



# *Information on Junior Chamber International*

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Members of Junior Chamber International are part of a diverse group of young entrepreneurs working to address various community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world.

Through Member Programs and Services, JCI provides tools and information to allow Individual Members, Local Chapters and National Organization to carry out countless programs and activities around the world and accomplish the Junior Chamber mission, generating positive changes in the community.

**NAME:** Junior Chamber International (JCI), Inc., is a worldwide federation of young professionals and entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 and 40.

**MEMBERSHIP:** National Organizations federated to JCI are active in more than 6,000 chapters located in more than 100 nations and territories.

**MISSION:** To contribute to the advancement of the global community by providing the opportunity for young people to develop the leadership skills, social responsibility, fellowship, and entrepreneurship necessary to create positive change.

**HISTORY:** JCI was founded in Mexico City on December 11, 1944, when representatives from eight nations met to create an organization that would address global concerns. From these eight nations, JCI has grown spanning every continent to include more than 100 nations.

**2004 PRESIDENT:** Fernando Sanchez Arias from Maracaibo, Venezuela.

**HEADQUARTERS:** The JCI Headquarters was established in 1951 and was located in Coral Gables, Florida, U.S.A., since 1969. In 2002, the JCI Headquarters was relocated to St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A., where the first local organization was founded in 1918. A professional staff of 20 full-time employees provides services to JCI members.

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:** The winners of the Outstanding Young Persons of the World (TOYP) program are announced each year at the JCI World Congress. The program honors up to ten young individuals who best exemplify the finest attributes of the world's young people. JCI also hosts four regional conferences each year to conduct its business and training as well as address items of concern and global issues. During 2004, these conferences will be held in Dakar, Senegal; Penang, Malaysia, Guayaquil, Ecuador and Lausanne, Switzerland.

**International Cooperations:** JCI is an international Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with active participation in the United Nations (UN) system. In this context, JCI has relations with the Office of the UN Secretary General (Secretariat) and a Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).