
EAST JAPAN SUPPORT PROJECT NEWSLETTER ('EJNews')

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An athletics meeting

Five and half years have passed since the East Japan Triple Disaster occurred. As of August 2016, the number of evacuees has decreased from about 470,000 to about 150,000. Among them, approximately 50,000 live in pre-fabricated temporary housing. An issue pursuant to the long-term evacuation is maintaining the mental well-being of evacuees and transitioning them out of temporary housing. The Reconstruction Agency is maximizing use of personnel and knowledge available at organizations like corporations, universities, and NPOs in order to create a "New Tohoku" and promoting a series of leading initiatives towards the Agency's stated timeline of a conclusion of reconstruction and revitalization efforts in March 2021.



A lecture meeting at Sendai-city

The "East Japan Support Project," an initiative spearheaded by CFCJ in order to utilize the Second Step Program and support the healthy and vital growth of children in the affected areas, has entered its sixth year. Since 2011, five lecture meetings, nine training meetings, and six follow-up group visits have been held in the prefectures of Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima. In particular, the "Free frame" (the mechanism that training meeting participation fees and one of the materials are free, on the condition of practicing the Second Step Program), started in 2013 and has steadily succeeded in spreading the Second Step Program which has been supported by charitable contributions from members.



A training meeting at Sendai-city

Noriko Otomo, a trainer from Sendai in Miyagi Prefecture, acted as an autonomy-support coach and practiced Course1 for seven first- through sixth-grade students at an elementary school in south district of Miyagi Prefecture who have behavioral problems. She reports that the homeroom teacher for one male sixth-grader who was prone to tantrums stated that the student learned to control his behavior and gave a speech at the school graduation ceremony saying, "Thanks to the Second Step Program, I learned how to control my anger. I'm grateful to the program."



Course 1 practice at a elementary school

At the general meeting in 2016, the budget for the East Japan Support Project was drafted and funds were allocated for five sets of materials and for ten persons to attend training meetings free of charge. In 2015, the total was nine training meetings attendees and four sets of materials, so this means we have continued to post consistent performance over last year. In terms of amounts, the free training meetings total 302,400 JPY, and the free materials total 151,200 JPY. The East Japan Support Project continues collecting charitable contributions from members. We appreciate your continued support of the project.

Kikuko Watanbe, CFCJ President

Total Amount of Donations from 2011 (As of August 31, 2016):JPY 6,298,176 (USD60,899.01 ; EUR54,588.57)

Total Amount of Donations from April 2016 (As of August 31, 2016):JPY 71,000 (USD686.52; EUR 615.38)

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