

# Japan NGO Earthquake Relief & Recovery Fund

## *Two-Year Fund Update*

Immediately after launching the Japan NGO Earthquake Relief & Recovery Fund on March 14, 2011, we were astounded by the outpouring of support, which has continued to this day. Altogether, donations to the fund from the United States, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Australia, and elsewhere around the world have totaled \$1,660,700\*—literally an order of magnitude larger than we ever anticipated. We simply do not know how to adequately express our deep gratitude to the more than 1,000 individuals, companies, and groups that donated to the fund.

So far, funding has been distributed to 39 Japanese groups that have been doing innovative work in the disaster zone. Whenever possible, we have tried to ensure that a sizeable portion of each grant is dedicated to supporting costs that cannot easily be covered by other organizations, yet are necessary for institutions to grow and meet the needs of disaster survivors in a sustainable manner—costs such as staff salaries, expenses to develop fundraising or marketing strategies, and other crucial back-office operations. In this way, we hope to help strengthen the capacity of the nonprofit sector to contribute to the recovery over the long term.

Below is a list of the groups that the fund has been able to help to date with your support.

### **Emergency Relief**

Through the Center for Public Resource Development's Give One Initiative, \$304,000 was distributed to six of the key disaster relief organizations responding in the initial three months.

- Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan)
- Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA)
- Japan Platform
- JEN
- Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCO)
- PeaceWinds Japan



### **Long-Term Recovery Grants**

The following 12 organizations received funding for their efforts to promote economic revitalization, rebuild community ties, and support senior citizens. Some of the grantees involved in strengthening community ties were designated as BTMU Americas Community Recovery Awardees. It is crucial that programs designed to advance the

recovery operate on a sustainable basis, so most of the 12 organizations received multi-year grants of up to 3 years.

- @Rias NPO Center (Community Bus Project)
- AidTAKATA (Radio FM Rikuzentakata)
- Art Revival Connection TOHOKU (Senior Citizens and Artists Learning Program)
- Fuji Social Welfare Foundation (Kitchen Car Project)
- Fukushima Organic Agriculture Network (Rebuilding Fukushima Ties)
- Kamaishi Platform (Coastal Community Project: Support for Artisanal Oyster Farming)
- Leading Aging Society (Coordination Platform for Senior Citizens' Health & Welfare)
- SakuraNet (Pilot Project of Rural Seniors' Center)
- Sanaburi Foundation (Institutional Strengthening for Local Funder)
- Sankaku Planning Iwate (Delivery Care Project)
- Takagi Fund for Citizen Science (Grassroots Collaboration on Radiation Monitoring)
- World in Asia (Social Entrepreneurship Platform)



## MetLife Alico Employees' Children Support Program

With special donations from MetLife Alico Japan employees, a special one-year program was launched to help children and their families cope with the recovery process.

- Academy Camp Executive Committee
- Ai Chikara (Power of Love): Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction Support Group
- Asuiku (Education for Tomorrow)
- ATOPICCO Network for Children of the Earth
- BeSUPPORT
- Children & Youth Community Matching
- Children's Garden
- House for a Brighter Future of Fukushima Children
- Ishinomaki Koyo Youth Mini Basketball Club
- Kamaishi Higashi Junior High School
- Kirara Kai (Children of the Stars Group)
- Kodomo to Noasobi-wo-tanoshimu kai (Enjoying the Outdoors with Children)
- Marutto Nishi-Nihon (Western Japan Evacuee Coordination Group)
- Miyagi Warasukko Project (Miyagi Child Laughter Project)
- Niko-niko Support (Smile Support)
- Ogawara Youth Swimming Club
- P@CT (3/11 Recovery Assistance Team)
- Peace Jam



- Rainbow Project for Playing With Art
- Sukiurakai (LoveUrayasu)
- Tohoku University of Art & Design: Tohoku Reconstruction Association

\* In addition to the JCIE Japan NGO Earthquake Relief & Recovery Fund, JCIE has operated the Bain Capital Japan Disaster Relief Fund, which raised and distributed \$1,977,000 to groups primarily focused in the Fukushima area, and has also facilitated nearly \$3 million in giving for a range of US organizations to more than a dozen Japanese nonprofit organizations.