

Sister City Relationship Annual Report*

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APPLICATION ORGANIZATION

Name The Federation of Croatian Societies, Inc. (2023 Annual Report)

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Please attach the following information

Updated information about the sister city:

- Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the sister city in the areas of culture and business
- Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the existing relationship
- Updated information regarding the local organizational structure in the sister city that supports the relationship including number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information

Updated information about the applicant organization:

- Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
 - Number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information
 - Progress of the goals of the organization regarding the sister city relationship
 - Progress of activities of the organization in relation to the sister city
 - Progress of the methods the organization uses to meet the goals of the sister city relationship
 - Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship
- Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange program



***Note: An annual report must be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee within 30 days following the anniversary of the date on which the mayor signed the resolution establishing the relationship.**

Updated information about the sister city ZADAR-MILWAUKEE relationship: 2023

On behalf of the Federation of Croatian Societies of Milwaukee, a **2022** summary of involvement for the city of Milwaukee and sister city Zadar, Croatia is provided:

1. Croatia was represented “in person” at the Holiday Folk Fair International exhibit in Milwaukee, WI during the weekend of November 18-20, 2022 in cooperation with the City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee (www.milwaukee.gov/sistercities)



www.folkfair.org 2022 Zadar-Milwaukee

2. Environmental Health continues to be a focus in Milwaukee County, especially in the city of Franklin, where the 30-acre Croatian Park is located and multi-state CRO Fest held annually in July. The Executive Committee of the Federation of Croatian Societies was invited by the Dir. of Health & Human Services, Lauren Gottlieb, MPH, CHES, to participate in the Mayoral COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT.



CRO Fest set for July 15, 2023



Healthy water is one of the SOCIAL DETERMINANTS of health

Zadar – Milwaukee Relationship Milestones:

- 2023 TBD Meeting at the INDIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL to formulate a STEAM program between two Elementary schools (STEAM: Science Technology Engineering Arts Math)
- 1/24/2023 Franklin Health Partnership Meeting | | 2021-2022 COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT | | SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
- 6/21/22 Franklin Community Health Improvement Planning Session
- 11/18-11/20/2022 Holiday Folk Fair INTERNATIONAL Exhibit
- 3/21/2021 – Water Health Implementation MOU
- 2/21/2021 -- Annual Federation meeting Update 9100 S 76th St. (nevenka@wi.rr.com, 414-899-6233)
- 12/2/2020 -- Renewal by the CEDC (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)
- 11/22/2019 -- International Folk Fair Booth; Consulate General Chicago
- Summer-2018 -- MCT Travels to Zadar, Croatia
- 5/11/2015 -- Zadar, Croatia – Milwaukee, WI, USA established

3. In the interest of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) and as Milwaukee’s ambassador school for Sister Cities project, a meeting is set for March 2023 to discuss the original plan of COHORT Water Health program between two Elementary schools.



Indian Community School, Franklin, Wisconsin

Mission Statement

“The Indian Community School cultivates an enduring cultural identity and critical thinking by weaving indigenous teachings with a distinguished learning environment.” <https://ics-edu.org>

Information about the applicant organization: Federation of Croatian Societies

The applicant organization, the Federation of Croatian Societies of Milwaukee County, is section 501 (c) 3 and organized for “the purpose of preserving and propagating the *cultural heritage and language of Croatia in Wisconsin.*” It is an umbrella organization, incorporated in 1934, formed to ”assemble all Croatian cultural, educational, charitable and athletic societies.” It has always been staffed by volunteers and is home to the oldest soccer club in North America, the Croatian Eagles Soccer Club (100th anniversary in 2022) as well as the oldest American Croatian Radio Club. Currently, Federation membership exceeds 60, encompassing a wide range of professions - medical, scientific, legal, educational, business, industrial, government, engineering, masonry, digital media and more.
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Respectfully submitted,

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