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Prefabricated temporary housing

Five years have passed since the East Japan Triple Disaster occurred. As of August 2015, the number of evacuees is still 200,000 people (decreased by 270,000 immediately after the earthquake). Among them, there are about 70,000 people living in prefabricated temporary housing. Prolonged evacuation life, in particular for the support for the mental and physical health of those in temporary housing, has become a major issue. In order to create a "New Tohoku", the Reconstruction Agency has been trying to promote their efforts aggressively that they would become the national model by maximizing private human resources and know-how, such as those of companies, universities and NPOs. As part of community formation, "creating a place to support the healthy growth of children" has been proposed.



A follow-up group visit

The "East Japan Support Project" ( common name ), the project with which we had been supporting the healthy and wholesome development of the children in the affected areas by taking advantage of the Second Step Program, has entered its sixth year. Since 2011, it has held five lecture meetings, nine training meetings and six follow-up group visits in Iwate Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture and Fukushima Prefecture. In particular, the Second Step Program has been steadily expanding. This is thanks to the "Free Frame" (the mechanism made possible by donations from the members, one that provided free training meeting participation fees and one of the materials free of charge, on the condition of practicing the Second Step Program), that had been operating in earnest since the fiscal year 2013.



A training meeting in Sendai-city

During the fiscal year 2015, at the training meetings held in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture in November, free tuition for nine elementary school teachers, four sets of Second Step materials were provided free of charge. Since the fiscal year 2013, the number of participants in the training meetings held by the "Free Frame" was 37 (of whom 15 were elementary school teachers, 11 were nursery school teachers and 11 others). 24 sets of materials were provided, free of charge, (benefitting ten elementary schools, 9 nursery schools and 5 other facilities). Your donations have enabled this organization to support training meeting participation fees, amounting to 1,165,080 yen and the material expenses, amounting to 710,280 yen. This is an estimate, but about 700 children in the affected areas have been able to learn in this Second Step Program.



Course 0 lesson at a elementary school

In the budget of the fiscal year 2015, we calculated the amount of free tuition for 15 participants in the training meetings and the cost of providing 10 sets of Second Step materials, free of charge, but it is likely that the total amount would be less than our budget. The reason for that was due to the fact that Morioka City, Iwate Prefecture, had failed to apply for "Free Frame" and to the fact that it was not possible to hold a training meeting in Fukushima Prefecture. At the training meeting held in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture last November, the Principal of the elementary school in Shinichi-town, Fukushima Prefecture, was given the training, so it is likely that we could expect the Second Step Program to spread in Fukushima Prefecture, starting next fiscal year.

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