SISTER CITIES PROJECT FOR THE HAZLETON AREA

As part of an effort to contribute ideas or visions that contribute to development, Eddy Ulerio, president and Fermín Díaz, vice president of SHPHA, will present the CITIZENS SISTERS initiative to community organizations. This initiative founded in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, SCI is the national, nonprofit, volunteer membership organization representing the sister city programs of more than 1,100 U.S. cities and their 2,000 partners in more than 120 countries worldwide.

As a leading organization for citizen diplomacy in the United States, SCI leads the national movement for the development of local communities and voluntary action around the world. SCI motivates and trains municipal officials, volunteers and youth to carry out long-term programs of mutual benefit and interest with their counterparts in sister cities abroad."

Its objectives are:

– Develop municipal partnerships between U.S. towns, cities, counties, states and similar jurisdictions in other nations

Create opportunities for the citizens of sister cities to experience and explore other cultures through long-term community partnerships

– Create an atmosphere in which economic development and trade can be developed, implemented and strengthened

– Stimulate environments through which U.S. and foreign communities can creatively learn, work and solve problems together

– Collaborate with organizations in the United States and other countries sharing similar goals

Society of Hispanic professionals has seen how interactions occur frequently in US territory, between officials of foreign governments and immigrants from their countries of origin. We understand that working in a structured manner within this project could help us to develop long and medium-term development strategies. As a Society, we have shared this information with the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress to join forces to make this project a reality in this region.

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