

**THE NIAGARA FOUNDATION
2015 PEACE & DIALOGUE AWARDS**



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 our centers of Public and Global Affairs and Interfaith Engagement. The centers cultivate conversation and networking within a welcoming and apolitical space where individuals from all different walks of life can come and share their ideas and opinions. The center for Public and Global Affairs offers platforms for distinguished speakers to analyze and exchange ideas, as well as promote public policy awareness and solutions.

Niagara's center for Interfaith Engagement encourages pluralism by creating spaces for people from various cultures, communities, and faith traditions to engage in respectful dialogue. The center aims to cultivate a civic community open to celebrating differences, emphasizing common interests, discussing shared values, and creating collective experiences. We believe that our centers unite the core values of education, civic engagement and belief in order to devise a cohesive society of globally minded individuals and leaders.

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.



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

Dear friends,

Thank you for sponsoring the Niagara Foundation during our stride into our second decade as the premiere institution in Chicago promoting intercultural, interfaith understanding and global fellowship. 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.

Chicago is a city that offers numerous interfaith organizations, think tanks and public policy networking organizations, as well as countless universities producing important research. We try to bridge the gaps between these three areas in order to produce a more cohesive society. The Niagara Foundation is of immense importance and benefit to you as we can provide valuable exposure for your organization or corporation around Chicago while you are aiding this important organization.

Your sponsorship of this annual 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 2015 Peace & Dialogue Awards Ceremony:

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 our two main centers.

The Center for Public and Global Affairs puts on public policy forums that educate Chicagoans on local and international events. The center's events also include the Chicago & Global Family Gathering which hosts intimate roundtable meetings with local and global leaders who speak on important issues facing Chicago and our world.

Niagara's Center for Interfaith Engagement coordinates and hosts events focusing on interfaith relations between the Abrahamic faiths. These include small gatherings hosted in private 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 components making up our centers subsequently make up the essence of the Niagara Foundation. We hope you will join us.

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 event
- 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 June 30th)
- Corporate/Personal name in event booklet, on webpage, and on the table
- Verbal Recognition during 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 June 30th)
- 2 seats at the honoree table
- Corporate/Personal name in event booklet, on webpage, and on the table
- Verbal Recognition during 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
- Corporate/Personal name in event booklet, on webpage, and on the table
- Verbal Recognition during gala
- 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
- Verbal Recognition during ceremony
- 10-person table
- Niagara Corporate Membership for 1 year included (please refer to the next page)

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 non-partisan, 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 \$3,000-\$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 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 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 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. Please see our website as we will be announcing this years remaining awardees shortly.

2015 NIAGARA FOUNDATION PEACE AND DIALOGUE AWARDS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Chicago Community Trust, Received by **Terry Mazany**, President & Chief Executive Officer

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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

M. Cherif Bassiouni, Emeritus Distinguished Research Professor of Law, DePaul University

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

Hon. Anne M. Burke, Illinois Supreme Court Justice

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

The City Club of Chicago, Received by Paul Green, Chairman, The City Club of Chicago

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

NOVEMBER 5th, 2015 AT 5:30 - UNIVERSITY CLUB OF CHICAGO, 76 E MONROE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60603
GUESTS EXPECTED INCLUDE LEADERS IN THE CORPORATE, EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, NON-PROFIT, FAITH
COMMUNITIES, AND MEDIA SECTOR

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO SELECT THE LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP YOU WISH TO BECOME

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- I will be coming to the dinner and reserving a \$3000 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. Please use seats at my table for community members.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

List on the program (and invitation) as: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Check Enclosed (Payable to the Niagara Foundation)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Charge my: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER 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.

Please make checks payable to: The Niagara Foundation. You may mention Peace & Dialogue Awards in the memo.

Send completed form and check to: Niagara Foundation, 205 N Michigan Ave #4240, Chicago, IL 60601

Logo must be sent via e-mail to e-mail to elma@NiagaraFoundation.com in eps or jpeg form.

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