

NEWS

★ Special Charity Party produced by Cartier and 25ans.

On Saturday the 10th of December, a dreamy charity party made by collaboration with 25ans a lady's fashion magazine (Hachette Fujingaho Co., Ltd.) for 25 years and jeweler, Cartier. The hall was located in chateau restaurant, Joel Robuchon. We, at KIDS EARTH FUND were given the amount of 1,460,000 yen from the participant fees from dressing up and sales of raffle tickets as charity.

At Joel Robuchon in YEBISU GARDEN PLACE. Some high-quality prizes were contributed for fund-raising.



★ Let's grow a ribbon tree

The "earth ribbon" project which supports environment and children on the web site has started. The way of participation is very simple. What you need is to go to "earth ribbon" site (<http://www.earthribbon.jp>) and decorate a ribbon on the tree. If you donate 300 yen per ribbon, you are able to get an actual ribbon of a color of your choice.

If you pick the KEF tree, 100 yen of the 300 yen is contributed to KEF and 200 yen goes to Earth ribbon fund to cover the cost of the ribbon materials and management expense. There are seven colors available. Please choose your favorite color and grow the KEF tree.



★ Christmas Charity Bracelet

A special Charity gift for Christmas was sold by popular clothing brand, "PINKY GIRLS" (FREE'S INTERNATIONAL Co., Ltd.) This bracelet (525 yen each) with rhinestone and pearls were sold out right after it was put on sale at stores. In the January issue of the magazine "Ray" (SHUFUNOTOMO Co., Ltd.), this charity bracelet was introduced along with the activities of the KIDS EARTH FUND and some portion of the sales were donated.

The next version of the charity bracelet will be on sale with the new design on March 24th. And it will be covered again in the May issue of "Ray".



★ Charity Wine Party ~ No party in April & May, will resume in June ~

A Charity Wine Party is held every first Thursday of the month. Many guests have come to the parties and they turned out to be a chance to realize people's enthusiasm towards charity, and, meet with new and wonderful people. The wine party, held 14 times as of now, will not be held for two months. But in June, we will inform you of the party with its new concept. So please look forward to the invitation.

Amount of raised money (past 12 events)									
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息子がつけたランタンが、
少し大人になった
彼の顔を照らしていた。

感じる心を、灯そう。



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KIDS EARTH HOME Project

KIDS EARTH HOME

From Feb.5th to Feb.12th, Torii, the representative of KIDS EARTH FUND(KEF), Takahashi, secretariat of KEF, and Murai, secretariat of KEF, went to Cambodia and Vietnam. Here're the reports of what we saw, what we heard and the life of children we haven't met for a long time.

KIDS EARTH HOME No.6 in Cambodia an elementary school in poverty-stricken area

A recent visit to HOME No.6

The HOME No.6 is located about an hour and half southeast of Phnom Penh. It's a public school for children in a poverty-stricken area. We arrived there at noon. We could see only a few children around there. But soon lots of children gathered one after another to see the Japanese visitors. It had been 20 months since our last visit. Right after our arrival, we started the first workshop. 474 students are enrolled in this school. The first workshop was to create cards by crayon and colored-pencils and to paint pictures with watercolor in their own class. Many of the children had never used watercolors and some had never seen them. It seemed they didn't have any idea how to do it and were at a loss but once they learned, they started drawing houses, soccer balls and flowers in their own way. We changed the plan a little and moved outside of the building, where all of them can share the watercolors. They started painting everywhere, some put a paper on the ground in the courtyard and some used a wall of school. Once they finished painting one, they rushed to us to get another paper. We almost could not keep up with distributing paper to them.

Hey, we brought it here for jumping...

The next workshop was jumping with a long rope. Many children rushed toward us, as soon as we took the rope out of the luggage. Then they started tug-of-war unexpectedly, not jumping! Even though it's a 20-meter-long rope, so many children gathered that some of them hardly could touch it. They pulled it so hard that finally the rope tore at the middle. Many fell down backwards and big shouts of joy arose.

A toilet issue - Current status of HOME No.6

At last, we donated to teachers, stationeries such as pencils and colored-pencils, cup-and-balls and so on. The innocent children look full-of-vigor. But they're facing a shortage of everything such as stationeries, desks, chairs and clothes now. They need to go to the river to take water from in order to flush the toilet. Not only is it a burden to small children, but also sometimes the toilet doesn't work well. It causes a sanitary issue, too. We need to take some steps to improve the situation as soon as possible.



They placed all of their works on the ground, we are very surprised they've made wide variety of works; each had distinct characteristics. (At HOME No.6)

KANTHA BOPHA Hospital Report Vol.1

Swiss Doctor Beat Richner, who played the cello in the Fund Raising Party of the KIDS EARTH FUND 17th Anniversary, opened a new children's hospital in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We visited the hospital and talked with busy Dr. Richner. The hospital is all free of charge, so the patients don't have to pay for the medical treatment, and also the hospital pays the transportation expenses so that they can come to have medical treatment even if they live far from the hospital. In return, families of the patients donate their blood.

A lot of children and their families wait for the treatment in a line in front of the hospital from early in the morning. On the day we visited there, the hospital accepted as many as 1000 people in the morning, 700 people in the afternoon, and even at around 2 o'clock in the afternoon, many children and their parents were sitting all over the floor, waiting for their turn.

We donated 1,307,720 yen, a part of the profits of the 17th Anniversary party last autumn, and also medical equipment (under the co-sponsorship of SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION), to support the children's medical treatment. (To be continued next)



Sometimes as many as 4000 patients come to the hospital

KIDS EARTH HOME No.4 in Vietnam "Enjoy drawing a picture of your friends!"

The children lied down on a wide-spread white canvas. Their friends traced the outlines of their bodies with crayons and then filled them in by painting faces, hands, legs, and clothes with their favorite colors. Small pictures such as flowers, bikes, and stars were added to the painting. In the end, the children in the picture looked as if they were dancing and floating in the air. We all had a wonderful time. 253,107 yen from the total revenue earned from the 17th anniversary party was donated to the home. These funds were used for repainting the walls, tiling, purchasing book shelves, and other operations of the home.

The painting tools were donated by Turner Color Works Ltd.



Children, though cannot make a model, have fun painting their "friends" (At HOME No.4)



Everybody wants to be a model of the painting. They rush to raise their hands for volunteer. (At HOME No.4)



KIDS EARTH HOME No.5 in Vietnam "Who are you? - Business cards project"

What does any person in business have? The answer is business cards. For children, business cards are something to dream of, and something that gives them a feeling of "grown-up." Children in this home tried to create their own business cards. They painted small cards with colored pencils and pens. Everybody participated in the project, including kindergarten small children to older boys and girls in the elementary school. Eventually, they plan to exchange their business cards with other children in Japan and in Croatia. Beyond the borders, the project of children's business cards has just begun.

KEHs in Vietnam are facility where street children are able to receive elementary school education for free. HOME No.4 was built in cooperation with Urban Design System Co., Ltd, HOME No.5 with World Air-Sea Service Co., Ltd. and FFSC, a local NGO. Both were built in 2002 in Ho Chi Minh City.



Children get individual photos with their creative business cards in hands (At HOME No.5)



Starting off with only three colors, children have created many beautiful colors by mixing them. (At HOME No.4)



KIDS EARTH CAR Project

Traveling Workshop

Christmas Present Project

KIDS EARTH CAR delivered a lot of Christmas presents to 7 facilities for children last December. In Aiiiku Yogo School, one of the facilities, volunteers and staff who wore Santa Claus hats, appeared at the Christmas party and handed presents to children with cheerful Christmas songs. In Nonohana-no ie Children's Home presents were put at every child's bedside at Christmas Eve. It made all the children surprised and happy. Among them, a 2 year old girl made a great friend with Jacky who is a stuffed bear Christmas present. The bear has been in her bed with her every night since that day.



◁Facilities in addressee◁ (in alphabet order)

Aiiiku Yogo School / Children's Cancer Association of Japan / Jikei University Hospital / Kyorin University Hospital / Meguro Wakabaryo / Nippon Medical School University / Nonohana-no-ie Children's Home / Shisei Gakuen Children's Home
※ KEC could not go to Jikei University Hospital in December because of an infection in the children's ward and thus delivered them in January.

◁Sponsors◁ (in alphabet order)

CHARAKEN CO., LTD. (『Kuma no gakkou』 goods)
COLEMAN JAPAN Co., Ltd. (Outdoor pouches)
Tombow Pencils Co., Ltd. (pncils, erasers, and so on)

Thank you very much for your cooperation.



Column

DEAR KIDS, DEAR THE EARTH vol. 12

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Coleman Japan is a subsidiary of The Coleman Company which has a rich heritage and tradition of providing reliable products to consumers worldwide for over 100 years.

Our company spirit is based on the words of Sheldon Coleman Sr., "Anyone who goes outdoors gets closer to nature and is a better person because they've been there."

We actually know from our own experience as well as from solid consumer research, that the more time people spend in the outdoors, the happier they are. We would like to share and expand this spirit to people all over the world, especially today's children who are the future of this planet. Coleman Japan's vision includes our desire of helping children in need and providing them the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with Coleman.

We are very pleased to be associated with KIDS EARTH FUND and are committed to continuing to support their activities for children in need.

NEW MEMBERS

Individual Membership

Ms. Keiko Ishikawa
Mr. Kazuo Inaba
Ms. Maria Kouzuki
Ms. Mariko Uehara
Mr. Yusuke Nishi
Ms. Yuko Miyazaki
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Corporate Membership NOBLE INC.

Big Family Members
Ms. Mariko Uehara
Ms. Takako Ebisuzaki

since Dec. 1st until Feb. 28th (in alphabet order)

Moving of Gallery and Office

The KEF office will move to the following address from 27th March, 2006. It's only a 10 second walk from the current and is in the back of YEBISU GARDEN PLACE. More and more pictures are on the wall there. Please feel free to visit.

■ Starting of the new office

March 27th, 2006

■ New address

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■ Functions

- ・ KIDS EARTH Gallery
- ・ KIDS EARTH HOME Tokyo
- ・ Office

