



## **NORTHERN JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND UPDATE (3/28/11)**

Through your support the Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund has raised \$1,027,987.00 to date. Your donations are at work on the ground directly helping the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami by:

- Immediately sending volunteers through the Japan YMCA to deliver food, water, batteries and flashlights to the Tohoku region of Japan.
- Establishing and sustaining two relief shelters and three childcare centers in Sendai City and Matsushima Azuma, in Miyagi Prefecture.
- Supporting the resettlement of over 20,000 homeless evacuees from the Tohoku region to resettle in temporary housing in Kobe, Japan.
- Establishing and supplying food, water, clothing and supplies to additional shelters and childcare facilities in Morioka the capital city of Iwate Prefecture through the Japan YMCA.
- Sending volunteers and supplies through the Japan YMCA to Souma City in Fukushima Prefecture where they are addressing the needs of over 500 residents who lost their homes and were evacuated due to the threat of nuclear radiation.
- Establishing a mental health clinic and post traumatic stress program in cooperation with the Kobe YMCA.
- Sending support and supplies to the make shift shelters and damaged homes in the smaller coastal towns of the Tohoku region.

In the next few weeks we will focus our financial support efforts on the stabilization of the temporary shelters and temporary housing being created for the victims, the mental health needs of the elderly, children and challenged individuals and trying to prevent the death toll from rising due to the freezing weather conditions, stress, hygiene and health conditions caused by the disaster, aftershocks and the threat of radiation exposure.

The Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund efforts are part of a national network in Japan called the Japan Civil Network for Disaster Relief in East Japan which consists of over 50 non-profit, non-governmental and private organizations helping to coordinate a public response to the needs of this disaster. We are represented through our partnership and support of the YMCA Japan Alliance and the Kobe YMCA.

**At this time, the JCCCNC is only accepting monetary donations.** All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law and will be acknowledged. Please no relief goods or supplies at this time.

The Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund established by the JCCCNC is a three-fold plan over the next several months:

- **Relief** (Meeting immediate life saving and survival needs)
- **Recovery** (Creating sustainability, temporary shelters and housing needs, Post Traumatic Stress counseling, supplies for children, families and seniors)
- **Rebuild** (Supporting community and neighborhood capital and improvement projects and programs)

In 1995, the JCCCNC raised over \$600,000 towards citizen relief efforts for the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake that killed over 6,000 people and left over 300,000 people homeless. The donations received helped organize volunteer efforts to get food and water directly to the victims, citizen search efforts, provide clothing for those **who** lost their homes, distribute essential supplies for women, children and seniors, and we helped to feed and rebuild orphanages in Kobe. We have continued to visit and donate to the orphanage every year since 1995.

If there is one bright light in all this devastation, we know from our years of experience with the Kobe earthquake relief efforts that Japan and its people will endure and they will rise from the ashes and destruction.

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) was established as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in California in 1973. The JCCCNC serves over 185,000 individuals a year and conducts numerous exchange programs between the United States and Japan. In spring of 2009, the JCCCNC lead a tour to Sendai, Japan.

To make a donation, please visit our website: [www.jcccnc.org](http://www.jcccnc.org) or call at: (415) 529-1322. Checks are preferred and can be sent to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California at 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA. 94115. Checks can be made out to: The Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund. *All donations will be acknowledged.*

Go to our Facebook Cause page:

[http://www.causes.com/campaigns/97128?cause\\_id=590211](http://www.causes.com/campaigns/97128?cause_id=590211)

We will be posting websites, fundraising events and other information.

***"The true test of a friendship is being there during the worst of times"***

***"Spread the Word, Share the Love"***

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