



# DFW International

## Community Alliance

**DFW International Community Alliance** is the portal to international North Texas, linking 1,600 internationally focused civic, community and educational organizations. Our **Mission** is to build mutual understanding and respect by linking diverse international cultural communities. Our **Vision** is the recognition of Dallas / Fort Worth as an international metroplex which embodies the cultural and economic vibrancy of the global community.

### ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- (2007) Expanded International DFW Week into a month of 20 activities across North Texas; produced the first annual **Fiesta Latinoamericana!**, the first **Media Day for International Communities at KERA**; printed the fifth in our series of Guides: **Guide to Scholarships for New Americans and Minorities in North Texas**; created the online **Guide for Newcomers and International Visitors** (Spanish and English versions); received \$50,000 Meadows Foundation grant and \$10,000 grant from AT&T Foundation; initiated the AfricanUnityDFW Yahoogroups. Created the first **International Dinner Party** with Mayor Tom Leppert, attended by global leaders representing more than 48 cultures.
- (2006) Produced the first **International DFW Week**, a series of 20+ events highlighting our global cultures and the arts, health, education and civic programs; produced the first annual **Global Sacred Music Celebration** and the first annual **Navidad Latinoamericana** and the **International Guitar Festival**
- (2005) Created the **Guide to Resettling a Katrina Family**, and resettled 125 refugees from the hurricane; united Asian community organizations to help victims of the **Tsunami**, printed 20,000 copies of three guides for New Americans: the **Guide to English (ESL) Classes for** , the **Guia a Servicios Economicos Para Guardar su Salud (Health Guide)**, and the **Guia Para la Educacion de Nuestros Hijos (Education Guide)**; produced the **North Texas Immigration Report**; formed the **International Leadership Forum** and produced the first annual **Hall of Fame Awards**.
- (2004) Was named the recipient of a \$97,000 **Meadows Foundation** grant; produced 40 events in a year dedicated to Nobelist Pablo Neruda, **Tribute to Pablo Neruda**, making Dallas the host to the largest Neruda celebration in the world; printed the first edition of our **Guide to ESL Classes in North Texas**
- (2003) Released the **Study of N. Texas Immigrant Communities**, a 103 report on regional demographics
- (2002) Produced the **Needs Assessment for North Texas Mexican Communities**, the first edition of the **Guia a Servicios Medicos**, and a **networking reception** in the Flag Room of Dallas City Hall.
- (2001) Formed the **Resource Council for New Americans**
- (2000) **Incorporated** independently as a 501c3.
- (1997) Created the DFW International **website**
- (1997) Revived the **Dallas International Festival** (originally created by the City of Dallas but later discontinued) and produced it **for 8 years**
- (1996) Began forming a **database** that currently lists nearly 2,500 N. Texas ethnic and immigrant groups
- (1996) Established **Dallas International** under the Kindness Foundation