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Temporary housing



Ishinomaki City after Tsunami



A nursery in Ishinomaki



A nursery appearance

Three years have passed since the East Japan Triple Disaster occurred. As of January 16, 2014, the number of evacuees is 274,000. Many people are still living in temporary housing or in other areas, having been evacuated from the nuclear plant area. Also, 102,000 people still live in temporary housing and are trying to reconstruct their livelihood. There are many reports that the children are much frustrated as they cannot play outdoors and that the local government officials are working hard under heavy stresses.

We are in the third year of our East Japan Support Project offering support to prevent children's trauma through Second Step. Our approach combines (1) public meetings where we emphasize the need to pay attention to children's emotional well-being and share the effects of Second Step, (2) training meetings for promising organizations (where they attend free of charge and receive free Second Step materials), and (3) follow-up group visits by our Master Trainers for demonstration and continued support.

In August 2013, the Reconstruction Agency advertised for a leading model program: Toward the Creation of 'New Tohoku.' CFCJ made an aid request to pay the fees for training meetings in Ishinomaki City (Miyagi prefecture) in October and Koriyama City (Fukushima prefecture) in December. Unfortunately we were not selected due to the competitive situation (only 66 were selected out of 460 applicants). CFCJ therefore paid the fee for the Second Step training meeting in Ishinomaki City for 13 people and 10 sets of materials (Course 1). The money donated by our supporters covered all those fees. In the same way, the donation covered the fees for the training meeting in Koriyama City in December for 2 people and 1 set of materials. In 2013, the fee, which the donation covered, for Second Step training meetings for 17 people was 499,800 yen and the fee for 12 sets of materials (Course 1) was covered by the donation of 352,800 yen. The total was 852,600 yen. We deeply appreciate your cooperation.

This year, one of our members, who lives in Sendai City (Miyagi prefecture), is most likely to be in charge of the local Second Step training meeting in Sendai in August. As the Reconstruction Agency plans to advertise for the model program again this year, we will apply for the program and try to gain the fund for our project. We, CFCJ will continue engaging in the reconstruction of the children's mental well-being for the decade ahead and will send Second Step to as many children in the disaster areas as possible. We appreciate your continuous support and concern.

Shun-ichi J. Watanabe, CFCJ President

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