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## Friendship Force club of YOUR CITY/REGION Schedules events for Friendship Force's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

YOUR CLUB CITY'S NAME – The Friendship Force Club of YOUR CITY in 2017 will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Friendship Force International, a non-profit organization that has brought together more than 1 million people in homestays since 1977 to share different views and discover common ground, in a quest for global understanding and peace.

Through Friendship Force's signature program of home hospitality, local families and international visitors share meals, conversation and the routines of daily life, creating a unique cultural encounter and lasting friendships.

NAME NAME, PRESIDENT OF CLUB NAME, announced that the local club will be celebrating FFI's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017 with various local events, including:

- List and describe your main event
- List and describe another event
- List and describe another event

PRESIDENT NAME said the events will be open to non-members of The Friendship Force who may want to join and take part in international travel or home-hosting with a purpose.

"In these times of international tension and political rhetoric, it is more important than ever for people to reach out to one another to develop bonds of understanding across the barriers that separate us," commented Jeremi Snook, President and CEO of Friendship Force International. "Our 40th anniversary is a joyous occasion for Friendship Force members, and we want to take this opportunity to extend the offer to people everywhere to join us in this movement for better understanding that can lead to a more peaceful world."

The Friendship Force Club of YOUR CITY was founded in YEAR and has XX members. For more information about the celebrations planned by YOUR CLUB, or to inquire about membership, please contact NAME NAME, CLUB PRESIDENT AT PHONE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS, OR VISIT THE CLUB WEBSITE, [WWW.CLUBWEBSITE.XXX](http://WWW.CLUBWEBSITE.XXX).

The host city for the international celebration of Friendship Force's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be Manchester, England, in August. For information or to register to attend, please visit: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=209170&>

## **ABOUT FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL**

With more than 15,000 members in Friendship Force clubs in 66 countries worldwide, FFI provides opportunities to explore new countries and cultures from the inside by bringing people together at the personal level.

Founded in 1977 by Wayne Smith with support from then-American President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Friendship Force has brought together more than 1 million average people in homestay and cultural immersion experiences that have helped to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.

To learn more about how Friendship Force International can enrich your life, please visit [http://friendshipforce.org/index.php/who\\_we\\_are](http://friendshipforce.org/index.php/who_we_are)

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