



City of Houston Citizenship Month November 1–30, 2017



Celebrating the Many Faces of Houston

We invite you to participate in the City of Houston's Citizenship Month

Mission: Citizenship Month is an annual volunteer-driven initiative of the City of Houston's Office of New Americans and Immigrant Communities that serves to bring cultural, civic, and educational awareness to all people who call Houston home.

2017 will mark the ninth year of celebrating "The Many Faces of Houston." This annual celebration is organized under the guidance of a committee of dedicated volunteer advisors in collaboration with organizations and individuals from the Greater Houston community. BakerRipley, formerly Neighborhood Centers, is the official fiscal sponsor of Citizenship Month.

The City of Houston's Citizenship Month initiative encourages civic engagement and commemorates the spirit of citizenship that helps make Houston the nation's most diversified community. It provides a month's worth of opportunities for those who call Houston "home" to take pride in our great city's vibrant mix of native Houstonians, transplants from other cities and states, immigrants, refugees, foreign students, and international resident workers.

What We Are Celebrating

- ★ **Citizenship:** Encouraging greater awareness of what it means to be a citizen in order to **foster positive, active civic engagement.**
- ★ **Diversity:** Underscoring the City's diverse ethnic, immigrant, cultural, professional and socioeconomic communities to **support social cohesion, secure vibrant neighborhoods, productive workplaces and healthy communities.**
- ★ **Immigrant & Refugee Integration:** Partnering with stakeholders and community-based organizations to offer programs, services and events, we seek to **build the capacity of Houston to welcome and integrate its diverse citizenry.**
- ★ **Fellowship:** Providing opportunities for community-driven events representing every segment of city life to **support our City's neighbors getting to know each other better for harmony, cooperation and a sense of citizen stewardship toward one another and the City as our home and workplace.**

How & Why to Get Involved

- ★ **By Sponsoring:** Citizenship Month is seeking sponsors and partners from the media, business and educational communities, faith-based and community-based organizations, social service organizations, performance and visual arts organizations, the Consular Corps, our Armed Services, and other governmental entities.
- ★ **By Organizing an Event:** The success of Citizenship Month depends on the enthusiastic and energetic individuals, groups and organizations who represent all walks of life in the City of Houston and organize events representing their unique contribution to the fabric of our City.
- ★ **By Participating:** Individuals, groups and organizations gain increased awareness of their contributions to the City and make a bigger difference in their community.

Citizenship Month is a collaborative effort of appointed and volunteer community leaders and representatives from the City of Houston Mayor's Office.