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NOV 2011 | Welcome to People to People International's monthly e-newsletter. Explore each section to learn about inspiring initiatives by our global membership and ways you can advance understanding and friendship in your community and abroad.

GKCPTP Receives World Citizen of the Year Award



Kansas City, Missouri USA **Mayor Sylvester James** presented **PTPI's Greater Kansas City Chapter (GKCPTP)** with the *World Citizen of the Year* award at the Mayor's U.N. Day Dinner. **Jay Sjerven**, president of the local United Nations Association (UNA) chapter, said " Greater Kansas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BE A PART OF THE JOURNEY: CUBA

PTPI's Educational and Humanitarian Initiatives to Cuba are underway. For itinerary and registration details, contact specialprograms@ptpi.org or call +1.816.531.4701.

EXPERIENCE: THAILAND | JULY 13-27, 2012

Spend eight days in service to Thailand's marginalized Hmong children. High school students who will be 16-18 years old during the travel dates are welcome to apply until December 8. [Learn more about EXPERIENCE: Thailand.](#)

YG IMPACT: PERU | JUNE 7-19, 2012

If you are between the ages of 19 and 25, PTPI invites you to take part in a life-changing journey. IMPACT your life and others in Peru. [Learn more about IMPACT: Peru.](#)

GLOBAL BOOK CLUB

[Register today](#) to join the 350+ people who are discussing *Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall! The [PTPI Blog](#) features discussion questions and commentary from PTPI staff and fellow readers. Stay tuned for the announcement of our next book on January 1.

CHANGING THE WORLD

The PTPI family made it possible to send an outpouring of financial support to residents of Japan working to rebuild after the tsunami. We sent more than 25,000 school supply kits to children in Afghanistan, Haiti, Iraq, and Panama. We assisted orphanages

City People to People is a voluntary organization whose members have opened their hearts and homes to international students and to international military officers. Many of these officers have served as United Nations Peacekeepers or will do so, and it is appropriate even as we honor their service that we express our heartfelt appreciation to those volunteers among us who make these guests feel welcome in our community. Bravo People to People volunteers for an award well deserved!"

GKCPTP Chapter President **Karen Haber** gratefully accepted the award on behalf of the dynamic members who ensure the chapter's enduring success. Heartfelt thanks and congratulations go to the remarkable members of GKCPTP for your tireless efforts to foster international understanding and friendship at home and abroad.

and schools in the countries we visited on our travel programs. We gave outstanding young people opportunities to increase their knowledge and understanding of the world. We can't wait to do more! [Donate online and help us change the world.](#)

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 FORWARD TO A FRIEND

Calendar of Events

View upcoming events and chapter activities in the [Calendar on the PTPI website.](#)

Global Perspective

Click below to learn more about recent chapter initiatives and events by region.

Americas

PTPI's Sheboygan, Wisconsin Chapter members are in the holiday spirit - with an international flair. [READ MORE »](#)

Europe

We extend a warm welcome to PTPI's first chapters in Kosovo and Spain. [READ MORE »](#)

Global Landmine Initiative

On Your Mark, Get Set, GIVE

As part of Team HALO, PTPI staff members Karen Hoch and Sarah Houston ran 26.2 Miles for Landmines at the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. Their dedication and spirit of volunteerism raised awareness and much-needed funds for landmine eradication efforts. Together, Karen and Sarah raised \$2,650 USD.

Since 2004, PTPI has been a leading supporter of humanitarian mine clearance. Generous supporters of the Global Landmine Initiative have contributed \$368,605 USD to The HALO Trust. Our work must continue until the world's most vulnerable citizens can live in a mine-free environment. Please help restore what landmines destroy.

[Give your gift to PTPI's Global Landmine Initiative today.](#)



Operation International Children (OIC)

Inspiring Action

PTPI's Global Youth Forum (GYF) participants showed their generosity by sharing their time and talents at the OIC Warehouse. In six hours, 120 volunteers built 4,740 school kits! Because of this incredible group, and others like them, 1,600 additional school supply kits were shipped to Afghanistan. This brings the total to 338,677 school kits shipped abroad to children in need since 2004.

The giving doesn't stop there! Thanks to Smiles Change Lives, seven boxes of Halloween candy were donated to OIC. Children trade their sweet treats for healthy snacks at their participating orthodontists' offices which, in turn, donate the candy to OIC. This donation through Smiles Change Lives has become a yearly event and continues to be popular among the soldiers and children alike.

[Learn more about helping children in need.](#)



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