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## 2018.07.11- 07.13 Art Workshop for Flood Victims in Western Japan

Aki Korisaka-cho, Hiroshima Prefecture • Mabi-cho, Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture

In Western Japan, Hiroshima and Okayama Prefectures were severely damaged due to flooding. Muddled furniture piled alongside the road and cars were found buried by soil and sand. This devastating sight was telling of the severity of the damage.

**The children sadly spoke of things such as, “Today is the 6th day I haven’t been able to go to school,” “I lost my house,” “I am worried that the daycare no longer has a roof.”**

Due to its temporary closing due to the flooding, decoration for the Tanabata Festival which was closed took place inside the playroom instead. One little girl exclaimed that it was her father’s birthday soon and so with the whole family, they made a celebratory picture. This year, although they could not make a cake, the little girl happily stated that “I’ll give this picture to my father as a present.” A





little boy said,

**“For me, drawing creates lots of smiley faces!”**

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Since the flood, the mood has been somber. So, the children decided to draw smiling faces.



## 2018.06.16 Workshop at Kids Earth Home Tohoku

Watari-cho, Miyagi Prefecture

At Kids Earth Home in Watari-cho, an art workshop for children was held. This Kids Earth Home is the only one in the world where kids can make their own fans. The fans were different colors and the kids used various colors to make them their own.



## 2018.06.23 Making Pictures for Croatian Children to Help Them Feel Better

Tachikawa Children's Nursing Home

In Tachikawa City in Tokyo, a workshop was held at a children's nursing home, co-hosted by Goldman Sachs Securities. Welcoming you into the workshop was a cute poster made by the children. With the children of Croatia in mind, the children created bright and colorful pictures. These pictures will be sent across the sea to reach the kids in Croatia. Despite never having lived there, the children at the Tachikawa Children's Nursing Home feel empathetic for the Croatian children. The children heard that their paintings will be exhibited at the Tokyo National Art Center during a robot workshop. Excited and with their eyes shining, the children rushed to finish their paintings in time.



## 2018.07.16 Firefly Summer Festival

Watari-cho, Miyagi Prefecture

A workshop was held at Watari-cho's Firefly Summer Festival in Miyagi Prefecture. This year marked the 7th annual workshop. More than 100 people's children participated. These children have not had the chance to regularly use paints so it became a memorable experience for them. 7 years have passed since the great earthquake in Eastern Japan. Babies that experienced the great earthquake are now elementary school students. As time went on, the media coverage naturally lessened. Despite this, Tohoku's support has continued for 8 years in the form of ASKUL Co., Ltd. Through the ASKUL Kodomo Art Project, children's drawings have become marketable products and 3% of the profit is donated to Kids Earth Fund as an "Art Fee". For the 15th ASKUL Kodomo Art Project, 2 of the new works were sold. Just looking at these paintings fills everyone with joy. The paintings carry the deep

emotions of the children and thus, deliver these messages to everyone who sees them.

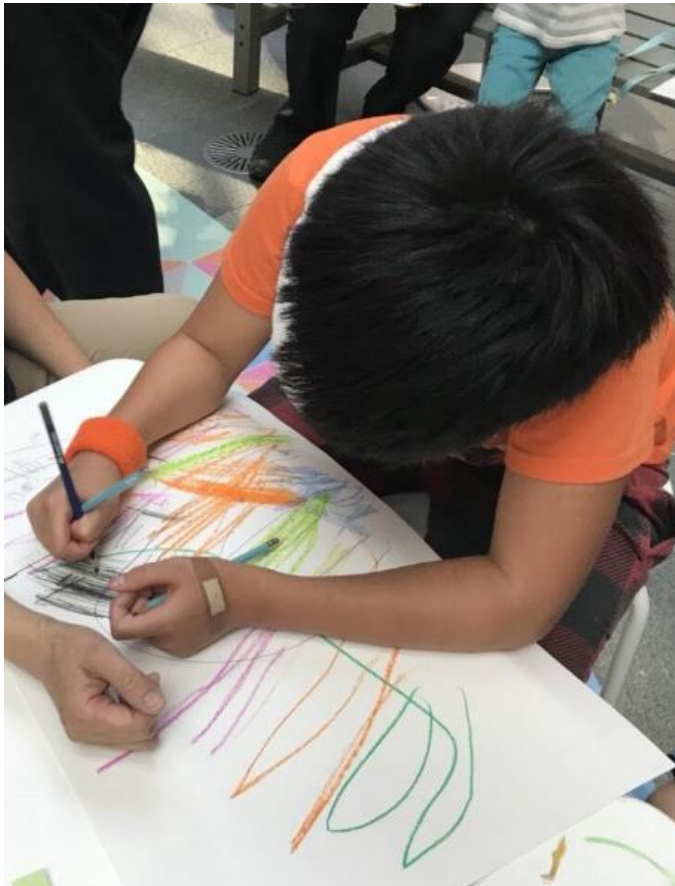




## 2018.07.31 “Let’s Draw the Future” Workshop

Roppongi Hills

An art workshop was held in Roppongi Hills with the slogan “Let’s Draw the Future”, co-hosted by Goldman Sachs Securities. The common theme among the drawings were bright colors. For many, this was the first time that these young boys who were totally blind were given to opportunity to draw. Using their fingers to feel, they created drawings one by one and drew very carefully. Smiles were overflowing from the children and adults.



## 2018.08.01 Art Workshop with Dancer, KITE

Bulgari Restaurant Tokyo • Osaka

The Ginza location of the Bulgari Restaurant held an art workshop for kids who do not have the opportunity to eat out often due to financial struggles. After a showcase performance by world champion dancer, KITE, the workshop began. After witnessing the dance showcase, the kids were excited to begin drawing on big canvasses. After the art workshop, the wonderful staff of Bulgari prepared lunches that looked like beautiful art and the children’s faces lit up with big smiles. We enjoyed our lunch with KITE. Afterwards



Afterwards, the children danced. Though it is difficult for children to express themselves through words, they opened up their heart through art and dancing.

## 2018.08.06 Creating Fans at East Children's Center

Iwanuma-shi, Miyagi Prefecture

On August 6th, an art workshop was held at East Children's Center with 23 people in attendance. At the children's center, a lot of the children who came loved art so they concentrated and drew for a long time.

## 2018.08.16 Art Workshop at Mayfield Park Children's Home Orphanage

Jamaica

In cooperation with the Jamaican Embassy and the Jamaica National Museum of Art, an art workshop was held at the Mayfield Park Children's Home (the first orphanage established in Jamaica). The orphanage is home to children from a few months to 18 years old and a total of 105 children live there. Due to poverty issues, parental abandonment, abuse, etc. the children come to the orphanage, as a place to help and support the children with the goal of them leaving in the future. While preparing for the workshop, some children talked nonstop, but as soon as you got a paintbrush in their hand, they were quiet and diligently began working. On the canvas, they wrote phrases such as, "LIKE ME" and "LOVE ME". After the workshop, the older children spoke about their futures.

**"I don't want to talk about my family, but do you want to hear about my dreams? I want a job".**





## 2018.08.17 Decorating Fans at Kakuda-shi Nishine Children's Club

Tsukada-shi, Miyagi Prefecture

At Kakuda-shi Nishine Children's Club, an art workshop for decorating fans was held. 17 elementary school students from 1st to 6th grade participated in the workshop. After completing the fans, the children still wanted to create more art so the drawing paper was brought out for them to draw on.

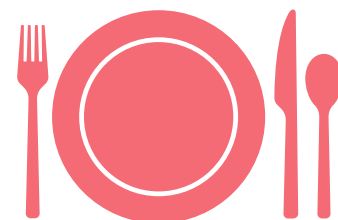


## Exhibitions and Charity Events

### 2018.06.20 Exhibition for the General Meeting of the Calbee Corporation Shareholders

ANA Intercontinental Hotel Tokyo

This year, we exhibited children's works of art at the Calbee Corporation general meeting. Sweets were donated by the Calbee Corporation and were given as presents to the children in areas affected by severe flooding in Western Japan. The children were delighted when they saw their favorite sweets.



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### 2018.06.24 Donations to Kids Earth Fund Received at Viña Marty Tasting Party Auction

Le Club de Tokyo

At the tasting party, donations to Kids Earth Fund were given graciously by Pascal Marty, Professor Hiroshi Kosuke (author of Island Cultivation) and Aiki Nao (author of God's Spear) by buying autographed wine. We thank you very much for your warm support.



### 2018.07.27 Kids Earth Fund Charity Dinner

L'Esson

Occasionally, Kids Earth Fund organizes dinner parties for its supporters. Through thanks and your warm smiles, we are connected. The donations received in the form of the participation fee will be used carefully to assist more children in the future.

### 2018.08.04 Goldfish Tea Ceremony

Genkai

“Goldfish Tea Party” was sponsored by Ms. Mieko Miso. Also in attendance was Kids Earth Fund advisor, Mr. Atsushi Tsujime. The goldfish light stand was created by Mr. Atsushi Tsujime and the tea ceremony atmosphere was very light and humorous. To Mr. and Mrs. Sonouka who donated part of the tea ceremony fee, our deepest thanks.

### 2018.09.16 Support for the Hokkaido Intensity 7 Earthquake

On September 6th of this year, an earthquake with an intensity level of 7 occurred in Hokkaido. More than 40 people died, water and electricity were not available and people have since been forced to live in shelters. Starting from today, Kids Earth Fund representatives Torii and Reinbold will support the staff at Okada.

### Introduction of New Members (6.5.2018~9.11.2018)

Corporate Member: Joint Company FILMS,  
Individual Member: Misako Okada, Mari Shimazu,  
Fara Okada (staff)

