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# EAST JAPAN SUPPORT PROJECT NEWSLETTER ('EJ News')

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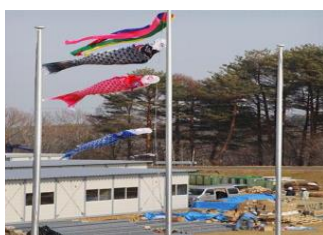
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Temporary housing

Three and a half years have passed since the East Japan Triple Disaster occurred. As of August 26, 2014, the number of evacuees is 247,000 (decreased by 23,000 from January 2014). Many people are still living in temporary housing or in other areas, having been evacuated from the nuclear plant area. Also, 97,000 people (decreased by 8,000 from January 2014) still live in temporary housing and are trying to reconstruct their livelihood. Children's problems have become even more serious as time passes and among them there is a high percentage of violence, stay-at-home, truancy in nurseries and schools.



Koinobori at temporary housing

We are in the fourth year of our East Japan Support Project offering support to prevent children's trauma through Second Step. Our approach combines (1) lecture 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.



Lecture meeting at Sendai City

We conducted four training meetings and two follow-up group visits, devoting 1,017,000 yen which is 5% of our training revenue and with your donations added, this was accomplished by East Japan Support Project of 2013. 17 people learned Second Step at no expense and 12 set of materials were given free. They taught the Second Step skills to about 120 children. As an example, a teacher of the elementary school in Fukushima practiced Second Step and a child came to be able to control emotions with the skills he learned. Parents of the child felt grateful to the teacher.



Training Meeting at Sendai City

We expect the income for the East Japan Support Project in 2014 will be 1,128,000 yen. We also plan to conduct two lecture meetings and three training meetings. In August training meetings at Sendai City (Miyagi prefecture) and Morioka City (Iwate prefecture) were held. We invited 13 people, mainly elementary school teachers, to attend at no expense and gave them 9 sets of free Second Step materials. We expect that they will start practicing Second Step from September and teach about 200 children Social-Emotional Learning skills. Your support has enabled us to deliver Second Step to about 320 children in total since we started this project in 2011. We appreciate your continuous support and concern in the future.

Yasutaka Tokorozawa, CFCJ President

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Total Amount of Donations from 2011 (As of August 29, 2014): JPY 4,914,563 (USD 47,185.54 ; EUR 35,941.72)

Total Amount of Donations from April 2014 (As of August 29, 2014): JPY 239,875 (USD 2,303.08 ; EUR 1,754.28)

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