Journeys. Thank you to the **1,105** ambassadors who recognized that friendship is needed at home too, participating in **85** domestic and European Journeys.

Thank you to the **300** people who attended the anniversary celebration in Manchester, U.K., and to the **thousands** more who celebrated our anniversary year together in their local communities.

Thank you Friendship Force for **40** wonderful years, and a special thanks to **each and every one of YOU** for being a part of it!



Complete List of Clubs

Australia

Adelaide Albany Blue Mountains and Nepean Brisbane Bundaberg Cairns Canberra and District Casterton Central Coast Gold Coast Hobart Kempsey Melbourne Mount Barker Mount Gambier Murray Bridge Newcastle North Moreton Perth Salisbury and Northern Districts Southern Sydney Sunshine Coast Svdnev Tamworth Tweed Valley

Austria

Azerbaijan

Belarus

Krems

Vienna

Baku

Minsk

Brussels

Leuven

Limburg

Bermuda Bermuda (D)

Brazil

Belém **Belo Horizonte** Blumenau Brasília Campinas Curitiba Curitiba Metropolitano Florianópolis Fortaleza Itanhaém Nova Lima Piracicaba Recife Ribeirão Preto Rio de laneiro Salvador Santo Ângelo São losé do Rio Preto São Luís São Paulo São Paulo-ABC Tere-Rio

Bulgaria Sofia (D)

Burundi Bujumbura

Canada Alberta Calgary Region Edmonton and Area Lethbridge Medicine Hat **British Columbia** Metro Vancouver Penticton-Okanagan Victoria and Vancouver Island Manitoba Brandon and Area Manitoba Winnipeg **Northwest Territories** Hav River Ontario Greater Hamilton and Burlington Haliburton Highlands Niagara North Bay Ottawa Stratford - St. Marys Toronto Ouébec **Canadian** Capital Region Montreal Quebec Sherbrooke Saskatchewan Saskatoon

Chile La Serena Santiago

China Nanjing (P)

Colombia Bogotá

Costa Rica

Alajuela San José Turrialba West Alajuela Cyprus Nicosia

Czech Republic Prague

Egypt Cairo

Estonia Tallinn

France Biarritz Bordeaux Pau Toulouse

Georgia Tbilisi

Germany

Bavaria Nürnberg-Erlangen e.V. Berlin Cottbus Freiburg Halle-Saale Hamburg e.V. Hannover Kiel Lübeck Metropole Ruhr Norderstedt Rheinhessen Schwerin Varel Vogtland

Ghana

Accra Legon and Tema Volta Lake

Greece Athens

Guadeloupe Guadeloupe

Hungary Budapest Pécs Székesfehérvár

India Nashik Riverside

Indonesia Banda Aceh, Sumatra (D) Bandung Banjarmasin Denpasar (Bali)

lakarta Malang Solo-Surakarta Surabaya Yoqyakarta

Israel Central Israel

lapan

Aichi Fhime Fukuoka Gifu Hiroshima Koriyama Kumamoto Kyoto-Fukuchiyama Mie Miyagi Mt Fuji Yamanashi Musashino Meguro Nagasaki Nara Niigata

Oita Osaka Ota-Gunma Saitama Sapporo Shizuoka Tokyo Tottori Western Tokvo Yamagata

Kenva Kitui (D) Nairobi

Korea Seoul

Latvia Riga

Liberia Monrovia (D)

Malaysia Kuala Lumpur

Mexico Coatepec Filobobos Mexico City Mundo Mava de Tuxtla Gutiérrez Tuxtla-Gutiérrez Xalapa

Moldova Chisinau

Mongolia Mongolia

Morocco Azrou (P)

Belgium Belgian Coast

Myanmar (P)

Nepal

Nepal (P)

Netherlands East Noord

New Caledonia Nouméa

New Zealand

Auckland-North Shore Christchurch Gisborne Hamilton Waikato Horowhenua Kapiti Coast Manawatu Marlborough Napier Nelson New Plymouth Otago South Taranaki Southland Taupo Tauranga - Western Bay of Plenty Thames Coromandel Wairarapa Wanganui Wellington Whangarei

Norway Bergen

Peru

Lima Nor Perú Tarapoto Trujillo Romania Brasov

Bucharest (D) Sibiu

Russia

Kaluga Kirov Oblast Korolev Moscow Novgorod Rostov-on-Don Saratov St. Petersburg Ulan-Ude (D) Vladivostok Vyborg (D) Yalta (D)

Slovakia Bratislava

South Africa

Cape of Good Hope Cape Town Mispah

Sweden Helsingborg

Switzerland

Solothurn

Taiwan

Greater Taipei Hsinchu Kaohsiung Taichung Taipei

Tanzania Iringa

Thailand Bangkok

Lamphun Nakhon Ratchasima

Turkey

Ankara Bursa Çankaya Greater Izmir Güzelbahçe Karşıyaka Bay Kayseri Seferihisar Urla of Greater Izmir

Uganda

Kampala

Ukraine

Kyiv Region Lugansk

United Kingdom

Bristol Cleveland County Cornwall County Durham Derbyshire Isle of Wight Leicestershire Manchester

United States

Alabama Birmingham Huntsville Area Alaska Ketchican (D) Arizona Central Arizona Tucson-Southern Arizona California Kern County Los Angeles Napa-Sonoma Sacramento San Diego County San Francisco Bay Area Santa Barbara Colorado Denver Northern Colorado **Pikes Peak Region** Western Colorado Connecticut Connecticut Southern Connecticut D.C. National Capital Area Florida East Central Florida Florida Suncoast **Greater** Orlando Olli at FSU - Tallahassee Sarasota Southwest Florida The Villages Georgia **Big Canoe - North** Georgia Greater Atlanta Lake Hartwell, GA Hawaii Honolulu Kauai Illinois Chicago Northern Illinois Iowa Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Central Iowa **Greater Des Moines Quad Cities** Kansas Kansas Kentucky Louisville Western Kentucky Louisiana Baton Rouge Michigan Greater Detroit Greater Lansing

Western Michigan

Minnesota Minnesota-Twin Cities Missouri Missouri-St. Louis Montana Central Montana Flathead Valley Missoula - Western Montana Nebraska Greater Omaha -Eastern Nebraska Lincoln Nevada Las Vegas Reno-Tahoe **New Hampshire** New Hampshire Seacoast **New Jersey** Southern New Jersey New Mexico New Mexico New York Long Island North Carolina Central North Carolina Charlotte **Colonial Carolina** Morganton Raleigh Shelby Western North Carolina Ohio Dayton Greater Cincinnati Northeast Ohio Oklahoma Oklahoma Oregon Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley Southern Oregon Pennsylvania Greater Harrisburg

Knoxville Memphis Texas Austin Dallas Fort Worth Georgetown Houston San Antonio Utah Utah Virginia **Central Virginia** Richmond Washington Columbia Cascade Eastern Washington-Northern Idaho Lower Columbia Greater Olympia Seattle-Tacoma Whidbey Island West Virginia **Charleston West Virginia** Wisconsin Greater Milwaukee Wisconsin-Madison Wyoming

Tennessee

Vietnam

Chevenne

Vietnam USA Society (VUS) (P)

<u>Key</u>

(D) = Club in Development

(P) = FFI Partnership

2017 Accomplishments



























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2017 Wayne Smith Medal Recipients



Paul and Charliene Havixbeck FF Winnipeg, Canada





The Wayne Smith Medal recognizes those who have shown exceptional leadership in advancing the Friendship Force mission in their communities. The award is a tribute to the memory of Friendship Force founder Wayne Smith, whose boundless energy and optimism and untiring commitment to the cause of world friendship made this organization the global force for good that it is today.







Doris MuellerJune KenworthyFF GreaterFF Christchurch,Milwaukee, USANew Zealand

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Diana Sanders FF Northern Illinois, USA

Club Milestones

Congratulations to all the clubs who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2017!

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years	35 Years	40 Years
Coatepec	Baku	Greater Hamilton	North Moreton	Pikes Peak Region	Kempsey	Western Kentucky	Billings
Liuzhou (Partner)	Blue Mountains-	and Burlington	Melbourne	Auckland-North	Isle of Wight	Derbyshire	Central Montana
Guzelbahce	Nepean	Bavaria Nürnberg Erlangen e.V.	Mispah	Shore	Marlborough	Columbia Cascade	Greater Des Moines
Kampala	Haliburton Highlands	Curitiba	Manitoba	Gold Coast	Koriyama		Womes
Guadeloupe	Çankaya	Metropolitano	Southern Oregon	Saitama	Newcastle	Bogotá	
Mongolia	São José do Rio		Xalapa	Nairobi	Tweed Valley	Mount Barker	
mongona	Preto			 Oregon's Mid- Willamette Valley 	Brisbane	Western Colorado	
	Leuven		Malang		Luebeck	Western North Carolina	
			Seoul	Jakarta	LUCDECK		
			Québec Region	Belém		Memphis	
				Novgorod			

Open World Leadership Program

Since 1999, Friendship Force clubs across the United States have hosted thousands of delegates from countries throughout Eurasia thanks to the work of the Open World Leadership Center, a legislative branch agency founded as an arm of the U.S. Congress. Open World delegates are emerging leaders who are provided with extensive exposure to American democratic institutions and civic life while being hosted by American families.

Each delegation has a specific program theme, with topics such as local legislature, media literacy, nature preservation, agriculture and more. After each program is completed, delegates implement the knowledge they gained in the U.S. to benefit their local communities. Some delegates go on to help open new Friendship Force clubs in their home countries. The US host clubs receive many benefits from their hosting experience, including outreach in their local community, increased knowledge of program topics, new friends from countries without a Friendship Force presence, and sometimes gaining new members through like-minded local organizations. Hosts often consider their delegates friends and later travel to visit them in their home countries.

In 2017, U.S. Friendship Force clubs hosted 138 Delegates from 17 Countries



In May 2017, the Friendship Force of Dayton, Ohio, USA hosted an Open World delegation from Tajikistan with the topic Mental Health and Well-Being. Before the delegates even arrived, the planning team learned about Tajikistan, the country's quality of mental health services, and the general well-being of residents. Materials provided to hosts from Open World explained that medical facilities and their attending physicians in Tajikistan often lack the necessary training to diagnose and treat developmental disabilities or mental illnesses.

The host community of Dayton is home to a strong psychiatric residency program, and the director of the residency training program was a major partner in program planning. During their stay, the Tajik delegates and 15 medical doctors had the opportunity to discuss concerns like psychiatric training, types of clinics, specialization fields, and diagnosing and treating patients. As a result of this week, partnerships were developed and specialized medical programs are to be created in Tajikistan.

As Host Director Julie Vann commented, "All the delegates personally invited us to at some future date also visit Tajikistan. [...] Each Tajik delegate seemed pleased with that idea. We all recognized the strong friendships that were built during their week in Dayton. There is a desire to visit the Tajik homeland and meet their families and visit their workplaces." Since hosting this Open World delegation, FFI is working with FF Dayton on an upcoming visit to Tajikistan to work on opening a Friendship Force club there!



Friendship Force International is grateful to the Open World Leadership Center for their continued support as a grantee organization in this program. If your U.S.-based club is interested in hosting a delegation or learning more, please contact FFI staff member and Manager of our Open World Programs, Elena McCarty, at elena@friendshipforce.org.

Financial Report

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Year 2017 (1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017)

Net Assets:	\$302,277
Operating Revenues & Gains Journey Participation Fees Membership Fees Annual Fund Contributions Grants Investment Income & Other*	\$1,390,874 \$185,571 \$6,934 \$108,992 \$201,179
Total	\$1,893,550
Contributions Annual Fund 40th Anniversary Campaign Total	\$12,011 \$34,805 \$46,816
Operating Expenses Program Services Management and General Fundraising Total	\$1,521,721 \$271,688 \$82,698 \$1,876,107

* website, database and travel insurance

Friendship Force International relies on fees generated through various types of Journeys to sustain the work of its mission. With the support of a small staff, many of whom are strategically located around the world, and your participation in Journeys, we work together toward realizing a world of peace created through simple acts of friendship. While the basic operations of Friendship Force are covered through fees, steps toward modernizing our program infrastructure and enhancing our programs only happen through the generosity of our donors and the tens of thousands of volunteer hours that go into developing and fulfilling Journeys and governing clubs each year. *Thank you!*



40th Anniversary Campaign: How We Continue to Build

The 40th Anniversary Campaign officially

launched in May 2017 and continues today. This campaign will fund the 2018-2021 strategic plan and strategic initiatives, focused exclusively on building for the future.

The Wayne Smith Legacy Circle is

the planned giving fund established in honor of the organization's founder, Dr. Wayne Smith. Planned giving involves integrating a donor's charitable gift into his or her overall financial, tax, and estate planning objectives.

The Friendship Force Annual Fund is

the general fund of Friendship Force International. Donations received go to support our current network through designated programs and initiatives. It also provides a way to give to FFI on an on-going basis - once a year, once a quarter, or once a month.







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This campaign has three goals:



1. Expand Our Core

With your support, by 2021 FFI will expand our sphere of influence from 40,000 to 80,000 participants and extend the reach of Friendship Force from more than 60 countries to 90 countries.

- **Build Friendships Where Peace and Understanding are Most Needed**
- **Online Member and Club Profiles to** . Facilitate Intercultural Communications
- **Marketing and Public Relations** • Materials for Club Support and New **Club Development**



These programs are designed to teach cultural understanding and broaden minds at a young age. By engaging new generations, the mission of peace and friendship will remain strong into the future. We will also, however, continue to support

the leadership development of our current membership, because it is with their help that we will be able to expand and grow our organization.

- **Global Citizen Leadership Development**
- **Youth Cultural Immersion Programs**
- Intergenerational Programming



Reaching and connecting more people in more countries requires providing effective technology to facilitate inperson, face-to-face connections and friendships. These projects use the latest technological trends in global communication to expand the reach and impact of Friendship Force's cultural education initiatives.

- **Create Multilingual Pathways for Individuals** ٠ Worldwide to Engage With our Mission
- Partners in Peace: Build Friendships Around Joint Humanitarian Passions
- Launch an Online Global Travel-for-Change Network

In 2017, donations were used to...



Build a New Website and Secure Database

Catapulting Friendship Force's technology into the 21st century, members began to experience the phased roll-out of our new website and database in 2017. This \$88,880.58 part of the over 2017, we reached millions of people \$100,000 raised and spent over the last two years on the global newswire with your to update FFI's digital systems. This technology possess the highest level of data security, ability to offer a multilingual experience, and has incredible potential as we continue to grow. Thank you, members and friends, for making this promotion. Thank you for helping to much-needed investment happen!



Fund International Public Relations and Marketing

Positioning Friendship Force on the world stage takes time, a solid strategy, and inspirational stories. In stories. We also launched two new promotional videos and recrafted our messaging to better assist clubs with member recruitment and mission make that happen!

Focus on Philanthropy -Materials, Strategy, and Promotion

perience Different View

Transforming our message of peace through friendship into an invitation to foundations, corporations, and partners took time and finesse, but in the end, coinciding with our 40th Anniversary Celebration, Friendship Force launched an effort find. Thanks to many of you who to take the organization to the next level through the 40th Anniversary Campaign! FFI also developed the Wayne Smith Legacy Circle, opening avenues for donors to leave their legacy through planned giving. In 2017, we received the first donation to this new giving element! Thank you for walking with us towards the future and thank you to those who have already decided to take part!

Provide 40th Anniversary Conference Scholarships

For many of our members, money to travel and take part in Friendship Force events can be hard to attended the 40th Anniversary World Conference in Manchester, England, Friendship Force was able to help bring some of these members to this special event.

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FFI's Impact in 2017: A Complete List of 2017 Journeys

JANUARY

10001 Discover Guatemala

- 10002Experiencing the Arts in Greater Sarasota10004Explore Northern India (with Nashik Riverside
Homestay)
- 10006 Seattle-Tacoma to Nakhon Ratchasima
- 10007 Western Tokyo and Mt. Fuji Yamanashi, Japan to Melbourne, Australia
- 10262 Utah, USA to Santa Barbara, USA

FEBRUARY

- 10008 Wisconsin-Madison, USA to Guadeloupe
- 10009 Australia to Winnipeg, Ottawa, Victoria & Vancouver Island, Canada and Dallas, USA
- 10010 Biarritz, France to Alajuela, Costa Rica
- 10014 Humanitarian Exchange to Kitui, Kenya
- 10015 Long Island, USA to Ciudad de las Flores, Costa Rica
- 10016 Stratford-St. Marys, Canada to Mundo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico and West Alajuela, Costa Rica
- 10034 Tere-Rio, Brazil to Thames Coromandel, NZ and Newcastle and Adelaide, Australia
- 10037Wild West with Sacramento, Tucson and Kern County10225New Zealand Adventure Exchange with Wairarapa and
- Napier, NZ 10237 Central Coast, Australia to North Moreton, Australia
- 10237 Central Coast, Australia to North Moreton, Australia 10270 OPEN WORLD - Role of Local Legislatures/Staff from
- Kazakhstan to Greater Atlanta, USA 10271 OPEN WORLD - Legislative Development: Health Care
- from Ukraine to Sacramento, USA
- 10272 OPEN WORLD Legislative Development: Women Staffers from Ukraine to Lincoln, USA

MARCH

- 10012 Cottbus, Germany to Cape Town, South Africa
- 10017 Auckland-North Shore, NZ to Mexico City and Comitan, Mexico
- 10018
 Blue Mountains, Australia to Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, Whangarei and Southland, NZ
- 10019 40th Anniversary Celebration at Sea Cruise 10020 Edmonton and Area. Canada to Nor Peru and
- 10020 Edmonton and Årea, Canada to Nor Peru and Tarapoto. Peru
- 10021 Florida Suncoast, USA to Kapiti Coast and South Taranaki, NZ
- 10022 French Speaking Family Journey to Guadeloupe
- 10023 Hiroshima, Japan to Southwest Florida, USA
- 10024 Melbourne, Australia to Christchuch and Marlborough,

NZ

- 10026 Niagara, Canada to Turrialba, Costa Rica
- 10029 Olympia and Whidbey Island, USA to Tokyo and Oita Japan
- 10030 Quad Cities, USA to Nelson, Napier and Horowhenua, NZ
- 10031 San Diego County, USA to Vietnam
- 10032 Shizuoka, Japan to San José, Costa Rica
- 10033 Southern New Jersey, USA to Cape of Good Hope, South Africa
- 10042 Cairns, Australia to Ehime and Kyoto-Fukuchiyama, Japan
- 10046 Greater Omaha, USA to Adelaide and Perth, Australia and New Plymouth, NZ
- 10053 Québec Region, Canada to Western Tokyo and Osaka, Japan
- 10228 Salisbury and Northern Districts, Australia to Central Coast, Australia
- 10233 Sydney, Australia to Mount Gambier, Australia
- 10241 Memphis, USA to San Francisco, USA
- 10245 Columbia Cascade, USA to Mount Barker and Gold Coast, Australia
- 10246 Discover San Miguel de Allende, Mexico II
- 10249 Perth, Australia to Taupo and Manawatu, NZ
- 10273 OPEN WORLD Role of Women in Countering Violent Extremism from Tajikistan to Minnesota-Twin Cities, USA
- 10274 OPEN WORLD Georgia / Young Professionals: Entrepreneurship in small and one-company towns to Big Canoe-North GA, USA
- 10284 Olympia, USA to Central Arizona, USA
- 10289 Greater Milwaukee, USA to Florida Suncoast, USA
- 10304 New Plymouth, NZ to Wanganui, NZ
- 10338 Mushino Meguro, Japan to Kaohsiung, Taiwan

APRIL

- 10000 Biking in Brussels, Belgium
- 10025 National Capital Area, USA to Greater Izmir and Çankaya, Turkey
- 10038 All World Exchange to Azrou, Morocco
- 10039 Austin, USA to Greater Manchester, UK
- 10040 Baton Rouge, USA to Oklahoma, USA
- 10041 Brandon and Area, Canada to Sochi, Russia and Bursa, Turkey
- 10044 Central Virginia and Greater Des Moines, USA to Mundo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico

- 10045 Greater Harrisburg, USA to Devon, UK
- 10047 Haliburton Highlands, Canada to Nara, Hiroshima (stopover) and Shizuoka, Japan
- 10049 Kempsey, Australia to Niigata, Japan and Seoul, Korea
- 10051 New Hampshire Seacoast, USA to Metropole Ruhr, Germany
- 10052 Newcastle, Australia to Saitama, Japan and Greater Taipei, Taiwan
- 10055 Western Colorado, USA to Brisbane, Mount Barker and Southern Sydney, Australia
- 10069 Huntsville Årea, USA to Bavaria Nurenberg-Erlangen and Varel, Germany
- 10071 Kern County and Honolulu, USA to Bogotá, Colombia
- 10076 Sacramento, USA to Cedar Rapids-Iowa City and Missouri-St. Louis, USA
- 10091 Greater Milwaukee, USA to Florianópolis and Salvador-Bahia (stopover), Brazil
- 10224 Passion for Painters and Paintings with FF Leuven
- 10235 Southern Sydney, Australia to Melbourne, Australia
- 10256 Kansas, USA to Western North Carolina, USA
- 10266 Dallas, USA to Southern New Jersey, USA
- 10275 OPEN WORLD Members of Parliament from Kazakhstan to Birmingham, USA
- 10288 Isle of Wight, UK to Cornwall, UK
- 10295 Northern Illinois, USA to Dayton, USA
- 10305 Christchurch, NZ to Southland, NZ
- 10308 OPEN WORLD Rumsfeld Group Accountable Governance to Central Iowa, USA
- 13351 Louisville, USA to Raleigh, USA

MAY

- 10035 Ancestral and Contemporary Puebloan Cultures with New Mexico
- 10043 Canadian Capital Region, Canada to Hannover, Germany
- 10048 Horowhenua and Wanganui, NZ to Murray Bridge, Australia
- 10050 Nashik Riverside, India to Tottori and Nagasaki, Japan
- 10057 Bristol, UK to Rheinhessen, Germany and Belgian Coast, Belgium
- 10059 Central Coast, Australia to Luebeck, Germany and Helsingborg, Sweden
- 10060 Charlotte, USA to Louisville, USA
- 10062 Christchurch, NZ to Kaohsiung, Taiwan and Koriyama and Mie, Japan
- 10063 Connecticut, USA to Western Colorad and Northern Colorado, USA
- 10065 Denver, USA to Dayton and Western Michigan, USA
- 10066 Fortaleza, Brazil to Greater Hamilton & Burlington, Canada
- 10067 Greater Izmir, Turkey to Solothurn, Switzerland and Berlin, Germany
- 10070 In Depth Kauai, Hawaii
- 10072 Medicine Hat, Canada to Limburg, Belgium
- 10073 Minnesota-Twin Cities, USA to Lethbridge, Canada
- 10075 Ottawa, Canada to Schwerin, Germany
- São Paulo, Brazil to Lincoln and Pikes Peak Region, USA
 Seoul, South Korea to Blue Mountains and Tamworth, Australia
- 10079 South Taranaki, NZ to North Bay, Canada and Houston,

	USA
10080	Sunshine Coast, Australia to Rostov-on-Don, Russia and Hsinchu, Taiwan
10096	Korolev, Russia to Norderstedt, Germany
10098	La Serena, Chile to San José, Costa Rica
10101	Memphis and The Villages, USA to Ottawa, Canada
10102	Metro Vancouver, Canada to Netherlands East,
	Netherlands and Limburg, Belgium (stopover) and Biarritz, France
10103	Oita, Japan to Freiburg, Germany
10127	Moscow, Russia to Nova Lima, Brazil
10180	Niagara, Canada to New Hampshire Seacoast and Tucson-Southern Arizona USA
10223	Murray Bridge to Bundaberg, Australia
10244	Belgian Coast, Belgium to Bordeaux, France
10247	Gold Coast, Australia to Greater Cincinnati,
	Birmingham, and Oklahoma, USA
10255	Central Israel, Israel to Hamburg, Germany
10259	Raleigh, USA to Lake Hartwell, USA
10265	San Diego, USA to Wisconsin-Madison, USA
10267	English Language Learning Journey: Japan to Greater Omaha and Greater Des Moines, USA
10277	OPEN WORLD - Mental Health and Well-being - delegates from Tajikistan to Dayton, USA
10282	Ottawa, Canada to Greater Hamilton and Burlington, Canada
10290	Belo Horizonte, Brazil to Lima and Trujillo, Peru
10307	Niagara, Canada to Stratford-St. Marys, Canada
10315	Bucharest, Romania to Netherlands East, Netherlands
10316	National Capital Area, USA to Richmond, USA
10319	Napier, NZ to Wellington, NZ
10328	North Moreton to Salisbury & Northern Districts, Australia
UNE	
10068	Hamilton & Waikato, NZ to Edmonton and Manitoba, Canada
10074	Nouméa, New Caledonia to Chicago and Wisconsin, USA
10081	Baton Rouge, USA to Brussels, Belgium
10082	Big Canoe, USA to Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley and Sacramento, USA
10084	Celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary in Eastern Canada
10085	Central Iowa, USA to Brandon and Area, Canada
10086	Central North Carolina, USA to São Luís, Brazil
10087	Cultural Discovery of Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine (Odessa)

- 10089 Flathead Valley, USA to Long Island, USA
- 10092 Greater Orlando, USA to Denver, USA
- 10093 Güzelbahce, Turkey to Cottbus, Germany
- 10094 Hannover, Germany to Greater Hamilton & Burlington, Canada
- 10095 Isle of Wight, UK to Tallinn, Estonia
- 10097 La Serena, Chile to Coatepec, Mexico
- 10099 Lake Hartwell, USA to Calgary, Canada
- 10100 Louisville, USA to Greater Des Moines, USA 10104 Pikes Peak Region, USA to Southern Oregon, USA
- 10106
- San Francisco, USA to Sapporo, Japan
- 10107 Southwest Florida, USA to Stratford-St. Marys and

	Haliburton Highlands, Canada
10108	West Alajuela, Costa Rica to Bavaria-Nuernberg-
	Erlangen, Germany and Brasov, Romania
10109	Albany, Australia to Greater Manchester, UK and
	Vogtland, Germany
10116	Manawatu, NZ to Bundaberg and Cairns, Australia
10252	Székesfehérvár, Hungary to Leuven, Belgium
10260	Leuven, Belgium to Varel, Germany
10269	Baku, Azerbaijan to Greater Detroit, USA
10278	OPEN WORLD - Environmental Protection from Ukraine
	to Central Montana, USA
10281	Guadeloupe to Ottawa Family Journey
10287	Bordeaux, France to Cornwall, UK
10291	Taipei, Taiwan to Kansas and Olympia, USA
10293	Cornwall, UK to Budapest, Hungary
10296	Dayton, USA to Greater Milwaukee and Quad Cities,
	USA
10301	Saskatoon, Canada to Winnipeg, Canada
10323	Birmingham, USA to Dallas, USA
10329	Australian Rotarians to Greater Atlanta, USA
10331	Shelby, USA to Columbia Cascade, USA
10335	Penticton-Okanagan, Canada to Medicine Hat and
	Edmonton & Area, Canada
10336	Bundaberg, Australia to Kempsey, Australia

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JULY

- 10027 Noord and Netherlands East, Netherlands to Isle of Wight, UK 10061 Chicago, USA to Bergen, Norway
- Çankaya, Turkey to Kiel, Germany 10083
- 10112 Kaohsiung, Taiwan to Halle-Saale (with Taichung, Taiwan) and Norderstedt, Germany
- 10113 Lethbridge, Canada to Connecticut, USA
- 10118 Sibiu, Romania to Sherbrooke, Canada
- 10119 Solothurn, Switzerland to Mongolia 10120
 - Tamworth, Australia to Limburg, Belgium and Derbyshire, UK
- 10121 Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico to Santa Barbara and Sacramento, USA
- 10128 Niigata, Japan to Moscow, Rusia
- 10234 Kempsey, Australia to Sunshine Coast, Australia
- 10250 Summer in the City of Arts & Innovation!
- 10302 Winnipeg, Canada to Saskatoon, Canada
- 10306 Stratford-St. Marys, Canada to Niagara, Canada
- **1031**0 OPEN WORLD - Members of Parliament from Peru to Austin, USA
- 10313 Fort Worth, USA to Greater Harrisburg, USA
- 10581 New Plymouth, NZ to Manawatu, NZ
- 10585 Auckland-North Shore, NZ to Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, NZ

AUGUST

- 10088 Dallas, USA to Saskatoon, Canada
- 10090 Greater Atlanta, USA to Iringa, Tanzania
- 10110 Brasilia, Brazil to Azrou, Morocco
- 10114 Lima, Peru to Moscow and Novgorod (stopover), Russia
- 10117 Marlborough, NZ to Seattle-Tacoma, USA and Lethbridge, Canada
- 10123 Freiburg, Germany to Ulan-Ude, Russia and Mongolia
- 10124 Guadeloupe to Canadian Capital Region and Ottawa,

Canada

10125

- Helsingborg, Sweden to Krems, Austria
- 10126 Kumamoto, Japan to Edmonton, Canada
- 10131 Sydney, Australia to Riga, Latvia and Leuven, Belgium and County Durham, UK
- 10132 Total Solar Eclipse Journey with Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley and Columbia Cascade, USA
- 10160 Sarasota, USA to Cornwall, UK
- 10229 Mount Barker, Australia to Newcastle, Australia
- 10236 Adelaide, Australia to Albany and Perth, Australia
- 10238 40th Anniversary World Conference in Manchester, England
- 10257 Hiroshima and Musashino Meguro, Japan to Los Angeles, USA
- 10261 Austin, USA to San Diego, USA
- 10264 Limburg, Belgium to Solothurn, Switzerland
- 10286 Székesfehérvár, Hungary to Berlin, Germany
- 10299 Nova Lima, Brazil to Recife, Brazil
- 10314 Central North Carolina, USA to Northeast Ohio, USA
- 10321 English Language Learning: Japan to Wairarapa and Hamilton & Waikato
- Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, NZ to Kapiti Coast, NZ 10582

SEPTEMBER

SETTEMBER			
10058	Cape Town, South Africa to Xalapa and Mexico City,		
	Mexico (stopover) and Baton Rouge, USA		
10064	Dayton, USA to Chisinau, Moldova and Sibiu, Romania		
10105	Riga, Latvia to Niagara, Canada		
10111	Fulwale Japan to Madising Llat Canada		

- 10111 Fukuoka, Japan to Medicine Hat, Canada
- 10122 Ehime, Japan to Salisbury and Northern Districts, Australia
- 10129 Saitama, Japan to Luebeck and Varel, Germany
- 10130 Sapporo, Japan to Schwerin, Germany
- 10134 Aichi, Japan to Victoria and Vancouver Island
- 10135 Belem, Brazil to Székesfehérvár, Hungary
- 10137 Bundaberg, Australia to Cape of Good Hope, South Africa and Hannover, Germany
- 10139 Greater Hamilton and Burlington, Canada to Blue Mountains and Brisbane, Australia and Wellington, NZ
- 10140 Greater Lansing, USA to Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty and Wanganui, NZ
- 10141 Kapiti Coast, NZ to Adelaide, and Casterton, Australia
- 10145 Manitoba, Canada to Central Montana and Cheyenne, USA
- 10146 Mie, Japan to Penticton-Okanagan, Canada
- 10147 Murray Bridge, Australia to Leicestershire, UK and Pau, France
- 10149 Nelson, NZ to Haliburton Highlands and Niagara, Canada
- 10152 North Moreton, Australia to Southern Connecticut, New Jersey USA, and Stratford-St. Marys, Canada
- 10153 Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, USA to Hsinchu, Taiwan (Stopover) and Malang and Denpasar, Indonesia
- 10155 Piracicaba, Brazil to Vienna, Austria and Toulouse, France
- 10156 San Antonio, USA to Quebec Region (with Raleigh, USA) and Connecticut, USA
- 10157 Ribeirao Preto and Sao Paulo-ABC, Brazil to Korolev and Saratov, Russia

- San José, Costa Rica to Winnipeg and Calgary, Canada 10159 10161 Schwerin, Germany to Bristol, UK 10164 Explore the Arts, Culture and Food in the Midwest 10175 Kiel, Germany to Cleveland County, UK 10183 Pikes Peak Region, USA to Montreal, Canada 10190 Southern Oregon to Kempsey and North Moreton 10226 All world to Azrou, Morocco 10227 Isle of Wight, UK to Missoula-Western Montana and Flathead Valley, USA 10230 Sunshine Coast to Southern Sydney, Australia 10232 Newcastle, Australia to Gold Coast, Australia 10251 Montreal, Canada to OLLI at FSU (Tallahassee) and Lake Hartwell, USA 10253 Hamburg, Germany to National Capital Area, and Western Michigan USA 10258 **Discover Peru** 10268 São Paulo, Brazil to Santo Angelo, Brazil 10279 **OPEN WORLD - Countering False Information/Media** Literacy from Ukraine to Wisconsin-Madison, USA 10280 **OPEN WORLD - Successful Blogging** from Russia to Charlotte, USA 10297 Lower Columbia, USA to Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, USA 10300 Solothurn, Switzerland to Berlin, Germany 10318 A Walk with Swiss Friends (Solothurn) 10322 New Mexico, USA to Western North Carolina, USA 10326 OPEN WORLD - Educator Partners from Moldova to Raleigh, USA 10334 OPEN WORLD - Kyrgyz tourism group to New Hampshire Seacoast, USA 10527 **OPEN WORLD - Multilingualism and Access to Public** Information from Kosovo to Cedar Rapids, USA 10528 **OPEN WORLD - Best Media Practices OR Government** Spokespeople from Kazakhstan to Kansas, USA OPEN WORLD - Building E-Government Capacity from 10529 Serbia to Utah, USA 10580 Whangarei, New Zealand to Taupo, Napier and Gisborne, New Zealand 10586 Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, USA to Quad Cities, USA OCTOBER 10003 Explore Myanmar
- 10013 Denver, USA to Nairobi, Kenya and Kampala, Uganda 10028 Northern Illinois, USA to Kampala, Uganda and
- Mispah, South Africa
- 10036 Toulouse, France to Blumenau and Piracicaba, Brazil
- 10136 Brasov, Romania to Cape Town, South Africa
- 10142 Kyoto-Fukuchiyama, Japan to Noumea, New Caledonia
- 10143 Leuven, Belgium to San Diego County and Honolulu, USA
- 10148 Nara, Japan to Pécs, Hungary
- Nor Peru, Peru to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey and 10150 Cairo, Egypt
- 10151 Norderstedt, Germany to Santiago, Chile and Tarapoto, Peru
- 10154 Ottawa, Canada to Georgetown and Northen Colorado, USA
- 10158 San Francisco, USA to Oklahoma and Denver, USA
- 10162 Shelby, USA to Southland, NZ and Hobart, Australia
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- 10167 All Indonesia to Sunshine Coast, Australia
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- Ukraine to Greater Milwaukee, USA
- 10584 OPEN WORLD - Agricultural Program from the Kyrgyz Republic to Eastern Washington-Northern Idaho, USA

- Southern New Jersey, USA to The Villages, USA 10587
- 10588 Thanksgiving Celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary in British Columbia

NOVEMBER

- 10011 Birmingham, USA to Turrialba, Costa Rica
- Limburg, Belgium to Albany and Perth, Australia 10144
- 10165 Vogtland, Germany to Bangkok, Thailand
- 10170 Curitiba, Brazil to Gold Coast, Australia
- 10199 Adelaide, Australia to Xalapa and Mexico City, Mexico and Florida Suncoast, USA
- 10200 Bogotá, Colombia to Memphis and Baton Rouge, USA
- 10201 Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, USA to Taipei and Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- 10202 Charlotte, USA to West Alajuela, Costa Rica
- 10203 Greater Manchester, UK to Whangarei and Thames Coromandel, NZ
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- 10206 Hsinchu, Taiwan to Sydney and North Moreton, Australia
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- 10219 Victoria and Vancouver Island, Canada to Perth,
- Murray Bridge, and Mount Gambier, Australia 10221 Western Tokyo, Japan to Greater Orlando, USA
- 10332 Central Iowa, USA to Fort Worth, USA
- 10333 Mundo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez to Central Coast and Sunshine Coast and Wairarapa

DECEMBER

None

FFI Staff and Field Representatives

Current FFI Staff - Your Global Support Team!



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Field Representatives

Field Representatives are experienced Friendship Force leaders that use their personal strengths to support the clubs and members in their region.

What do Field Reps do?

Field Reps train club leaders and Journey Coordinators, communicate between FFI staff and members, participate in regular conference calls with other Field Reps and FFI Staff, assist with translations, help resolve club issues and concerns, aid new club development, and organize regional conferences and leadership meetings. Field Reps also occasionally assist with domestic Journey planning, regional website maintenance, and financial services.

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