

The Report of “White Angel Project” by Tamagawa Takashimaya Shopping Center Winter 2005

This Charity Christmas Event, held for the third time, has been annually presented at Tamagawa Takashimaya S・C since 2002, with the wish to bring happiness to the children across the world through a peaceful Christmas. Christmas messages to the children of the world were put on the Christmas tree. There was also a choir of boys and girls, so it was full of heartfelt events.

A message by Tamagawa Takashimaya S・C

“I'm glad to announce that the donation we collected through White Angel Project was 777,081 yen. In addition to this, Tamagawa Takashimaya S・C donated 1,000,000 yen, so that the total of 1,777,081 yen would be donated to the AIDS center, which is run by the locals with the support of KIDS EARTH FUND, in Cambodia. It will be used for buying toys and stationeries for the mental care of the children at the center. Thank you very much for your warm support.”



Children's Art turned into a 3-D carpet! “KIDS EARTH Charity Carpet”

Each picture drawn by children of the world is one of a kind. Such pictures have now become the designs for carpets. The production and distribution of the original charity carpet have been realized through the cooperation of carpet maker “WIZE TRADING”. All the process of the production will be done by hand by skilled craftsmen, which makes it possible for the carpet designs to be identical to the original pictures. The carpet could be for a practical use or for an interior accessory, which you could enjoy as something different from a regular painting. Such details as how to purchase will be announced separately.

Size: 70 cm x 50 cm / Price: TBD (A part of the carpet sales will be donated to the KEF as charity.)
Distributor: WIZE TRADING (The distribution is planned to start from April 2005.)
Should you have any inquiries on the carpet ordering, please contact WIZE TRADING (Tel: 0424-81-8471)

Our Charity Events at various places

Several Charity events for KEF were held at different locations. Here are some of the reports.

● Jan.30th Piano Concert in Setagaya by Ms. Yoko Tokue

Ms. Yoko Tokue, a pianist who plays in and out of Japan, held a wonderful concert at 'Numata Museum of Original Art from Picture Books' in Setagaya. She played master pieces of Beethoven and Chopin, at this museum that exhibits the world's original picture books. We received some of the collected ticket fee as a donation for KIDS EARTH FUND.

● Jan.29th Performance by the Austrian Ballet Company in Kasai, Tokyo

The Austrian Ballet Company (ABC) was founded in 1995 with Christian Martinu as its leading Art Director.

ABC has been staging a wide range of performances from classical to cotemporary ballet. At Kasai, they performed a charity studio performance for the Indian Ocean Tsunami disaster, and KEF has received the donation collected at the performance.

Charity Wine Party at KIDS EARTH Gallery

The 'Charity Wine Party' is a monthly party held on the first Thursday. February's party was held to chip in for the children living in the area which was hit by the huge Indian Ocean Tsunami at the end of last year. In the KIDS EARTH Gallery, the photo exhibition of Mr. Charles Glover, the photographer and well-known DJ, was held as well as the painting exhibition of the children who are living in the Sumatra Area; Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and so forth. Participants were expressed by photos which showed children lived there lively by these photos, and some of them were then purchased by the charity auction.

We are pleased to say that we welcomed nearly 70 participants at this charity wine party Vol.4, and could raise 205,050 yen by the entry fee, donations, and sales of photos. All our staff members sincerely appreciate your affection.

Affiliates:

Lumiere S.A. (Wine)
Chiquita-Unifrutti Japan Ltd. (bananas, pineapples and grapefruits)
Agricreate Ltd. (vegetables, strawberries and kiwis)

Time and date of monthly Charity Wine Parties:

from 18:30 to 20:30 on the first Thursday of every month.

Venue: KIDS EARTH Gallery, 3-29-9, Ebisu, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

Please contact to KEF by phone: 03-5449-8161 or email: info@kidsearthfund.org

Shedule of this year's Party

April	4/7(Thu)	July	7/7(Thu)	October	10/6(Thu)
May	—	August	8/4(Thu)	November	11/3(Thu)
June	6/2(Thu)	September	9/1(Thu)	December	12/1(Thu)



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During the beginning of March, two workshops were held at No. 1 KIDS EARTH HOME (KEH) in Croatia.

Workshop 1 Charity Christmas Card

It becomes about -20℃ in winter in Topusko, the village where No.1 KEH is located. In the extreme cold, children painted some scenes of the frost. They drew the scenery of winter, a lovely snowman with blue and white paint, and a warm home with joyful Christmas scenes in bright colors, such as red, yellow, and orange. Those paintings will be used as designs of charity Christmas cards for this year and is sponsored by Smile Heart Club*. The proceeds will be used to support of the victims of the Sumatra Earthquake and Tsunami etc.

* A private organization consisting of employees from Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co., Ltd.



Workshop 2 For victims of the Sumatra Earthquake and Tsunami

One huge artwork, measuring 1 meter by 3 meters, was brought from Japan. It was already partly drawn by kindergarten children in Japan to be completed by Croatian children. The children in Croatia added cheerful images to it, and it became a collaboration painting wishing for happiness and peace!! In that work, not only drawings, but also words such as “BE HAPPY” and “Children for Children” were written on it. Because those children live in villages with a lot of houses that are still collapsed since the post-war, they seemed to feel for and understand the victim’s grief and fear of loss of precious people and houses. This collaborated art is going to be brought to the victims in Sumatra by KEF.



★ Messages from Croatia ★

Martina Radman / girl

I want you to be our friends, and when you’re in trouble, you can trust us.

Kresimir Horvatin / boy

I know you’ve been hit by the tsunami and that many families were broken apart and I’m very sorry about that. I want to tell you to stay strong and find some time to play.I want to play soccer and have fun with children in Japan someday.



No.1 HOME in Croatia HISTORY and NOW

No.1 KIDS EARTH HOME was established in 1996 to provide mental support of children who suffered from trauma because of the late war in Croatia.

Professional staff consisting of psychologists, social workers, and artists is taking care of children by holding creative workshops in cooperation with a local NGO named “Suncokret”. Topusko city, which is a small town located in the center of Croatia provided us with the two-storied house for free.

Now, 10 years have passed after the war and children who join the KEH program have actually not experienced and thus, have no memory of the war. Yet, serious problems caused by adults affect children. Children do not have rights, there is racial discrimination of Moslems, there is 70% unemployment, and drug and alcoholic addiction for adults who are not able to recover from the shock of the past war, still now.

The main role of KEH, which has changed little by little, is to teach children to live in the international world without racial discrimination through group workshops and individual counseling.

KEF is now planning to move to a new place for KEH’s program in the future.



Circle of Children’s Love from the World to Nigata

It has been five months since the Nigata-Chuetsu Earthquake. On January 28th, we paid a second visit to the children of Ojiya Shiritsu Yoshidani Elementary School. The first visit, in October of last year, was to deliver emergency relief. This time, it was to bring pictures and letters of encouragement from school children in America and Japan.

The children at the school were very happy to see colourful posters and adorable smiley pictures. They were also curious about the messages which had come from across the sea, written in English and Japanese.

The trauma of the earthquake is still omnipresent. Some children are too afraid to turn off the light at night, and are over-sensitized to the small tremors which continue to this day. Pictures and messages of encouragement from around the world did seem to work their magic on the hearts of the children of Nigata. “Kids Helping Kids”: It is children who can best put back a smile on their peers’ faces.

Inside of the school

The rows of tents erected in the school yard right after the first earthquakes struck have given way to provisional housing, and some children go to school from these.Although the lifeline has been re-established, the toilet water pressure remains low and gas can only be used in the lunch room. In the school building, ceilings and walls are held together by vinyl sheeting and adhesive tape, and the water tank is waiting to be repaired. A complete reconstruction is still some time away.



Workshop at Children's ward

January Jikei University Hospital

What’s the shape of your egg?

In January, so many interesting eggs were made in our customary workshop of the pediatric Ward of the Jikei University Hospital. We had an artist, Ms.Ayumi Kikuchi, as our guest and the theme of the event was “The egg of a heart- Let’s have our own eggs!”. What we did there was very simple. We chose things that we like such as foam polystyrene, buttons, beads, Japanese paper and lace and then attached on our eggs to complete!

Children were very energetic when they were eagerly and enjoyably making eggs.



Christmas Present Report

December Christmas Present Project

Last December, KEC loaded a lot of Christmas presents and delivered them to 5 institutions. At one of these institutions, the Aikyu Yogo School for children with special needs, staff and volunteers showed up with Santa Claus hats and handed out Christmas presents to each child. Although it was cold , the smiles of those kids made our hearts warm, and our Christmas project ended up being a great success. We sincerely thank the people from each company who donated presents and the volunteers who delivered those presents.



Those companies which offered gifts were
(In alphabetical order)

BANDAI CO., LTD.
(picture book “the bears’ school” goods, etc.)
Tombow Pencil Co., Ltd.
(pencils, colored pencils, etc.)
Ty Japan, L.L.C
(stuffed animals)

Thank you for your kind donations.



Workshop Report

Let's cheer up our friends in Nigata!

We had a workshop in which kids draw for encouragement in KIDS EARTH Gallery, according to the visiting of our staff to Nigata. After we talked over what picture is better to send to kids suffering, everyone drew a lot of “SMILES” using warm colors. Would pictures make kids a “ SMILE “?



NEW MEMBERS

These are KIDS EARTH FUND’ s new members since Dec.1 until Feb.28 (In alphabet order)

Individual Membership

Mr.Andrew Olea
Ms.Hiromi Fukasawa
Ms.Kei Mizuno
Ms.Kimie Mukai
Mr.Masaki Yanagisawa
Ms.Takayo Shimoyjo

Corporate Membership

Mamalive

Foster Parents

(Foster parents of children at KIDS EARTH HOME, schools for street children, in Vietnam)
Ms.Fumi Nakai
Ms.Teruko Toyama
Ms.Yumiko Hiromitsu



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Fumio Kajiwara
URBAN DESIGN SYSTEM CO.,LTD. : President / KIDS EARTH FUND: Adviser

One of the reasons why I had started a company was the thought whether anything could be done for children living in disadvantaged environments. Although there is a limit to how much can be done towards a cause as an individual, the boundaries are much wider for a corporation. The cooperation I received from KIDS EARTH FUND(KEF) has stretched these boundaries even further.

The venture company I started on my own thirteen years ago now employs over 100 staff. When considering how I could use a part of my company’s profits to benefit the children, I was conscious of creating something tangible, so that each employee could see how they were involved and how they were contributing to the society. I had past experience in constructing residential building, so it was a great opportunity for me to contribute to the construction of No.4 KIDS EARTH HOME(KEH) in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, in 2002. When I look back on the project, it is obvious to me that without the help of KEF I would never have had a chance to build No.4 KEH on a faraway land I knew nothing about, and I am sincerely thankful for the wonderful opportunity. Thirty children now live in No.4 KEH, and over one hundred children from the area gather in its classrooms during the day.

Many employees have visited No.4 KEH and have found the experience extremely motivating, by meeting the children living there and through the realization that the profits gained from one’s work are contributing to the lives of these children. In the future I would like to go on constructing not only homes but opportunities for the children to learn, and opportunities to work after they grow up and become independent.