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# Japan-America Society of Indiana Report of the Japan Earthquake Relief Fund

Donors, Partners and Friends,

It is with immense gratitude that we share the results of the Japan-America Society of Indiana (JASI)'s Japan Earthquake Relief Fund (JERF). The Japan Earthquake Relief Fund, which opened immediately after the earthquake and tsunami struck Japan on March 11, 2011, received generous support from individuals, communities, businesses, educational institutions, churches, and organizations that collaborated with JASI and entrusted the Society as the channel for donations to Japan.

We thank **Chase, Fifth Third, Old National, and PNC** – the banks represented on JASI's Board of Directors – for helping establish a statewide channel for donations in which donations could be made at any bank branch. **Shank Public Relations Counsellors** donated vital services in publicizing the campaign and securing media involvement.

Contributions to JASI's Japan Earthquake Relief Fund total over \$886,000. This remarkable amount places the JASI Fund as the fourth largest among all Japan societies nationwide, behind New York, California, and Hawaii. From corporations that have given major gifts and facilitated employee matching funds, to children who have given money to Japan in lieu of birthday presents, every donation has been precious. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have been a part of the effort. Truly, the spirit of *kizuna*, or bond of friendship, has been realized.

An initial disbursement of funds was made two months after the disaster to major relief agencies and to funds administered by the governments of the affected prefectures and municipalities, in particular to those representing Indiana's sister prefecture and sister-cities in Japan. A second round of disbursements was made to organizations involved in the phase two rebuilding effort. JASI has endeavored to fund projects that are uniquely helping the people of Tohoku help themselves, with hand-to-hammer reconstruction efforts as well as with heart-to-heart services and support. A description of the projects is included in this report.

100% of the JERF donations are committed to relief organizations in Japan. JASI incurred all expenses associated with facilitating the fundraising campaign as well as travel in Japan to research the relief effort. It was a moving experience to personally visit the Tohoku region six months after the disasters, to see the extent of the devastation, to volunteer, and to meet with relief workers and social service agencies.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the **National Association of Japan-America Societies** for its guidance and for its excellent work in connecting the Japan societies in the United States to several relief agencies in Japan. Our thanks also to JASI colleague **Tamayo Fukumoto** for her research and communications with Japan-based partners; and to the All Hands international relief organization for inspiring and hosting my visit to Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture.

We continue to keep in our minds and hearts the people of Japan who have been affected by the disasters, as well as those who are on the front lines providing assistance. We are hopeful that the donations from Indiana will bring renewed hope and resources to those who have suffered as they rebuild their lives.

Theresa Kulczak  
Executive Director



COVER PHOTOS:  
Residents of Taro, Iwate Prefecture, during memorial ceremony at the tsunami wall.  
"Ganbarou" sign in Ofunato; photo by Theresa Kulczak

# JASI's Japan Earthquake Relief Fund Received Over \$886,000 in Donations.

## First Round Distribution: Immediate Relief

### Government-Directed Relief Funds

Tochigi Prefecture "Tochimaru Relief Fund"	\$ 100,000.00
City of Kuji, Iwate Prefecture "Kuji Relief Fund"	\$ 50,000.00
City of Kakuda, Miyagi Prefecture "Kakuda Relief Fund"	\$ 50,000.00
Fukushima Prefecture Relief Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Miyagi Prefecture Relief Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Iwate Prefecture Relief Fund	\$ 50,000.00

### Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations

Japanese Red Cross Society	\$ 100,000.00
Ashinaga	\$ 50,000.00
Save the Children (Japan)	\$ 50,000.00
<b>Funds distributed within two months after the disaster:</b>	<b>\$ 550,000.00</b>

## Second Phase Distribution: Rebuilding and Renewal

JEN (Japan Emergency NGOs)	
"Forklift Project" Yagawahama, Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture	\$ 60,000
"Hama Project" Jyusanhsama, Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture	\$ 50,000
Living Dreams Children's Homes	\$ 60,000
Shirakawa City and Horikawa City, Fukushima Prefecture	
Japan Center for International Exchange: "Kitchen Car Project"	\$ 60,000
Sendai Griecare Association	\$ 30,000
Second Hand	\$ 15,000
Tsunami Taro	\$ 15,000
Miyagi Prefecture Orphan's Fund	\$ 11,000
Iwate Hope Learning Fund	\$ 11,000
Second Harvest	\$ 10,000
Project Funbaro Eastern Japan	\$ 10,000
In process	\$ 4,000
<b>Distribution of Funds for Phase Two Rebuilding:</b>	<b>\$ 336,000</b>



Columbus Japanese Business Association – "WE PRAY FOR JAPAN" Fundraising Event



Tamayo Fukumoto with sixth grade students at Clinton Prairie Elementary School, Frankfort, IN



# Rebuilding and Renewal Projects

## JEN (Japan Emergency NGO)

JEN (Japan Emergency NGO) is an international humanitarian relief and development organization that has worked in many countries, and spent five years in Niigata Prefecture in response to the 2004 and 2007 earthquakes. Donations from the Japan-America Society of Indiana (JASI)'s Fund are supporting JEN's work in Ishinomaki City on the Oshika Peninsula of Miyagi Prefecture, an area hardest hit by the tsunami, located just 45 miles from the epicenter of the Great East Japan Earthquake. JASI is funding two projects in collaboration with local fishery associations.

The **"Hama Project"** funds the construction of a temporary fishing warehouse for the village of Yagawahama, Ishinomaki, selected by JEN because it is the only port among four neighboring ports with a postal service. The fishing industry provides the livelihood for over 60% of its residents, including the aqua-farming of scallops, oysters and sea-squirts. Because of the extent of the damage from the tsunami, the local fishing industry must rebuild from nothing. The prefab warehouse will provide a secured storage space for equipment and property of the fisherman, a work place, a community gathering center for other residents, and a hub for the rebuilding of the village.

The **"Forklift Project"** Jyusanhama, part of Ishinomaki, contains several small fishing villages located on the coast. Products of the fishing industry include wakame (seaweed), kelp and scallops. The villages were destroyed by the tsunami and all almost all heavy equipment was lost. In order to start the rebuilding process and revive the industry, the local fishermen indicated to JEN an essential need for cranes and forklifts; however, given the high expense of cranes, it was decided that forklifts would be used to accomplish as much as possible. In a three-way partnership funded and facilitated by the Japan-America Society of Indiana, JEN purchased two Toyota forklifts for use by the fishing villages comprising Jyusanhama. The forklifts were supplied by Toyota Industries Japan and its representative sales dealer, through the communications support of Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing, Columbus, Indiana.



*JASI/Toyota forklifts with  
representatives of the fishing  
industry at Jyusanhama, Ishinomaki*

## Second Harvest Japan

Second Harvest Japan (2HJ) established Japan's first food bank. The organization distributes food to soup kitchens, orphanages, the elderly, emergency shelters, single mothers, the homeless, migrant workers, and many others. Food that would otherwise go to waste is collected from food manufacturers, farmers, and individuals, and is distributed to people in need, including children in orphanages, battered women and their children in shelters and the homeless in Japan. After the 3.11 Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami, 2HJ was one of the first NGOs to receive certification so that its trucks could immediately spring into action to deliver food supplies to those in need in the disaster area. It currently makes regular deliveries to Minami-soma, Soma, Shinchimachi, Ishinomaki, and Minami-sanriku.

## Living Dreams: Tohoku Kids' Support Project Fukushima Children's Homes

Living Dreams is a Japan-based organization providing services to a network of eighteen orphanages in central Japan. Following the disasters, LD offered emergency relief and then, with years of rebuilding ahead for some of the children's centers, Living Dreams is now focused on replacing funding gaps to the homes caused by reprioritization of the government following the disasters. LD's support makes possible counseling services, educational activities, field trips, and equipment to improve the kids' overall quality of life. As ongoing needs are identified, the Living Dreams staff will work to create enriching and empowering programs that will help kids without families see past the devastation in their communities. Theresa Kulczak, JASI Executive Director, visited two of children's homes located approximately 60 miles from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Nuclear Reactors where the children wear personal radiation monitors outside. As described by LD, one of the homes, Shirakawa Gakuen, housing seventy children, is an old building with an "institutional" feel, no amenities, and one of the "dreariest" in terms of physical environment in the Living Dreams network. The second home, Horikawa Gakuen, houses forty children and practices the U.S.-based Boys Town model with live-in staff.



*Theresa Kulczak at Shirakawa Gakuen Children's Center, Fukushima Prefecture*



*Personal radiation monitors for children at Shirakawa Gakuen*



*An American volunteer with All Hands, an international relief organization that hosted Theresa in Ofunato, Iwate*

### Columbus Japanese Business Association (Directed Donations)

The Columbus Japanese Business Association (CJBA) raised \$31,720.47 in the charity event "Pray for Japan" which was then supplemented by JASI's Fund to total \$32,000. The CJBA channeled its donations through JASI, requesting funds be distributed to the following three programs in Japan: The Miyagi Prefecture Special Fund for Orphans, the Iwate Learning Hope Fund, and Second Hand. The Miyagi and Iwate Prefectural funds for orphans are used to fund scholarships for orphans who lost their parents in the earthquake/tsunami.

### Second Hand

Second Hand is a Japanese non-profit organization based in Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture. Its mission was to help children in Cambodia but following the disasters in Japan, it redirected its efforts to the Tohoku region. It's "Cash for Work" project employed victims from the tsunami and offered them minimal wages to help clean up the area, providing victims with a source of income to help restart their lives. The next phase was focused on the "Community Shop," a concept similar to that of the Goodwill Stores in the United States, in which survivors can purchase donated or second-hand items. The stores also offer work and volunteer opportunities and a community gathering place.

### Sendai Griefcare Association

The Sendai Griefcare Association is an organization of physicians, nurses, and counselors offering volunteer support to the survivors who lost their families and homes. On a volunteer basis, the professional personnel give psychological counseling and organize survivor sharing circles with the ultimate goal of preventing suicides as time goes on. The association also trains volunteers to become facilitators for survivors' circles. The SGCA volunteers travel to communities throughout Tohoku providing these services. JASI was introduced to the SGA through Chikako Ishii and Takuya Sato.

### Project Fumbaro Eastern Japan

A Japanese volunteer organization facilitating a myriad of projects in the Tohoku region, such as assisting local residents in obtaining heavy equipment licenses to lead clean-up projects; Geiger Counter and computer provisioning; job assistance; academic tutoring; deliver of essential supplies, etc.



Workers in Second Hand's "Cash for Work" project



Article about the Sendai Griefcare Association's counseling sessions and suicide prevention in the Komei Newspaper



### Tsunami Taro Project

Prior to 3.11, the town of Taro, Iwate, was devastated by tsunamis in 1896 and 1933. This prompted Taro to construct one of Japan's largest tsunami walls (1934-1978) that ultimately saved the entire town from the 1960 Chilean earthquake tsunami. This success, coupled with yearly evacuation drills, advanced tsunami warning systems and the teaching of *tendenko* (save yourself), helped establish the town's reputation as "Tsunami Taro." This preparedness, however, failed to save everyone from the events of March 2011. JASI member Mindy Linn worked at the Taro Board of Education from 1991-1993 and visited in June 2011 for the funerals of her friends lost in the tsunami. She created a fundraising campaign to support Taro's rebuilding efforts, and in March 2012 presented donations to NPO Taro, a non-profit group established to aid and accelerate the town's recovery. Their rebuilding includes relocating essential town functions to higher ground, building taller tsunami walls, designating uninhabitable areas, with the goal of serving as a model town for other communities in the region also rebuilding.

### Japan Center for International Exchange "Kitchen Car Project"

The Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE/USA and JCIE/Japan) fosters dialogue and cooperation between Japan, the United States, and other countries around the world. JASI is one of the funding partners with JCIE for an innovative project in Kamaishi, Iwate Prefecture, a town that was engulfed by the tsunami. The "Kitchen Car" project invests donations in a small fleet of food trucks for local chefs who lost their restaurants in the disasters and which in turn serve low cost, high quality fare. Because the kitchen trucks are mobile, they can serve hot food to victims who are living in temporary housing units which are often situated far from shopping areas. The trucks also serve construction workers and volunteers involved in rebuilding. The project managers advise on menus, the sourcing of ingredients, arranging for locations from which the trucks can sell to communities, and sites for food preparation. Since January 2012, the trucks have also used a portable "yatai" (food stand) that has a canopy and vinyl walls and which can be "docked" to the kitchen cars at night, or on rainy or cold days. The "Kitchen Truck Project" offers support on many levels, stimulating the local economy by putting a small restaurateur back to work and creating a path back to ownership, as well as creating a community gathering place for displaced survivors and local citizens.



*Mindy Linn delivers donations to Taro, Iwate Prefecture*



*Kitchen Cars with awnings that allow them to operate at night and in bad weather*



*A Kitchen Car in Kamaishi, Iwate Prefecture*

# JASI Japan Earthquake Relief Fund

## Corporate and Organizational Major Donations

### JERF Committee Members

#### JASI Board of Directors:

Pawel Fludzinski  
Kazuyuki Hidaka  
Larry Ingraham  
Robert Reynolds

#### JASI Staff:

Theresa Kulczak  
Tamayo Fukumoto  
Wesley Bishop  
John Lajiness



JASI fundraiser with Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard at City Market

### \$100,000 and Up

Indiana Packers Corporation  
Indiana Packers Corporation Employees

### \$50,000 to \$99,999

Duke Energy Indiana  
Duke Energy Indiana Employees  
Duke Energy Indiana Employee Match  
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Subaru of Indiana Automotive Employees  
Subaru of Indiana Automotive Employee Match  
Vectren Corporation  
Vectren Corporation Employees  
Vectren Corporation Employee Match

### \$25,000 to \$49,000

Columbus Japanese Business Association  
KYB Manufacturing North America  
KYB Manufacturing North America Employees

### \$10,000 to \$24,999

Barnes & Thornburg  
ELSA  
ELSA Employees  
ELSA Employee Match  
Elwood Staffing  
Elwood Staffing Employees  
Elwood Staffing Employee Match  
Enkei America  
Enkei America Employees  
ExactTarget  
ExactTarget Employees  
ExactTarget Employee Match  
Heartland Automotive  
Hoosier Energy  
Ice Miller  
Ice Miller Employees  
Indiana Automotive Fasteners  
Indiana Automotive Fasteners Employees  
Indiana Japanese Language School  
Kamic Corporation  
Nachi America  
Nikkei MC Aluminum America  
PK USA  
PK USA Employees

### \$5,000 to \$9,999

Allison Transmission Employees  
Allison Transmission Employee Match  
Austin Tri-Hawk Automotive  
Austin Tri-Hawk Automotive Employees  
Austin Tri-Hawk Automotive Employee Match  
St. Pius X Catholic Church  
Hotta Liesenberg Saito  
Hotta Liesenberg Saito Employees  
Ryobi Die Casting  
St. Pius X Catholic Church  
San-J International  
San-J International Employees  
San-J International Employee Match  
Seymour Tubing  
Seymour Tubing Employees  
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### \$2,500 to \$4,999

ATTC Manufacturing  
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Indiana University Japanese Student Association  
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Precision Tools Service Employee Match  
Somerset CPAs

### \$1,000 to \$2,499

City of Seymour  
Cornerstone Environmental, Health & Safety  
Cornerstone Environmental, Health & Safety Employees  
Cornerstone E, H & S Employee Match  
Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana  
Edge Technologies  
Ford Tool & Machining  
Goshen College  
Griffith High School  
Hisada America Employees  
Hisada America Employee Match  
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Indiana Hydraulic Equipment, Corporation  
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Sigma-Tau Pharmasource Employees  
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Taiwanese American Association of Indianapolis  
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TASUS Corporation Employee Match  
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### \$500 to \$999

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