

Tohoku Kids Project

Mission

Living Dreams with the support of Smile Kids Japan are focused on supporting children who rely on orphanages for care and support in the 19 homes in Tohoku and beyond. We provide immediate and long-term material and emotional support to orphanages, in Tohoku and other areas, directly and indirectly affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami. We provide orphanages with necessities and services to help children regain a sense of stability in their lives and move past the tragedy they've endured to build healthy and happy futures.

Our goal is to aid every orphanage caring for children affected by the earthquake and tsunami. We are focusing our relief efforts on orphanages that:

- have taken in children who no longer have guardians due to the disasters
- are providing for child survivors not usually in their direct care
- have lost necessities for child care due to the natural disasters
- need/want psychological counselling services for child survivors/disaster witnesses
- want long-term assistance from our network of volunteers and professional counselors

About us

Living Dreams

Living Dreams is a registered Japanese NPO that has been actively working with 33 orphanages in the Tokyo area since 2008. Their mission is to help kids on the path towards becoming responsible, confident and empowered young adults. Centered along the LAST Principle (Learning, Arts, Sports, and Technology), long-term and regularly occurring programs are developed under each category to help improve a child's overall motivation and confidence. Ultimately, each program works to enrich, encourage, and empower. Living Dreams brings to this joint venture substantial experience in running NPO programs as well as a wealth of resources in both the local and international community.

Visit their website at <http://www.livingdreams.jp/jpn/>

With the support of the Smile Kids Japan volunteers <http://www.smilekidsjapan.org> we have been making a difference with these children who are not living with their parents.

Our goal is to meet as many of these needs and interests as possible to help these children gain confidence, motivation, and ultimately feel empowered. Our hope is to provide the opportunities that will help these kids discover their potential and realize their dreams!

Your support is needed

Your monetary donations will help rebuild lives that were shattered within minutes. Through your donations, you will allow us to provide orphanages with the goods and services they need to create safe and nurturing environments once again for the children who rely on them. You will personally be turning these institutions back into supportive homes.

Examples of goods and services we can provide with your support

Necessities

Food

rice, canned food, shelf-stable fruits, vegetables, healthy shelf-stable food

Baby supplies

bottles, cribs, diapers, food, formula, towels

Clothing

shirts, pants, underwear, socks

Outdoor wear

coats, jackets, snow/rain pants, gloves, umbrellas, hats

Footwear

trainers, rain boots, snow boots, water shoes

Bedding

futons, blankets, pillows, sheets

Personal hygiene

soap, shampoo, conditioner, brushes, diapers, feminine napkins, deodorant, hair bands, towels

Health & Medicine

masks, basic cold medicines, first-aid kits and supplies, vitamins & minerals, allergy medicines

Cooking supplies

pots, pans, cutting boards, utensils, rice cookers, fridges, microwaves, toasters

Cleaning supplies

mops, brooms, detergents, washing machines, cleaning solutions/soaps, towels

School supplies

backpacks, school shoes, books, writing utensils, P.E outfit, earthquake helmet

Office supplies -- paper, computers, printers, writing utensils, scissors, computer software

Goods that will increase children's quality of life

Baby/toddler toys

teething rings, stuffed animals, building blocks

Sports/Active

bikes, sports equipment, roller skates, swimwear and gear

Educational

books, workbooks, educational board and video games, flashcards

Arts

paint, markers, colored pencils, crayons, musical instruments, paper, dance gear, clay

Technology

computers, printers, digital cameras

Entertainment

TVs, CDs, CD players, DVDs, DVD players, video game systems, video games, computer games

Services that will increase children's quality of life

Professional counselling

access to teams of professional psychologists and counsellors

Regular interactive volunteer visits

group games, events, parties, activities

Therapeutic field trips

educational trips, nature parks, sports event trips, baseball games, soccer games, fun outings, Disneyland, theme parks, barbecues