



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

"A network of international partnerships"

Accomplishments of the International Community Council

During 2000-2007, we are pleased to report the following accomplishments:

- ICC was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for pre-development work on the former Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Terminal. Architectural and engineering plans for a proposed International Center were developed; the building was made free of asbestos and lead, stabilized and made ready for tours.
- ICC worked with The Plain Dealer to produce monthly issues of **MOSIAC** – an 8-page special section of the newspaper; the first issue was November 19, 2002. ICC also participated in a partnership with Plain Dealer Charities, Inc. to publish **Greater Cleveland MOSAIC** – a 242-page book highlighting the 117 different national and historic ethnic populations in Northeast Ohio.
- ICC hosted 22 foreign ambassadors through its **KNOW YOUR WORLD Series**; these country representatives presented current information about their countries, business opportunities, and an insider look at the peoples and cultures of their countries.
- ICC collaborated with the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission to host the 2004 **International Children's Games**; this was the first time these games were held in the United States.
- ICC worked with the City of Cleveland in identifying and securing support for its 20 official **Sister City** relationships around the world.
- ICC worked with the **Greater Cleveland Consular Corps** to support various activities, projects, and programs within the nations represented by Honorary Consuls.
- ICC produced "**Cultural Harmony**" - a 2-CD international collection of songs for distribution to educational institutions.
- ICC served as fiscal agent in 2004-2005 for the **Somali Diaspora Association** to assist with a Cleveland Foundation grant through its community connections program.
- ICC organized and implemented the first **Summit on the State of the International Community in Northeast Ohio** on September 23, 2006 at which 60 leaders on international organizations produced **AGENDA 2010 for the International Community of Northeast Ohio**. It organized and implemented the second annual **Summit on the State of the International Community in Northeast Ohio** on October 27, 2007.

- ICC sponsored the first annual **RESONANCE: A World Music Festival** on April 28-29, 2006 in collaboration with James Levine, *Executive Director* of INGENUITY and Walter Mahovich, *Director* of HARMONIA. And it co-sponsored the 2nd annual festival on June 2-3, 2007.
- ICC provided facilitation for the planning and implementation of the new India Cultural Garden in 2006. The ICC Executive Director supported the Federation of India Community Associations (FICA) in presenting **ONE WORLD DAY 2006**. ICC was awarded the status of **"Friend of India"** for its work with the Indian community.
- ICC *Executive Director*, Kenneth J. Kovach, was awarded the **International Service Award** of the Rotary Club of Cleveland on February 22, 2007 at its annual "International Fellowship Day."
- ICC collaborates with The Plain Dealer and cleveland.com to produce the on-line version of **MOSAIC** – formerly published monthly as an advertising insert in The Plain Dealer. ICC recruits and coordinates the regular bloggers on cleveland.com/mosaic – the new **on-line international pages**.
- ICC provided facilitation for the City of Cleveland's Special Task Force on **Cleveland as an International Community**. Six members of City Council and two representatives of the Mayor's Office worked collaboratively to address the issues of the international community consisting of 117 ancestry, ethnic, and nationality groups; the Task Force developed recommendations in a Report if the Special Task Force that will be presented to the whole City Council in February 2008.