

# Introducing JOEE

Japan does a good job of providing safe institutional homes for children whose parents cannot, for one reason or another, take care of them. The homes are staffed with loving and competent caregivers who help provide a nurturing upbringing.

These children must exit the care system at age eighteen. Becoming independent and finding a job is a challenge for any young person, even in the best of circumstances. This challenge is greater for children without a strong family support system.

JOEE seeks to give these children the advantage of English fluency and global communication skills so that they will more easily find jobs as adults. Our hope is that these children will all recognize their own priceless worth as world citizens and embrace their future with joy!

## Quotes:

“The power of JOEE program is in the communication skills of its creator, Ruth Ingulsrud. Through puppets, books and songs, she creates magic in teaching a new language. Without even realizing it, the children start learning English, making it possible for them to aim for a brighter future.”

— *Matelda Starace, formerly of the Italian Embassy in Japan*

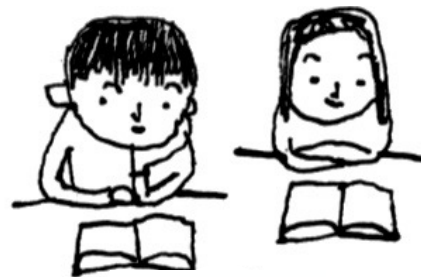
“We hope that the children of this institution will be empowered to tackle issues like world peace and the environment through fun JOEE experiences.”

— *Yumiko Yoshibayashi, (Sister Teresa)  
Former Dir. of St. Francisco Children's Home*

## What We Do:

- **Nurture** English fluency.
- **Provide** marketable skills in communication and the arts.
- **Build** creativity, confidence and healing through the use of theater and expression.
- **Create** an educational, daily routine that adds delight and motivation to young lives.

Our goal is to nurture young people to become fluent, not only in English, but also in emotional literacy and cross-cultural communication. Life should be an engaging and hope-filled adventure for all of the children of the world.



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# JOEE

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*Joyful language learning through drama,  
puppets and song*



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## Mission Statement:

Educating and enriching the lives of the youngest children in Japan's orphanages with:

drama

puppets

music

and storytelling...

in English.



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## What does a child need?

Education begins with the needs of the child:

- Love
- Safety
- Joy
- Hope

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## How does a child learn?

Even within a safe learning community, a child needs motivation to learn. Lessons that are fun and engaging make students love learning!



## Teachers + Volunteers

JOEE brings trained, volunteer teachers to orphanages along with eager student and adult volunteers who have undergone a JOEE training program.

Our teachers follow the established JOEE curriculum but add their own creative touches to expand the lessons.

We strive to achieve a high teacher-to-student ratio so that the children receive as much one-on-one English conversation practice as is possible in the space of one day's lesson time.

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## Why stories?

Every JOEE lesson includes at least two well-written, carefully chosen books. Stories engage the imagination and are excellent at building empathy.

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## Why puppets?

JOEE lessons make use of puppet play. Children often feel most comfortable talking to puppets. They are approachable and help children to relax.



## Lesson Structure

Each lesson is built upon linguistic research that tracks the natural acquisition of language. The most frequent first words that a baby might learn are taught first. Young language learners acquire new vocabulary at a rate of ten about words a day. Most JOEE lessons introduce ten new words per lesson and reinforce previously learned words.

Lessons incorporate music, action, drama, storytelling and even snacks to engage all of the child's senses. Positive emotions that spring from fun and joyful teaching help to make the learning deep and lasting.