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### DEAR FRIENDS

Niagara's mission is for us to see the world as one home for one human family in all its internal complexity and diversity. That is also the goal of the Niagara Blue Dot network and is the reasoning behind the metaphor of the pale blue dot:

In 1990, Voyager 1 spacecraft took a photograph of Earth from a vantage point of 3.7 billion miles above the planet. Suspended in a beam of light on the right side of the page is what has come to be known as the "pale blue dot." Seeing our planet as a tiny pixilated speck put the relationship between life and the vast universe into a humbling perspective.

This photograph, titled "pale blue dot," is a reminder that humans are part of something more than states, nations, and continents. We belong to a single, global community. With this in mind, we are able to appreciate similarities across cultures.

Please consider formalizing your commitment to the important work of Niagara Foundation by becoming a bright "star" in the brilliant constellation of bright, global-minded leaders known as the Blue Dot Network. Your contribution is fully tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law and will help Niagara enhance future events.

Thank you,

Mevlut "Hilmi" Cinar

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Vice President for Development and Strategy

Niagara Foundation

# THE NIAGARA BLUE DOT NETWORK



Becoming a member of Niagara is an opportunity for our friends to avail themselves fully of Niagara's resources, including invitations to special events and the opportunities to network and establish relationships on a more intimate level.

The Niagara Blue Dot Network aims to provide you an opportunity to pledge your commitment to intercultural understanding and collaboration by joining a network of people with similar values.

# "IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE GLOBAL DYNAMICS THAT ARE OUT THERE NIAGARA IS A PLACE YOU NEED TO GO."

- Anne Pramaggiore, President and CEO of ComEd

#### "I THINK OF THE NIAGARA FOUNDATION AS ONE OF THE GREAT CONVENERS IN CHICAGO"

- Dennis Holtschneider, President of DePaul University

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

#### NORTH STAR \$80

For individuals who are interested in joining the Blue Dot Network and furthering their commitment to a pluralistic society. Support goes to development of new programming and distinguished networking opportunities.

- + Complimentary entry to all Chicago and Global Family programs
- + Thank you gift
- + Reduced rates for all Niagara programs
- + Invitation to members-only events
- + Access to Niagara's influential community

#### NRINN \$250

For individuals who are interested in joining Blue Dot Network and furthering their commitment to a pluralistic society. Support goes to development of new programming and distinguished networking opportunities.

All benefits of North Star Membership, plus...

- + Discounted price and priority seating at:
- Niagara's annual Abrahamic Traditions Dinner
- Niagara's annual Friendship & Dialogue Dinner: The Ramadan Experience
- Niagara's annual Peace and Dialogue Awards Ceremony
- + Invitation to the VIP Reception of Niagara's annual *Peace and Dialogue*Awards Ceremony

All memberships are annual.

#### MILKY WAY \$1000

Our highest membership level. For individual donors who want to make lasting improvements to Niagara, while being a crucial sponsor of our events and programs and growth. Government officials, leaders of non-profits and academics will receive the Milky Way level membership\* for just \$250.

\*without membership for an additional individual and entry to Turkey trip raffle

All benefits of North Star and Orion membership, plus...

- + The chance to travel to Turkey on a Niagara-sponsored trip (regular rules apply).
- + Membership for an additional individual which offers the same benefits
- + Name will be presented on Niagara's website and written materials

### "EXPERIENCING THE NIAGARA FOUNDATION IS THE BEST WAY TO REACH OUT AND CONNECT."

- JD Bindenagel, Former U.S. Ambassador

"THEY ADDRESS THIS NEED IN TERMS OF AWARENESS RAISING AT THAT LEVEL OF PEOPLE TO PEOPLE DIPLOMACY."

- Fatih Yildiz, Consul General of Turkey in Chicago

"THEY ARE DOING GREAT THINGS TO BRING CULTURES CLOSER, RELIGIONS CLOSER, AND PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS CLOSER FOR ME THEY ARE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION."

- Roey Gilad, Consul General of Israel in Chicago

## STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

### URSA MINOR FOR STUDENTS \$25 URSA MAJOR FOR RECENT GRADUATES \$50

For high school and university students seeking to learn about international affairs from corporate and community leaders and hear from other specialists in different career fields.

- + Complimentary tickets to all Niagara forums
- + Thank you gift
- + Networking with leaders in your field of interest
- + Reduced rates for all Niagara programs
- + Semi-annual young professionals dinner with Niagara's influential network
- \*Graduates of Niagara's internship program will have free applicable Ursa membership for twelve months following the end of their intern semester.

# "I FIND GREAT VALUE IN BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ORGANIZATION."

- Dennis Holtschneider, President of DePaul University

"NIAGARA IS ABLE TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES WE DON'T DISCUSS VERY MUCH BECAUSE EVERYONE'S A LITTLE TOO TENSE TO DEAL WITH IT, NIAGARA IS ABLE TO DO IT AND I THINK THAT'S THE GREATEST STRENGTH."

Paul Green, Chairman of the City Club of Chicago

"EVERYBODY AT THE NIAGARA FOUNDATION HELPS BRING YOU IN AND WELCOMES YOU."

- Deborah Rutter, President of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

# CORPORATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Corporate members are a vital part of our goal to further global fellowship in Chicago and abroad. Being a corporate member of the Niagara Foundation will give your organization valuable proximity to our influential community of civic, business, and religious leaders, as well as many other benefits. We depend on organizations like yours to continue to provide our excellent programs and forums that further dialogue in Chicago and the world. As a member you will have unprecedented access to our nonpartisan, international events and programs. Please consider helping us continue to grow our programs and support the mission of the Niagara Foundation by becoming a member. There are three corporate membership levels starting at \$2,500 and with increasing benefits up to the \$10,000+ level.

To learn more please email corporaterelations@niagarafoundation.org

"NIAGARA FOUNDATION IS IN THIS EPICENTER OF THE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND ACTIVIST MOVEMENTS IN CHICAGO. THE PEOPLE WHO COME THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE"

- Ahmed Rehab, Executive Director of CAIR Chicago

"WORKING WITH NIAGARA, KNOWING THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AT NIAGARA HAS REALLY OPENED UP NEW WORLDS FOR ME"

- Anne Pramaggiore, President and CEO of ComEd

# "WHEN I WORK WITH THE NIAGARA FOUNDATION, I FEEL LIKE I'M WORKING WITH FAMILY."

- Susana Mendoza, City Clerk, City of Chicago

"THE FOUNDATION IS UNIQUE IN ITS SINGULAR DEDICATION TO RECONCILIATION, UNDERSTANDING AND BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER... THE RECORD IS THE BEST YOU CAN OFFER PEOPLE AS TO WHY THEY SHOULD JOIN - THE BLUE DOT NETWORK - "

- Michael Madigan, Speaker of the House, Illinois

#### "IT COULD BE A PARTNERSHIP FOR LIFE"

- Carrie Austin, Alderman, City of Chicago

### "IT WILL BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS."

- Ed Burke, Alderman, City of Chicago



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