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# EAST JAPAN SUPPORT PROJECT NEWSLETTER ('EJNews')

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Public housing

Four and half years have passed since the East Japan Triple Disaster occurred. As of January 2015 the number of evacuees has decreased from 470,000 in the post-quake period to 240,000. Nevertheless, about 230,000 people have still not returned home. The major task is to protect the mental and physical health of people living the prolonged life as evacuees especially in temporary housings. The Reconstruction Agency has set forth the basic principles to resolve regional issues through public-private collaboration taking advantage of reconstruction, and to Create "New Tohoku". One of the five pillars is "healthy growth of children".



A lecture meeting

We are in the fifth year of our "East Japan Support Project" (common name) offering support for the healthy growth of children in the disaster area through Second Step. After 2011, 5 lecture meetings and 8 training meetings were held and 6 follow-up group visits were made in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefecture. Especially, Second Step in the category of "free of charge"\* with the donations from our members started in full swing from 2013 and has been steadily promoted across a wide area. (\*the system of this category is that we provide free training meetings and one set of free Second Step materials with the condition that they practice Second Step.)



A follow-up group visit

In 2013, we invited total 17 principals, nursery staff and others of nursery schools to attend a training meeting in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture in July, an invited training meeting in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture in October, and a training meeting in Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture in December at no expense and gave them 12 sets of free Second Step 'course 1'. In 2014, we invited 13 elementary school teachers to attend a training meeting in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture in August at no expense and gave them 8 sets of free Second Step materials. Specifically, 852,600 yen in 2013 and 635,040 yen in 2014 are gathered in the category of "free of charge". These donations are all from our members. In the past two years, they newly practiced Second Step in 11 nursery schools and 6 elementary schools. Estimated 400 children in the disaster area learned this program.



Course0 Unit2 Lesson7

In 2015 we budget 956,000 yen for free training meetings for 15 people, 10 sets of free Second Step materials and the cost of follow-up group visits. The budget has been approved at the general assembly. Noriko Otomo, a trainer and person in charge in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture is now recruiting attendees mainly from elementary school teachers as we plan to hold the training meeting in the area on November 28 and 29. This year, we would like to hold training meetings in Fukushima Prefecture where we could not hold them due to the lack of attendees last year. We would very much appreciate your continued support.

Yasutaka Tokorozawa, CFCJ President

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Total Amount of Donations from 2011 (As of August 31, 2015) : JPY 5,988,652 (USD 48,596.17; EUR 43,626.80)

Total Amount of Donations from April 2015 (As of August 31, 2015) : JPY 150,000 (USD 1,217.20; EUR 1,092.73)

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