

# 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

DECEMBER 4, 2014

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CHICAGO



NIAGARA  
FOUNDATION

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## MISSION

Niagara Foundation strives to promote social cohesion by fostering civic conversations and sustained relationships between people of different cultures and faiths.

Niagara carries out its mission through:

**Hospitality:** Conversations and networking flourish in Niagara's welcoming, apolitical space. Our programs, like The Abrahamic Traditions Dinner and Niagara Forums, demonstrate how warmth and hospitality are fertile ground for growing dynamic conversations and relationships.

**Enrichment:** Niagara turns educational opportunities, like Niagara Forums and Turkey trips, into meaningful, lasting growth. Our events unite people from different perspectives to cultivate new ideas and partnerships. Niagara designed a reputable internship program focused on developing skills needed to compete in a global job market. Similarly, Niagara provides outreach and support to students who are promoting diversity at their universities.

**Leadership:** Niagara has accumulated a distinguished network of local and global leaders, who are a testament to the growing need for diverse, international perspectives. Niagara recognizes these leaders at annual events like the Peace and Dialogue Awards Ceremony, which celebrates the commitment to developing a more just society. We believe citizens who share this value are outstanding leaders in their respective communities and are part of the solution for a more peaceful world.

## HISTORY

The Niagara Foundation was created in 2004 by a group of Turkish-American businessmen and educators in order to realize the vision of their spiritual leader, Fethullah Gulen, himself a Turkish Muslim scholar and poet, as well as an educational and humanitarian activist. Today the Niagara Foundation is active in nine Midwestern states with 22 branches.

The founders of the Niagara Foundation envisioned an institution that could bring together people from all walks of life in order to celebrate diversity in a shared society. They named the organization after Niagara Falls, where two great lakes become more magnificent together than they could be separately.

The Niagara Foundation employs the Niagara Falls as a metaphor to underline the importance of the cooperation and understanding among diverse groups of people. We may be separated by ethnicity, religion, race and color, but we all experience both happiness and sorrow, as we are all human beings.



## DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for sponsoring the Niagara Foundation during this crucial 10th Anniversary celebration. Over the past decade, Niagara Foundation has grown from an office of three people in a basement in Des Plaines, Illinois, to a twenty-two-branch organization in nine states with ten employees working just in the downtown Chicago headquarters. Your sponsorship of this 1000 person event with attendees ranging from leaders in the corporate, government, nonprofit, education, faith communities and media sectors, will help our local Chicago headquarters implement programs and hold events.

Here is why you should sponsor the Niagara Foundation's 10th Anniversary Gala:

As a part of the global Hizmet movement, which means "service" in Turkish, the Niagara Foundation addresses social fragmentation in order to create a cohesive society through its three centers.

*The Center for Public and Global Affairs* puts on public policy forums that educate Chicagoans on local and international events, the Annual Peace and Dialogue awards (this year merged with our gala), and our Annual Intercultural reception at the State Capitol in Springfield. *The Center for Academic Affairs* puts on lectures and conferences with universities in the area. Finally, *the Center for Interfaith Engagement* puts on many different interfaith events focusing on the Abrahamic faiths, such as small gatherings in people's homes like our Abraham's Tent program and larger events such as the Chicago Interfaith Gathering and Annual Ramadan Experience dinners. This center hosts events that combine education and community building.

All of this adds up to the Niagara Foundation. There are interfaith organizations in Chicago, there are think tanks and public policy networking organizations, and there are countless universities producing important research. We try to bridge the gaps between these three areas in order to produce a more cohesive society. This will also benefit you, because we can provide valuable exposure for your organization or corporation around Chicago while you are benefiting this important organization. We hope you will join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mevlut Hilmi Cinar'.

Mevlut "Hilmi" Cinar  
Vice President for Development and Strategy  
Niagara Foundation

Partnering with Niagara Foundation affords leading corporations vital support for cultural diversity and community engagement initiatives; exclusive resources for growth, networking, and development; and immeasurable exposure to the best and brightest leaders in the Chicago community.

**\$25,000**

- **Corporate name as sponsor of the 1000 person Gala**
- **Exclusive sponsorship on all materials above the awardees**
- **Opportunity to present opening remarks, or an award**
- **10-person table in preferred section with company logo displayed on the table**
- **12 tickets to the VIP reception before the 10th anniversary gala**
- 2 seats at the honoree table
- Name on Invitation (to 14,000 emails and 30,000 mail contacts - deadline August 31st)
- Corporate/Personal name in event booklet, on webpage, and on the table
- Verbal Recognition during 1000 person gala
- Niagara Corporate Membership for 1 year included (please refer to the next page)

**\$10,000**

- **10-person table in preferred section**
- **10 tickets to the VIP reception before the 10th anniversary gala**
- **Name on Invitation (to 14,000 emails and 30,000 mail contacts - deadline August 31st)**
- **2 seats at the honoree table**
- Corporate/Personal name in event booklet, on webpage, and on the table
- Verbal Recognition during 1000 person gala
- Niagara Corporate Membership for 1 year included (please refer to the next page)

**\$5,000**

- **5 tickets to the VIP reception before the 10th anniversary gala**
- **Verbal Recognition during gala**
- Corporate/Personal name in event booklet, on webpage, and on the table
- 10-person table
- Niagara Corporate Membership for 1 year included (please refer to the next page)

**\$2,500**

- Corporate/Personal name in event booklet, on webpage, and on the table
- 10-person table
- Niagara Corporate Membership for 1 year included (please refer to the next page)

*In addition to the benefits of sponsorship, every sponsor of our 10th Anniversary Gala will receive one year complimentary:*

## **NIAGARA CORPORATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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 the many other benefits listed below. We depend on organizations to continue to provide the 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.

### **At a donation level of \$2,500-\$4,999 per year, each organization will receive:**

- Access to Niagara's influential community of civic, business, and religious leaders
- Complimentary entrance to all Niagara forums and Chicago Global Family events for 20 employees
- Entrance for 20 to annual member's only reception
- Recognition on the website related to donation level
- Annual report recognition related to donation level

### **At a donation level of \$5,000-9,999 per year, each organization will receive:**

- Access to Niagara's influential community of civic, business, and religious leaders
- Complimentary entrance to all Niagara forums and Chicago Global Family events for 30 employees
- Entrance for 30 to annual member's only reception
- Recognition on the website related to donation level
- Annual report recognition related to donation level
- **Discounted price and priority seating for executives at Niagara's annual Abrahamic Traditions Dinner, Niagara's annual Friendship & Dialogue Dinner: The Ramadan Experience and Niagara's annual Peace and Dialogue Awards Ceremony**

### **At a donation level of \$10,000 and up per year, each organization will receive:**

- Access to Niagara's influential community of civic, business, and religious leaders
- Complimentary entrance to all Niagara forums and Chicago Global Family events for 50 employees
- Entrance for 50 to annual member's only reception
- Recognition on the website related to donation level
- Annual report recognition related to donation level
- **Discounted price and priority seating for executives at Niagara's annual Abrahamic Traditions Dinner, Niagara's annual Friendship & Dialogue Dinner: The Ramadan Experience and Niagara's annual Peace and Dialogue Awards Ceremony**
- **The chance for company trip to travel to Turkey on a Niagara-sponsored trip (regular rules apply – call or email with questions).**

*Every year we honor people for their commitment to Peace and Dialogue. This year we have yet to announce the recipients.*

## PAST HONOREES: NIAGARA FOUNDATION PEACE AND DIALOGUE AWARDS 2006 - 2012

### FETHULLAH GULEN AWARD

**Stanley Davis Jr.**, Executive Director Emeritus of NCCJ

**Scott Alexander**, Associate Professor of Islam & Director of Catholic-Muslim Studies

**Paul Parker**, Professor of Theology at Elmhurst College

**Richard Rosengarten**, Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago

**Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos**, Metropolis of Chicago Greek Orthodox Church

**Dirk Ficca**, Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions

### COMMITMENT AWARD

**Martin E. Marty**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago

**Dennis H. Holtschneider**, President of DePaul University

**Deborah L. DeHaas**, Vice Chairman & Midwest Regional Managing Partner of Deloitte

**Anne Eleanor Roosevelt**, Vice President of Global Corporate Citizenship for Boeing

**Anne Pramaggiore**, President & CEO of ComEd

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

**John W. Rowe**, President & CEO of Exelon Corporation

**Robert D. Grant**, Special Agent in Charge, Chicago FBI

**Emily L. Barr**, President & General Manager of ABC7

**Philip J. Cline**, Superintendent of the Chicago Police

**Frank M. Clark**, President & CEO of ComEd

**Pat Quinn**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois (now Governor)

**The Chicago 2016 Olympics Committee**

**Lisa Madigan**, Attorney General of the State of Illinois

### PEACE AWARD

**Francis Eugene George O.M.I.**, Archbishop

### EDUCATION AWARD

**Sunny P. Chico**, President of SPC Consulting LLC

**Fr. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.**, President Loyola University

**Arne Duncan**, Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools (now Secretary of Education)

**Barbara Eason-Watkins**, Chief Educational Officer of the Chicago Public Schools

**Henry Bienen**, President of Northwestern University

### MEDIA AWARD

**Larry Wert**, President & General Manager of NBC5

**Torey Malatia**, CEO & General Manager of WBEZ

**The Chicago Tribune**, received by Tony Hunter, President, Publisher and CEO of Tribune Co.

**The Chicago International Film Festival**, Received by Michael Kutza, Founder & Artistic Director

**WTTW Chanel 11**, Received by Dan Schmidt, President and CEO of WTTW

### TOLERANCE AWARD

**James K. Echols**, President of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

**Marcia K. Hermansen**, Professor at the Theology Department of Loyola Chicago

**Rabbi Herman Schaalman**, Rabbi Emeritus of Emanuel Congregation in Chicago

**Elnora D. Daniel**, President of Chicago State University

### GLOBAL VISION AWARD

**The Art Institute of Chicago**, Received by Daniel Walker, Curator of Islamic Art

**The Chicago Symphony Orchestra**, Received by Deborah Rutter, President of the CSO

### LIFETIME LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Neil Hartigan**, Chairman & CEO of the World Trade Center Illinois

**Jesse White**, Secretary of State - Illinois

# NIAGARA FOUNDATION 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA SPONSORSHIP

DECEMBER 4TH, 2014 AT 6:30PM - HILTON HOTEL - 720 S MICHIGAN AVE  
1000 GUESTS EXPECTED - INCLUDING LEADERS IN THE CORPORATE, EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, NON-PROFIT, FAITH COMMUNITIES, AND MEDIA SECTORS

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO BECOME A SPONSOR AND MAIL IT BACK TO NIAGARA IN THE PROVIDED ENVELOPE

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- I will be coming to the dinner and reserving a \$2500 level table
- I will be coming to the dinner and reserving a \$5000 level table
- I will be coming to the dinner and reserving a \$10,000 level table
- I will be coming to the dinner and reserving a \$25,000 level table
- I will be NOT be coming to the dinner, but would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Niagara Foundation.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

List on the program (and invitation) as: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

A. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed (**Payable to the Niagara Foundation**)

B. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice me

C. Please charge \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name):

**VISA | MASTERCARD | DISCOVER** (circle one) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form you give us permission to debit your account for the amount indicated on or after the indicated date. This is permission for a single transaction only, and does not provide authorization for any additional unrelated debits or credits to your account.

## MAIL THIS BACK TO:

NIAGARA FOUNDATION

205 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 4240 Chicago, IL 60601

Tel: (312) 240-0707 Email: info@niagarafoundation.org

Please mention "10th year Anniversary" in the memo

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We will send you a receipt for your records.

