



## **Brief History of the West Jordan Sister City Partnership with Votkinsk, Russia**

The West Jordan Sister Cities program is a part of the vast global diplomacy network of Sister Cities. The program was originally started by President Eisenhower; who, at the end of World War II, stated: “citizens could do more for peace than politicians.” Cities in the U.S. were encouraged to reach out to former enemies to help the wounds of war and to build partnerships one individual at a time. The first Sister City partnerships were created with Germany and Japan. The sister city program has blossomed and grown immensely since those early beginnings but still focuses on creating opportunities for citizen diplomacy, creating lasting relationships and fostering peace.

On February 2, 1993, the West Jordan City Council adopted an ordinance establishing the Sister City Coordinating Committee with the desire that our local government leaders and citizens could be involved in meaningful international exchanges and highlight the strengths of our city internationally. The Sister City program in West Jordan creates opportunities for citizens to create and strengthen international connections through educational, economic, professional, social, cultural and humanitarian exchanges. The Sister City partnership with Votkinsk, Russia was approved by the city council in April 1995.

The city of Votkinsk, Russia was selected to be our sister city because we have something unique in the world associated with Votkinsk. On December 8, 1988, during the height of the Cold War, the INF treaty was signed by Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev. This treaty had a profound impact on the world by eliminating an entire classification of missiles (all ground launched mid-range missiles with ranges between 500 and 5,500 kilometers). As part of the treaty, the Soviet Union and the U.S. were each allowed to select one city in the other country for full-time, round-the-clock monitoring for treaty compliance. National teams of military “Inspectors” would monitor and report on the elimination of these missile systems and other significant provisions of the treaty. The Soviet Union selected to monitor the Hercules missile plant located on the west side of the Salt Lake valley in Magna and the U.S. selected the missile plant in Votkinsk. The U.S. military created the On Site Inspection Agency (OSIA), and they built a secure housing complex for the Russians to live in that was located in West Jordan (on Old Bingham Highway, around 8200 S). The housing facility was secured and monitored round-the-clock by OSIA and DTRA (Defense Threat Reduction Agency) personnel. It was laced with the best surveillance technology the U.S. military had at the time. Coax cable ran underground throughout the complex. There was an old “boat” in the nearby field to view the property from one side and a small “shed” located outside the property on another side. There was even a new “barn” built to overlook the center of the housing complex. Our sister city delegations were able to visit the American housing complex built by the Russian military in Votkinsk. It was

similarly outfitted with the Russian's best surveillance technology. The full-time monitoring phase of the treaty ran from June 1, 1988 – May 31, 2001.

After the sister city program was established, the West Jordan Sister City Committee began reaching out to the Russian Inspectors through liaisons at OSIA and DTRA. The regulations of the INF treaty made it so the Inspectors could only leave the housing complex by request at least 24 hours in advance. If the request was approved, they were always under U.S. military escort and could not wander freely from the place or the stated activity. The goal of the sister city committee was to initiate positive interactions with the Russian Inspectors and to share with them what normal life is like in the U.S. We also asked the Russian military to assist us with making connections with city leaders in Votkinsk. On the flip side, the committee was able to experience Russian culture on a personal level. The committee members participated in numerous activities each year with the Russian Inspectors. The activities included dinners in the homes of committee members, hikes in the canyons, attending parades, visits to local attractions, celebrations of holidays at the Russian housing complex etc. All activities had to be pre-approved by OSIA/DTRA and the Russian Inspectors were transported and accompanied by U.S. military officials. Building relationships was important because over time, the Russian military was extremely helpful, with logistics as sister city delegations traveled back and forth through Moscow. West Jordan delegations have been invited to meet with the Inspectors inside the Ministry of Defense in Moscow and were housed at the Ministry of Defense Hotel. The Inspectors also drove us to and from the airports to board planes for the final 600 mile journey to Votkinsk.

## **Sister City Mission Statement for partnership with Votkinsk, Russia**

Our mission is to establish a Sister City relationship between the citizens of West Jordan, Utah and the peoples of Votkinsk and the Udmurt Republic for the purpose of:

- a. Developing common interests to promote and perpetuate peace.
- b. Fostering understanding between our citizens, through the free exchange of information.
- c. Establishing educational, economic and cultural opportunities.

The Sister City work has involved a variety of organizations including hospitals, public safety departments, public health departments, schools, orphanages, dental facilities, the press, factories and cultural organizations. Support has been given by many organizations in Utah including the City of West Jordan, West Jordan Rotary Clubs, West Jordan Chamber of Commerce, Jordan Valley Hospital, Sister Cities International, U.S. Dept. of State (Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs), USAID (United States Agency for International Development), CID (Communities for International Development), GOED (Governor's Office for Economic Development) International Office, Utah Travel Council, DTRA (Defense Threat Reduction Agency - USA), NRRC (National Nuclear Risk Reduction Agency-Russia), LDS Charities, Humanitarian Center of North America, International Charity Foundation-Moscow.

The Utah/Russia partnerships grew. There are currently three relationships with Utah cities and cities in the Udmurt Republic in Russia.

- Tooele approved a partnership with Kambarka (population 25,000) in May 2002 Both cities had large stockpiles of chemical weapons. Kambarka is located 75 miles south of Votkinsk (less than a 2 hour drive).
- Salt Lake City approved a partnership with Izhevsk (population 600,000) the capitol of the Udmurt Republic in December 2004. Izhevsk is a large industrial, manufacturing and educational center. It is located 36 miles southeast of Votkinsk (a 45-minute drive).

Although all of the relationships are unique, they also have many similarities. We found there is greater project strength when we include all three partnerships in joint projects. In September, 2004, the three sister cities of West Jordan, Salt Lake City and Tooele were included in a million dollar grant project with CID (Communities for International Development) in conjunction with USAID/Moscow. The overall goal of the project was to improve healthcare (Emergency Medicine and Women's Health) for citizens in areas of strategic importance to the United States.

## **Major Accomplishments**

### **Public Safety**

- Police & Fire Officials Public Safety Exchange (2000-2001)
- This project received "Innovation Award" from Sister Cities International in 2001, acknowledging the benefits of the program to both cities.

### **Health Care**

- Partnering with Jordan Valley Hospital, Doctors and nurses from Jordan Valley Hospital traveled to the Udmurt Republic to participate in Healthcare exchanges focused on Women's Health and Emergency Medicine.
- Salt Lake City/Izhevsk is currently involved with a nursing program exchange.

### **Humanitarian Aid (Addressed Help)**

- Monetary donations made to two Children's Homes in Votkinsk.
- Three humanitarian aid shipments donated from West Jordan and delivered to Children's Homes (orphanages) in Votkinsk.
- Transportation provided by Delta Airlines, LDS Humanitarian Services, U.S. military "DTRA" and the Russian military NRRC (National Risk Reduction Center).

### **Education**

- 4 Rotary Exchange Students from Votkinsk lived in homes of West Jordan families and attended high school in Utah for one year.
- 5 Short Term Summer Exchange Students from Udmurtia visited West Jordan in July 2001.
- Pen Pal & Outreach Programs at Westland and Westvale Elementary Schools with School # 10 in Votkinsk.

## **Arts**

- Votkinsk presented West Jordan with a piano suite written specifically as a millennium gift to West Jordan City. The suite was performed as one of the millennium events at City Hall on Dec 31, 1999.
- 4 Student Fine Art Shows Exchanged (2 in West Jordan, 2 in Votkinsk)
- 2002 Photography Contest - The West Jordan Arts Council hosted a special photography competition for Votkinsk photographers
- The West Jordan Arts Council sponsored an art competition for West Jordan and Votkinsk youth to participate in the 2003 Sister Cities International “Young Artists” Competition
- Young Artists in Utah sent entries for the exhibition-contest “P.I. Tchaikovsky through the Eyes of a Child” in commemoration of the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tchaikovsky’s birth.

## **Culture**

- West Jordan citizens hosted international delegations at their homes and throughout the state of Utah. (Home-stays, family meals, hiking, horseback riding, symphony, historic tours 4<sup>th</sup> of July events etc.)

## **Military**

- Russian military INF “Inspectors” (including generals and colonels) were hosted for meals and socializing in West Jordan homes. They were also hosted at events and activities such as hiking in the canyons, attending parades, visiting a waterpark etc.
- Official Commemorative Events held in West Jordan in May 2001, at the end of the full-time monitoring phase of INF Treaty.
- West Jordan citizens attended cultural events at the INF military housing complex in West Jordan. For example: Halloween, New Years, Pioneer Day, Russian Holidays & Military Commemorations.
- West Jordan delegations were hosted by the INF military inspectors at the Ministry of Defense in Moscow.

## **Disability Awareness**

- In 2002 and 2003, groups of professionals in both Utah and Udmurtia worked on submitting a grant proposal to work on a Disability Awareness project. West Jordan hosted a disability delegation from the Udmurt Republic

## **Early Intervention**

- Delegation exchanges between Utah State University and Udmurt State University

## **Parks & Recreation**

- Establishment and Construction of “International Peace Center in” West Jordan City Main Park in May 1999
- Received and erected a monument from OSIA (U.S. On-Site Inspection Agency), later known as DTRA (Defense Threat Reduction Agency)

## **Sports**

- Russian Speed Skating Teams hosted to meals and cultural events in West Jordan (this is ongoing to the present time)

## **Rotary Club Connection**

- The West Jordan Rotary Club assisted in the establishment and chartering of two new Rotary Clubs in Izhevsk in 2003. They also participated in a project with one of the orphanages in Votkinsk.
- The Tooele Valley Rotary Club assisted in the establishment and chartering of the Rotary Club in Kambarka and participated in an educational program.
- The West Jordan Rotary Club sponsored the four full-time student exchanges.

## **Two Additional Utah-Russia Sister City Partnerships Created**

- Tooele, Utah & Kambarka, Udmurt Republic (established in May 2002)
- Salt Lake City, Utah & Izhevsk, Udmurt Republic (established in 2004)

# **Utah/Udmurtia Sister City Exchange Visits**

This list includes all three partnerships West Jordan/Votkinsk, Tooele/Kambarka and Salt Lake City/Izhevsk. It also includes several additional Open World exchange visits hosted in the Utah Sister Cities. (Dates and the focus for each exchange are printed in **bold** type; the source of funding is in *italics*.)

## **1) September 1997 Delegation Visit from West Jordan to Votkinsk**

### **Introduction and Fact Finding**

*Funded by the Individuals Traveling*

Stuart Richardson - Sister City Committee

Sharon Richardson - Sister City Committee

Cora Jckowski - Sister City Committee & School Administrator

Deanna Bartling - Sister City Committee

Julie Trease - Sister City Committee

## **2) April-May 1998 Delegation Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**

### **Economic Development**

*Funded by the U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (MCPSP I - Municipal Community Problem Solving Program), Administered by Sister Cities International*

Valery Friedrich - Mayor Votkinsk

Alexander Orlov - Plant Manager

Gennady Olyushin - Plant Manager

Ludmila Ledvanova - Attorney and Advocate, wife of Valery Ledvanov, Director of Votkinsky Zavod (the missile plant)

Nina Cherepanova - Principal of School #10

3) **September 1998 Delegation visit from West Jordan to Votkinsk**

**Economic Development**

*Funded by the U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (MCPSP I).*

*Administered by Sister Cities International*

Donna Evans - Mayor West Jordan

Matt Fernandez - Chair, West Jordan Sister City Committee

Jennifer Andelin - Vice Chair, West Jordan Sister City Committee

Stuart Richardson - West Jordan Sister City Committee

Janey Argyle - West Jordan Sister City Committee, School Teacher

Doug Haaga - West Jordan Businessman (*self-funded*)

4) **March 2000 Delegation Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**

**Public Safety**

*Funded by the U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (MCPSP II),*

*Administered by Sister Cities International*

Eugene Sidorov - Police Chief of Votkinsk

Nickolai Pesterev - Fire Chief of Votkinsk

Svetlana Korchaganova - Policewoman

Faina Lotkova - Policewoman

Oleg Khvilev - Fireman

Alexander Zvezdin - Fireman

5) **September 2000 Delegation Visit from West Jordan to Votkinsk**

**Public Safety**

*Funded by the U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (MCPSP II), Administered by Sister Cities International*

Jennifer Andelin - Chair West Jordan Sister City & Grant Coordinator

Julie Stringer - Lieutenant & Policewoman

Brad Sundquist - Sergeant & Policeman

Kyle Larsen - Policeman

Reed Scharman - Fireman

Ron Larsen - Fireman

6) **March 2001 Delegation Visit from West Jordan to Votkinsk**

**Public Safety**

*Six Individuals were funded by the U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (MCPSP II) Administered by Sister Cities International*

*Two Officers were funded by West Jordan City*

Jennifer Andelin - Chair West Jordan Sister City Committee & Grant Coordinator

Ken McGuire - West Jordan Police Chief

Julie Stringer - West Jordan Police Dept., Lieutenant

Dan Gallagher - West Jordan Police Dept.

Reed Motzkus - West Jordan Police Dept.

Mike Russell - West Jordan Fire Dept.

David Rollins - West Jordan Fire Dept.

Rodger Bromme - West Jordan Fire Dept.

7) **April-May 2001 Delegation Visit from West Jordan to Votkinsk**

**Tchaikovsky Festival**

*Funded by the individuals Traveling*

Chris Christenson, West Jordan Businessman

Ron Kunz - West Jordan City Judge

Marlon Kunz - Retired Businessman, Insurance Industry (Father of Ron Kunz)

Nadine Kunz - Honored Educator (Mother of Ron Kunz)

Roland Oman - Businessman, Dealer of Heavy Construction Equipment

Yvonne Oman - Wife of Roland Oman

8) **May 2002 Delegation Visit from West Jordan & Tooele to Votkinsk & Kambarka Rotary (Encouraging Establishment of Rotary Clubs in Votkinsk & Izhevsk and the Art Project with the Older Children's Home in Votkinsk) Fact Finding in the areas of Medical & Dental Work , Coordinating First Official Trip of Tooele's Mayor to Kambarka in Order to Formally Establish a Sister City Relationship Between Tooele and Kambarka, Photography Contest**

*Funded by the individuals Traveling, except Mayor Charlie Roberts who received funding from Tooele City to officially represent Tooele in signing official Sister City documents*

Sharon Richardson – Chair, West Jordan Sister City Committee

Jennifer Andelin - Vice Chair, West Jordan Sister City Committee

Chris Christenson - Sister City Committee

Siegfried Meyer - Sister City Supporter

Charlie Roberts - Mayor, Tooele City

Janna Roberts - Wife of Charlie Roberts

10) **July 2002 Open World Delegation from Russia to West Jordan Federalism**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

This group was hosted by International Hosting, and was not a Sister City delegation; however, the Sister City Committee participated in activities with the delegation.

Arsanali Salgereyevich Murtazaliyev - Deputy Mayor, Khasavyurt City Administration (Dagestan)

Irina Leonidovna Kosheleva - Director, Regional Public Foundation “Center of Public Initiatives Support” (Kaliningrad)

Valentina Vladimirovna Kudryashova - Director of the Regional Center of Protection of Psychosomatic Health of Children (Khabarovsk)

Igor Ivanovich Baradachev - Manager of the Program “Cooperation with Government Bodies”, Siberian Center (Novosibirsk)

Peter Alekseyevich Grishin - Facilitator, Financial Analyst, Rosbank (Moscow)

11) **September 2002 Open World Delegation from Russia to Tooele Environment**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

This group was hosted by International Hosting, and Tooele City. The West Jordan Sister City Committee participated in activities with the delegation.

Yevgeniy Arefyev - Executive Director at Samara Environmental Foundation

Irina Nikolaevna Golikova - Teacher of biology at the Lyceum of Kambarka

Olga Nikolaevna Tarasova - Chief Expert, Department for Foreign Economic Activities, Ministry of International Relations, Udmurt Republic

Araltan Mandzhiyev - Facilitator for the group and a student at Volgograd Academy of State Service, from Kalmykia.

12) **April 2003 Delegation Visit from West Jordan & Tooele to Izhevsk, Votkinsk & Kambarka Grant Writing (Including needs assessments in the areas of Disability Awareness and Dental Hygiene)**

*Funded by the individuals Traveling*

Jennifer Andelin - Chair, West Jordan Sister City Committee

Mike Wells - Dentist (Tooele)

Annie Palmer - Dental Hygienist (Tooele)

Mark Palmer - Psychologist (Tooele)

13) **June-July 2003 Open World Delegation from Izhevsk to Salt Lake City Federalism**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

This group was hosted by International Hosting. The West Jordan Sister City Committee participated in activities with the delegation.

Natalia Vasilyevna Konyasheva - Director General, Republican (State) Center for Assistance to Foreign Economic Activities at the Ministry of International Relations of the Udmurt Republic

Edward Fedorovich Merzliakov - Chair, Committee on Entrepreneurship, Izhevsk City Administration, Republic of Udmurtia

Svetlana Vladimirovna Milishounas - Editor in Chief, News Program, "Izhevsk TV Studio". (The state run TV station), Izhevsk, Republic of Udmurtia

Elena Alvianovna Afanasyeva - Chief Deputy, Department for International and Interregional Relations Izhevsk City, Republic of Udmurtia

Ivan Vasilyevich Marinin - Chief, Department for Economics and Development of Izhevsk City, Republic of Udmurtia

Pavel Yuryevich Vechtomov - Deputy Chair, Committee on Physical Culture and Sports, Izhevsk Administration, Republic of Udmurtia

George Yuryevich Muravyev - Facilitator, Senior Instructor at the Department of English Languages, Ryazan State Pedagogical University, Ryazan

14) **September 2003 Open World Delegation from Kambarka to Tooele Economic Development**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

This group was hosted by International Hosting, and Tooele City. The West Jordan Sister City Committee participated in activities with the delegation.

Georgiy Vasilyevich Kislov - Mayor, Head of Administration of Kambarka District

Vladimir Leonidovich Novikov - Chief of the Department of Chemical Weapon Conventional Issues, Kambarka District. Chair of the District Organization "Russian Green Cross". Head of Kambarka Sister City Program

Nadezhda Borisovna Dolmatova - Executive Administrator, Kambarka District Council of People's Deputies

Konstantin Mikhaylovich Dyakov - Chair, Executive Committee of the "United Russia" Party. Secretary, "Voters' Union" Non-Government Organization

Yuliya Yurevna Krotova - Russian Facilitator, Tutor of English, Vladivostok



- 15) **September 2003 Delegation Visit from West Jordan to Izhevsk and Votkinsk Rotary**  
*Funded by Izhevsk and West Jordan Rotary Clubs*  
Sharon Richardson - President-Elect West Jordan Rotary Club  
Brenda Cole - West Jordan Rotary Club Member
- 16) **September-October 2003 Open World Delegation from Votkinsk & Kambarka to West Jordan & Tooele**  
**Rule of Law pertaining to Police Departments and Youth Issues**  
*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*  
The delegation was hosted by International Hosting and included participants from Votkinsk and Kambarka.  
Nickolai Shulepov - Chief of the State Agency of Internal Affairs, Kambarka  
Albert Shamsitov - Chief of Criminal Police, Votkinsk City  
Valeriy Scherbak - Senior Commissioner, Department for Illegal Turn-over of Narcotics Prevention at the State Agency of Internal Affairs, Kambarka  
Lubov Sitdikova - Senior Inspector, Department for Activities related to Juvenile Delinquency Prevention at the State Agency of Internal Affairs, Kambarka  
Olga Gorchakova - Facilitator, Student, Central European University, Yekaterinburg
- 17) **November 2003 Open World Delegation from Votkinsk & Izhevsk to West Jordan Economic Development**  
*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*  
The delegation was hosted by International Hosting and included participants from Votkinsk and Izhevsk.  
Andrey Vladimirovich Konyashin - Chief, Department for Cooperation with Local Authorities, Administration of the President and Government of the Udmurt Republic, City of Izhevsk  
Andrey Vitalyevich Kozhevnikov - First Deputy of Head of Mayor of Votkinsk  
Rustem Nailevich Magsoumov - Member of Duma, Chief Engineer Deputy on Capital Development for the Missile Factory "Votkinsky Zavod"  
Alexander Arkadyevich Meltsev - Facilitator, Vice-President ELIS Computers Co., Ltd., Khabarovsk, Khabarovsk Krai
- 18) **February 2004 Visit from Artist in Izhevsk to Salt Lake City and West Jordan Culture and Arts**  
*Funded by Individual Traveling*  
Pavel Gorbatkov - Renowned Artist from Izhevsk Pavel  
Hosted by Sergey & Irina Zhuplatov. The West Jordan Sister City Foundation wrote the official letter of invitation and participated in activities with Pavel.
- 19) **May - June 2004 Open World Delegation from Russia to West Jordan Economic Development**  
*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*  
This group was hosted by International Hosting. The West Jordan Sister City Committee participated in activities with the delegation.  
Aleksandr Fedorovich Girenko - Head of Marketing Department, Tver City Branch of Open Joint Stock company "Center Telecom"  
Natalya Yuryevna Kraynova - Director, Rostov Regional Agency for Small and Medium Business Support

Roman Valentinovich Parfenov - General Director, "Citynet" Ltd  
Anna Stanislavovna Strelnikova - Deputy Manager for Personnel and Law, Feniks" Insurance Company  
Anastasiya Yuryevna Obruchnikova - Facilitator, Assistant to General Manager of Mass Market Products Division, L'Oreal LLC

**20) June 2004 Visit of Russian Students from Votkinsk & Kambarka to West Jordan & Tooele Student Exchange**

*Funded by Students Traveling*

Yaroslava Samarova - Votkinsk

The West Jordan student exchange teamed up with a Tooele/Kambarka student exchange. The students traveled together and participated in many joint activities.

*The Tooele Rotary Club helped with fund-raising for the Kambarka students and paid for their travel costs.*

The students who visited Tooele from Kambarka were:

Olga Vorontchikhina - Kambarka

Ekaterina Bazhenova - Kambarka

Alexander Poddubsky - Kambarka

Marina Shvykina - Kambarka

Olga Izhboldina - Kambarka

Andrey Mikhaylov - Kambarka

Tatyana Prislonova - Kambarka, adult chaperone

**21-a) July 2004 Student Exchange Visit from West Jordan & Tooele to Votkinsk & Kambarka Short-Term Student Exchange (Students participated in Health Fair in Kambarka.)**

*Funded by Students Traveling*

Karalee Andelin - West Jordan

Jenner Black - Tooele

Laura Hunter - Tooele

Melinda Martin - Tooele

Alison Roberts - Tooele

Vanessa Rupp - Tooele

Andrew Stagg - Tooele

**21-b) July 2004 Delegation Visit to Votkinsk, Izhevsk, Kambarka, Nor'ya & Kaliningrad Escort Student Exchange Participants, Sister City Work, Participation in Health Fair in Kambarka and Meetings with Open World Alumni**

*Funded by Tooele Valley Rotary Club and Individual Participants*

Jennifer Andelin - West Jordan, Chair of the West Jordan Sister City Committee

Gary Hunter - Tooele, Co-Chair of the Tooele Sister City Committee

Karen Hunter - Tooele, Co-Chair of the Tooele Sister City Committee

Cherie Martin - Tooele, RN, Professor, Utah State University

*Another group of self-funded adults traveled separately, then connected with the first group. The focus of the second group was dental hygiene. They participated in the opening a dental outreach office and in a community health fair in Kambarka.*

Mike Wells - Tooele, DDS, director of program "Udmurtia Smiles"

Karlene Wells - Tooele, wife of Mike Wells

Brittany Wells - Tooele, daughter of Mike Wells  
Dennis Hullinger - Tooele, member of Sister City Committee  
Rosemary Hullinger - Tooele, member of Sister City Committee  
Nathan Robison - Dental student, interpreter

- 22) **December 2004 Visit to Moscow, Izhevsk, Votkinsk & Kambarka**  
**Facilitation of Workshops at an Open World Alumni Conference in Moscow & Preliminary work for USAID Project**  
*Funded by the US Congress through the Open World Leadership Center and the Ministry of Health in Izhevsk*  
Jennifer Andelin - West Jordan, Chair of the West Jordan Sister City Foundation
- 23) **February 2005 Trip to Dubna, Izhevsk, Votkinsk & Kambarka**  
**Conduct CID Planning Workshops in Dubna and Izhevsk**  
(Representatives from Izhevsk, Votkinsk and Kambarka attended the workshops)  
*Funded through CID as a project with USAID/Moscow & AIHA*  
Jennifer Andelin - Chair, West Jordan Sister City Committee  
Sandra McCormick - CID Board of Directors, World Services of LaCrosse  
Maureen Jameson - CID Board of Directors, World Services of LaCrosse  
Montgomery Elmer - CID President  
David Allen - CID Board of Directors, & Executive Director, Winona Choice
- 24) **May 16-August 16, 2005 Visit from Izhevsk to West Jordan & Salt Lake City**  
**Education**  
*Self-Funded*  
Luba Gorbatkova, Teacher from Izhevsk to help establish new educational connections
- 25) **June-July 2005 Russian Students from Votkinsk & Kambarka visited West Jordan & Tooele**  
**Rotary & Summer Student Exchange**  
*Funded by Individuals Traveling with Assistance from the Tooele Rotary Club*  
Anna Pavlovna Khramova - President, Kambarka Rotary Club (She also attended the Rotary International Conference in Chicago with her counterparts from Tooele in June 2005  
Kristina Igorevna Prislonova - Kambarka  
Ekaterina Olegovna Golikov - Kambarka  
Sergei Alekseevich Kolegov - Votkinsk
- 26) **July 2005 Open World Delegation from Udmurtia to Utah**  
**Health Care – Early Intervention**  
*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*  
Sergey Sirotkin - Head of Sub-Faculty of Psychology & Psychoanalysis of the Department of Psychology & Education, Udmurt State University  
Maria Melnikova - Assistant of Sub-Faculty of Psychology & Psychoanalysis, Department of Psychology & Education, Udmurt State University  
Olga Koroleva - Vice-Head of Child's Hospital "Neuron 3"  
Nikolay Leonov - Dean of Department of Psychology and Education, Udmurt State University

Olga Gorchakova - Facilitator, Civic Education Lecturer, Professor Assistant, Ural State University

**27) July 2005 Delegation Visit from West Jordan & Tooele to Votkinsk, Kambarka & Izhevsk Health Care, Focusing on Women's Health, Emergency Medicine and Community Outreach**

Physicians from Jordan Valley Hospital in West Jordan and Mountain West Medical Center in Tooele traveled to Russia to meet with counterparts and do basic needs assessments

*Funded Locally by Hospitals and Delegates*

Dr. Arlen Jarrett - Head, OB/GYN department, Jordan Valley Hospital, West Jordan

Jody Jarrett - Wife of Arlen Jarrett (*self-funded*)

Dr. Barbara Dahl - Emergency Medicine, Jordan Valley Hospital, West Jordan

Lisa Price - RN, Emergency Medicine, Jordan Valley Hospital, West Jordan

Wayne Lyman - RN, Community Outreach, Mountain West Medical Center, Tooele

Janna Roberts - Wife of Mayor Charlie Roberts, Tooele

Stephen Roberts - Son of Mayor Charlie Roberts, Tooele

Megan Peterson - High School Exchange Student, Tooele

**28) October 2005 Open World Delegation from Votkinsk & Izhevsk to West Jordan & Salt Lake City**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

Svetlana Valeryevna Shkylaeva - Head Gynecologist & Ultrasound Specialist, Votkinsk

Olga Borisovna Ezhova - Chief Expert, Reproductive Technologies, Izhevsk Republic Diagnostic Center

Rushania Fagirovna Garipova - Gynecologist, Republican Cancer Center, Izhevsk

Ekaterina Gennadyevna Shilyeva - Assistant Chair, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Izhevsk State Medical Academy

Olga Viktorovna Tikhonova - Facilitator, Personal Assistant to EEP, Financial Controller, Alcoa Russia Extrusion & End Products Plant, Samara

**29) February 2006 CID Delegation Visit from the U.S. to Izhevsk, Votkinsk & Kambarka Program Development**

*Funded through CID as a project with USAID/Moscow & AIHA*

Jennifer Andelin - Chair, West Jordan Sister City & Local Program Coordinator, CID

Maureen Jameson - World Services of LaCrosse, CID Coordinator

Deb Lutgen - World Services of LaCrosse, CID Coordinator

Robin Solomon - USAID Moscow Office

**30) June 2006 Delegation Visit from Tooele to Kambarka Izhevsk & Votkinsk Sister City Relationship Building**

*Funded by Individuals Traveling*

Daniel Martin - Co-Chair, Tooele Sister City Committee

Cherie Martin - Co-Chair, Tooele Sister City Committee

Melinda Martin - Daughter of Daniel & Cherie, student at USU

Adam Martin - Son of Daniel & Cherie, student at Tooele High School

In addition to their work in Kambarka, Cherie presented Early Intervention information at Udmurt State University in Izhevsk. Dan met with Boy Scout representatives in Izhevsk and Votkinsk.

- 31) **November 2006 Open World Delegation from Kambarka to Tooele  
Health Care – Medical**  
*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*  
Vladislav Yuryevich Shvykin - Surgeon/Hospital Department Head  
Aleksandra Yevgenyevna Shaimova, Pediatrician/ Chief Deputy of Staff for Maternity and Pediatrics  
Irina Ivanovna Nagovitsina - Family Practice/ Hospital Department Head  
Galina Yergorovna Rudenko - Obstetrics and Gynecology/ Maternity Department  
Fayruza Flacon Semakova - Dentist/Hospital Administrator  
Yelena Nikolayevna Menshova - Facilitator
- 32) **September 2006 Open World Delegation from Votkinsk to West Jordan  
Health Care – Emergency Medicine**  
*Funded by Congress through the Open World Program*  
Yelena Konstantinovna Gusteneva - Senior Doctor, Votkinsk State Hospital #2  
Nataliya Vladimirovna Prokop - Emergency Doctor, Votkinsk State Hospital #2  
Yevgeniy Anatolyevich Sukhanov - Emergency Room Physician, Votkinsk State Hospital #2  
Yelena Viktorovna Yemelyanenko - Paramedic, Votkinsk State Hospital #2  
Oleg Dmitriyevich Shekhtman - Facilitator, Post-Doctoral fellow, N.N. Burdenko  
Neurosurgical Institute
- 33) **September-October 2006 Delegation Visit from West Jordan to Votkinsk & Izhevsk  
Mayoral Visit & Health Care (Emergency Medicine & Women’s Health)**  
The mayor of West Jordan and his wife accompanied a delegation of Physicians and nurses from Jordan Valley Hospital in West Jordan to work with counterparts and participate in the first community health education fair in Votkinsk. (600 citizens in Votkinsk attended the health fair.)  
*Mayor Newton, his wife and Jennifer Andelin self-funded their trip.*  
*The physicians & nurses were funded locally by Jordan Valley Hospital.*  
Dave Newton - Mayor of West Jordan City  
Sandy Newton - Accountant and wife of Dave Newton  
Jennifer Andelin - Chair, West Jordan Sister City Foundation  
Dr. Mark May - Emergency Room Physician  
Dr. Kimberly Moreland - OB/GYN Physician  
Jennie Barnes - MSN, RNC, Assistant Professor and Registered Nurse Educator, Salt Lake Community College  
Heather Campbell - Nurse Practitioner, Jordan Valley Hospital
- 34) **July-August 2007 Open World Delegation from Izhevsk & Votkinsk to West Jordan  
Disability Issues**  
*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*  
Andrey Nikitin - Head, Disabled Society of the Udmurt Republic, Izhevsk City (disabled)  
Nadezhda Pushapsheva - Russian National Wheelchair Table Tennis Champion, Votkinsk City (disabled)  
Oleg Vyshenskiy - Legal Advisor, Sportsman, Izhevsk City (disabled)  
Alexey Panin - Business Entrepreneur, Injured in Chechnya war, Votkinsk City (disabled)  
Olga Mickryukova - Head of Juristic Section, Ministry for Social Security for the Udmurt Republic, Izhevsk City

Alevtina Redozubova - Senior Specialist, Social Services Department for Disabled, Votkinsk City  
Alexey Nikitin - Chair, Social Services for Disabled Society, Izhevsk City  
Marina Bystrova - Senior Specialist, Social Services Department for Disabled, Votkinsk City  
Sergey Kondrutski - Facilitator, Associate Director, Kuban State University, International Affairs Dept.  
Takhmina Acheldiyeva - Facilitator, Program Assistant, Laboratory of Molecular Immunology, Moscow State University  
Masha Ozhekh - Academy for Educational Development, Washington DC  
Margarita Malkina - Sister Cities International, Washington DC

**35) September 2007 Delegation Visit from Votkinsk & Izhevsk to West Jordan  
Tourism & Police Visit Follow up**

*Funded by Individuals Traveling*

Misha Kolesnikov- Former Deputy Police Chief, Votkinsk; Currently Head of Security for Izh Bank, Votkinsk  
Valeria Kolesnikova - Daughter of Misha Kolesnikov, Student from Votkinsk  
German Ryabov - Izhlad Bank, Izhevsk  
Aleksandra Tkachenko (Sasha) - Student, Izhevsk  
Ekaterina Trofimova (Katya) - Student, Izhevsk

**36) October-November 2007 Open World Delegation from Izhevsk to Salt Lake City  
Health Care – Physicians**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

Elvira Zorina - MD, PhD, Izhevsk, Head of Outpatient Dept., Republican Diagnostic Center  
Dimitry Dolgov - MD, Izhevsk, Doctor of Homeopathy  
Natalia Yurlova - MD, Izhevsk, Professor of Nursing School City of Izhevsk  
Regina Shamilovna Chermokina - Izhevsk, English Language Instructor, Udmurtia State University  
Mariya Alksnis - St. Petersburg, 24-Hour Pediatric Service

**37) November 2007 Open World Delegation from Kambarka to Tooele  
Social Services with a focus on Youth Programs**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

Tatyana Murigina -Deputy Chair, Kambarka Regional Administrative Committee for Juvenile Affairs and Rights Protection, Head of Kambarka's Women's Council  
Maria Lagunova - Head of Legal Department, Kambarka District Administration  
Alexander Kharmov - Trainer for Kambarka Children's Sports School (judo), after school programs for socially "at risk" youth  
Larisa Bochkareova - Head of the Children's Library in Kambarka and Deputy Chairman of the "Invalid's Society" in Kambarka Region  
Tatyana Murzina - Former Head of Kambarka Regional Administration for Health & Social Services, Chair of Kambarka Sister City Committee – *Her travel was funded by Tooele*

38) **February 2008 Delegation Visit from Trip from Russia to West Jordan**  
**Education**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

Marina Leshkina - Principal, Samara Secondary School

Aleksey Nechunayev - Principal, Secondary School, Omsk

Valentina Sadova - Principal, Novoulyanovsk School, Ulianovsk

Sergey Terekh - Principal Secondary School for International Relations, Samara

Irina Kuznetsova - Facilitator, Center for International Relations, Samara

39) **August 2008 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**

**Tourism**

*Funded by Individuals Traveling*

Misha Kolesnikov - Former Deputy Police Chief, Votkinsk; Currently Head of Security for  
Izh Bank, Votkinsk

Yelena Kolesnikova - Wife of Misha Kolesnikov

Valeria Kolesnikova - Daughter of Misha Kolesnikov, Student from Votkinsk

40) **October 2008 Open World Delegation from Votkinsk to West Jordan**

**Women as Leaders**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

Yuliya Durova - Correspondent, Local Broadcasting Station "Autoradio-Votkinsk"

Yekaterina Mikryukova - Educational Psychologist, Republic Methodical Center for Complex  
Social-Psychological Aid to Youth, Votkinsk

Nataliya Nikitina - Deputy Head, Education Department, Votkinsk City Administration

Olga Pyankova - Director, Votkinsk Municipal Fund for Small Business Support, Votkinsk

Nataliya Sterkhova - Leading Specialist for Religious and Ethnic Relations, Culture, Sport  
and Youth Policy, Votkinsk City Administration

Viktoriya Kabatyuk - Facilitator, Teacher of English, Petrozavodsk, Karelia

41) **October 2008 Open World Delegation from Izhevsk to Salt Lake City**

**Early Intervention** (Udmurt State University & Utah State University)

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

Vera Khotinets - Head of Department of General Psychology, Udmurt State Univ

Dmitiry Grebenkin - Lecturer of Clinical Psychology and former Deputy Director of  
International Affairs

Tatyana Shikalova - Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology and Chief Executive, Center  
of Adaptation and Socialization of Young Children

Rosa Makhmutova - Deputy Director of Education and Senior Lecturer of General  
Psychology

Yana Sunstova - Psychologist and Lecturer, Department of General Psychology

42) **Summer 2009 Open World Delegation from Izhevsk to Salt Lake City**

**Health Care**

*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*

Physicians from Izhevsk

(Need to get names and titles of participants from Sergey Zhuplatov)

- 43) **October 2009 Open World Delegation from Kambarka to Tooele**  
**Accountable Governance**  
*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*  
Andrey Baranov - City Head, Kambarka District  
Nadezhda Klimovskikh - Deputy Head on Social Issues, Kambarka District  
Irina Korytko - General Director, TV Company "STS-Izhevsk", Izhevsk  
Irek Sharipov - Director & Chief Editor, State Enterprise "Informational Publishing Center Yanarysh", Izhevsk  
Sergey Zaychikov - Director, "Entrepreneurship Security Service - "Service" CJSC, Izhevsk  
Vladimir Matveyev - Facilitator, Moscow
- 44) **August 2010 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**  
**Sister City Chair in Votkinsk, Tourism**  
*Funded by individuals traveling*  
Nikolay and Ekaterina Shishkin
- 45) **October 2010 Open World Delegation from Izhevsk to Salt Lake City**  
**Early Intervention** (Udmurt State University & Utah State University)  
*Funded by US Congress through the Open World Program*  
Mariya Andreyeva - Assistant Professor, Udmurt State University, Izhevsk  
Natalya Fadeyeva - Director, Psychological & Counseling Services Center, Izhevsk  
Elvira Latypova - Head of Division of Children Services, Udmurtia Republic Committee on Family and Population, Izhevsk  
Natalya Shulzhenko - Teaching Assistant, Udmurt State University, Izhevsk  
Svetlana Vasyura - Associate Professor, Udmurt State University, General Psychology Dept., Izhevsk  
Irina Kuznetsova - Facilitator, Center for International Relations, Samara
- 46) **July 2011 Russian Students from Votkinsk & Kambarka visited Tooele**  
**Rotary and Summer Student Exchange**  
*Funded by Individuals Traveling with Assistance from the Tooele Rotary Club*  
Anna Pavlovna Khramova - Former President of the Kambarka Rotary Club & 3 or 4 students
- 47) **August 2011 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**  
**Former Sister City Chair in Votkinsk, Tourism**  
*Funded by individual traveling*  
Ludmila Ilich
- 48) **May 2012 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**  
**Sister City Chair in Votkinsk, Tourism**  
*Funded by individuals traveling*  
Nikolay and Ekaterina Shishkin
- 49) **June 2013 Open World Delegation from Votkinsk to West Jordan – CANCELLED by Mayor of Votkinsk 6 weeks before travel date.**  
**Accountable Governance**  
Mayor of Votkinsk  
City Leaders



(The cancellation of this trip was a clear indicator that Moscow no longer wanted Votkinsk leaders to participate in the Sister City exchange program.)

- 50) **2014 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**  
**Sister City Chair in Votkinsk, Tourism**  
*Funded by individuals traveling*  
Nikolay & Ekaterina Shishkin
  
- 51) **2015 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**  
**Sister City Chair in Votkinsk, Tourism**  
*Funded by individuals traveling*  
Nikolay & Ekaterina Shishkin
  
- 52) **2016 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**  
**Sister City Chair in Votkinsk, Tourism**  
*Funded by individuals traveling*  
Nikolay & Ekaterina Shishkin
  
- 53) **2017 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**  
**Sister City Chair in Votkinsk, Tourism**  
*Funded by individuals traveling*  
Nikolay & Ekaterina Shishkin & their son  
They had a daughter born in Utah in March 2017
  
- 54) **2018 Visit from Votkinsk to West Jordan**  
**Sister City Chair in Votkinsk, Tourism**  
*Funded by individuals traveling*  
Nikolay & Ekaterina Shishkin & their 2 children  
(They applied for a business visa while here which will allow them to stay longer.)
  
- 55) **October 2018 Visit from DC to Utah to meet Gov. Herbert, Sister Cities & Russian Citizens**  
**Anatoly Antonov, Ambassador of Russia to the U.S.**  
*Funded by the Russian Government*  
The purpose of visit was to improve relations between Russia and the U.S. The ambassador asked to meet with sister city leaders from West Jordan, Salt Lake City and Tooele to discuss the partnerships and give his support for the partnerships to re-engage. He requested a letter from Governor Herbert approving re-engagement. Jennifer Andelin followed up w the Governor's office and sent draft ideas for a letter but the Governor did not send a letter. The Ambassador did not receive an official response from Governor Herbert.
  
- 57) **September 2019 Delegation from Izhevsk to Salt Lake City**  
**Nursing**  
*Self-Funded by individuals traveling*  
Tatyana Skvortcova - President of the Regional Nurse's Association, Udmurt Republic  
Dr. Natalia Iakimova - Director Republic Medical College F.A. Pushinoy, Ministry of Health,  
Udmurt Republic  
Svetlana Miasnikova - Deputy Director Republic Medical College F.A. Pushinoy, Ministry of  
Health, Udmurt Republic

Dr. Sergey Sarbaev - Professor, Republic Medical College F.A. Pushinoy, Ministry of Health,  
Udmurt Republic

One thing I learned and experienced is that in Russia, everything is decided from the top down and Moscow watched our activities closely. This is in contrast to the work of the West Jordan sister city volunteers which was bottom up. As a committee, we reported our activities to the city council on an annual basis, but it was up to us to propose programs, find funding and implement the work. This concept never seemed to gain traction in the minds of most Russians. It seems that only in America can citizens volunteer and run programs for cities. When we were in Russia, our delegations met with the highest levels of the military and government and accomplished amazing things. A telling remark was made by one of the Russian Colonels (an "Inspector") at a dinner at our home. He said that it was clear that we had all (meaning both the Russians and the Americans) been subject to our own country's propaganda.

I started my work with the sister cities as a wife, homemaker and mother of 5 young children. It was so unlikely to the Russians that a common housewife could be involved in international relations. One of the official Russian interpreters in Votkinsk told me recently that they had been briefed before our visit and told that I was part of the CIA. How strange, yet how unique for a city in Utah to be involved internationally at such a high level. In 2009 I was offered a job working for a Utah congressman and have since worked in 6 congressional and senate offices. I now have credentials which seem more credible. But when I hosted Russian colonels and generals to dinner in my modest home and visited Russia 10 times, I was a West Jordan housewife and a volunteer. Citizen diplomacy does work. The lives of those who participated in the sister city program, both in West Jordan and Votkinsk have been changed for the better.

Around 2020, West Jordan's Sister City relationship with Votkinsk was put on "pause" by the City Council and the Committee Members due to factors which involved the political climate in Moscow. In 2014, Russia had invaded Crimea and international government relations cooled. The situation cooled even more when Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. The West Jordan City Council determined that it was better to put the relationship on hold but to not stop or cancel the partnership. The purpose of Sister Cities is Citizen Diplomacy and although currently, no official exchanges are occurring, the Sister Cities have accomplished amazing things and if the relationship between the U.S. and Russia improves, West Jordan may want to re-engage with the wonderful people we have worked with in Votkinsk. Having the relationship on "pause" allows us to step back during a time of aggression by the Russian government but not walk away from the connection and the positive relationships we have created with Votkinsk through our Sister City partnership.

Currently, Russia wages an aggressive war in Ukraine, my heart goes out to my Ukrainian friends (I have also hosted several amazing Ukrainian delegations of judges) but also to my Russian friends who have virtually no say in what their political leaders do. I pray for all the innocents and know that in Russia and Ukraine, there are many individuals who have been West Jordan, Utah. They have stayed in the homes of American citizens in Utah and they are connected to them. Did we make a difference? Yes!!! West Jordan will be in their minds and hearts the rest of their lives. They experienced the freedoms we take for granted. They experienced and appreciated our culture and we did the same with theirs. We have friends for life and "friends don't shoot friends."

In the northwest corner of West Jordan's city park is the beginning of a peace park. It was dedicated to international peace. The Russian inspectors installed a memorial plaque there and they participated

in ceremonial tree plantings. My son Kendall also assisted in the construction of the planter area for his Eagle Project. It is our hope that at some time in the future, the entire corner of that area of the park will be expanded to become a passive, peaceful walking area.

The name of the West Jordan sister city committee was officially changed to the “West Jordan Sister Cities Committee” in about 2006 as interest grew in creating more city partnerships. In 2016, the city council approved creating an additional partnership with Curitiba, Brazil. The committee did initial research and outreach to Brazil, but it was determined that a partnership with Peru might be a better fit and create additional (including economic) opportunities. To date, no further work has been done to research potential cities in Peru to connect with.

I have assisted other cities in Utah in creating sister city partnerships. I encourage our city leaders to continue to support the sister cities program and to create new opportunities for West Jordan leaders and residents to be involved in the amazing opportunities of citizen diplomacy.

- **Jennifer Andelin**  
Chair, West Jordan Sister Cities Committee  
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