

MIMI-SUMA

About Us

Mimi-wo-sumasu Project

Since the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, as a team of the Citizens' Network for Support of Victims of Great East Japan Earthquake, Sapporo (nicknamed "Sapporo Musubiba," literally "the venue to connect people in Sapporo"), we "Mimi-wo-sumasu Project" (meaning "listen attentively to tiny voices") have actively been involved in supporting the disaster-hit areas, the evacuees and the remaining-people in the region (including Fukushima). Among these we have been putting special efforts in recuperation programs for the children. In December 2013, with future long-term activities in mind, in order to sustain our programs with professional skills, we have become NPO.

NPO Mimi-wo-sumasu Project has been operating to: 1) support the radiation and tsunami areas (including but not limited to Fukushima); 2) extend support to people in these areas; 3) help the evacuees relocated nationwide; 4) assist the evacuees returning to these areas, and 5) organize supporting activities for children in these environments.

Our activities include: 1) networking with domestic organizations; 2) promoting recuperation programs in collaboration with administrative, educational, medical institutions, corporations as well as citizens, and 3) organizing and managing recuperation programs during school summer and winter vacations of schools. We have been carefully observing life and listening attentively to small voices through consultations (including medical) in the disaster-hit areas.

Our Programs in FY 2015-2016

Hokkori (Heart-warming) Project

Advising and collaborating with the Buddhist Organization, Jodo Shinshu Honganji-ha, Hokkaido, in their recuperation programs for families from the high-radiation areas, through planning and managing.

Bekkai Hoyo Project

Independent program of the Hokkori Project. Collaborating as an advisor to mediate the project. Children are accepted in a unit of cram school. Ten junior high school students stayed for recuperation shortly in Bekkai Town, located in the eastern Hokkaido.

Mobile Classroom

Planned and managed the mobile class with boarding for elementary children, a five-year program by the Kawamata Education Board, Fukushima Prefecture. The very first year of the program was held in June 2015, at Nanae Town, Hokkaido, and five-graders and six-graders of the Fukuda Elementary School, Kawamata Town stayed for three nights, four days in the Town.

Genkijuku Union Heart and Union Skiing School

Hosted the learning-support classes during school summer and winter vacations for the evacuated children and students in cooperation with Sapporo City Teachers' Union and Sapporo Tomono Kai, a group organized by women.

Satoyama Ryugaku in Ohnuma 2015 - summer camp offering support for learning

Held seven-days recuperation camp in Nanae Town, Hokkaido for twenty children from grade three to grade six at elementary schools in Fukushima Prefecture and Tochigi Prefecture. The children have learned about the importance of environmental preservation through observing water quality and ecology at Ohnuma Lake and transporting logs with horses in the forests. They have learned to work and study on their own which has strengthened their survival capabilities.

Kiyomap Project

The exchange program between football clubs of Kawamata Junior High School, Kawamata Town, Fukushima Prefecture and Kurisawa Junior High School, Iwamizawa City, Hokkaido Prefecture. In the second year, a training camp with recuperation programs was held during school summer vacation, in Kurisawa, Iwamizawa City, Hokkaido. The parents' association of the soccer clubs took an initiative and founded an organizing committee for the event. We had been an advisor and given full support with the project.

On-site Consultations

Consultations, both large and small in scale were held for the people in high-radiation areas on issues such as evacuation, moving, temporal recuperation etc. We were involved in preparation and management of these consultations as a member of 311 Japan Nuclear Disaster Aid Association.

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Our Activities

Recuperation programs for children (with learning programs)

On-site consultations in the disaster-hit areas

Supporting parents raising children in the disaster-hit areas

Coordination and advise on recuperation programs

Operation of "Union-heart Mimi-suma Pockle" exchange and support programs with people in the disaster areas

Consultations on schooling for people planning to evacuate from the areas

Learning support for the evacuated children in Sapporo

Mimi-suma World Cafe 2015

Conducted in collaboration with the Citizen-Science International Symposium on Radiation Protection. Twelve organizations of both sides - the sending side of the evacuees from the affected areas and the receiving side out of the areas - gathered together to share problems in daily activities. We exchanged opinions and ideas for resolution in workshop-style.

Genki House Pockle (terminated) - Local exchange and support programs with the people in the disaster areas

The facility operated in Sapporo as a so-called share-house was closed at the end of August with the expiration of the two-years renting contract. During two-years operations, the total number of people who used the facility was 437, including temporal recuperation stay during summer months (44 in July, 42 in August). The program will be renewed and be launched as a new program. We thank many people who had extended their support for the facility.

