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**2018 Nikkei Youth Raffle:
Support The Center's Community Youth**

San Francisco (February 28, 2018) – The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (The Center) launched their Annual Nikkei Youth Raffle to help support educational, cultural and leadership development programs for community youth.

Some of The Center's youth programs include their Annual Kodomo no Hi Children's Day Festival, Children's Day School Visits Program, Mochitsuki Workshops, Girls Basketball Summer League, taiko, hula classes and more. Their programs and events aim to encourage engagement, collaboration and leadership development through inclusive and fun activities. Proceeds from this year's raffle will help serve The Center's over 3,500 community youth and their families.



The grand prize for this year's Nikkei Youth Raffle is two roundtrip economy airline tickets good for travel to anywhere in the continental United States. Restrictions may apply.



The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, May 5 at The Center's Kodomo no Hi Children's Day Festival in San Francisco Japantown's Peace Plaza. Winner need not be present to win. The Annual Children's Day Festival is a free event for the public to experience Japanese culture through craft activities, games, and performances, such as taiko, hula, ukulele and kendo demonstrations.

Raffle tickets are \$100 for 18 tickets, \$70 for twelve, \$35 for six, or \$7 each. Tickets are available until Tuesday, May 1 and can be purchased by visiting The Center or by calling (415) 567-5505.

Please purchase raffle tickets to help support The Center's mission to promote and preserve Japanese and Japanese American cultural heritage through youth development programs in the community. For more information or questions, visit www.jccnc.org, email development@jccnc.org or call (415) 567-5505.

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About The Center

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, The Center will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and traditions. The Center strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through programs, affordable services and facility usage. The Center is a non-profit community center based in San Francisco.