

Community Service – Japan East

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- Sendai, Sendai-Aobajyo, Sendai-Hirosegawa: Making Sendai Peace Tanabata Decorations
- Atami: Speech contest for junior high school students (held online)
- Yokohama-Tuzuki: Red Feather Community Chest (street collection)
- Kawagoe: Holding a children's cafeteria
- Yokohama Totsuka: Supporting Braille picture book library for children
- Kofu 21: Tanabata Festival and vegetable and fruit harvesting event support
- Sapporo: Funding for the construction of the Chimikep Campground
- Tokyo-Nishi: Support for children who cannot participate in YMCA programs due to financial difficulties

On October 14, the Tokyo Green Club held its 40th annual extracurricular boat trip for elementary school students. The school, parents, ship owners, and Y's coordinated with each other to take measures against infectious diseases, and the children themselves worked on a tight schedule to keep the ship at 50% capacity. The purpose of this event was to learn about the history of the river that flows through the local area, from its water use in the Edo period to its restoration from pollution during the period of rapid economic growth in the Showa period, and to lead the children to become interested in the natural environment and take action. The adults are also hoping that the wind blowing across the water will help relieve stress. Since last year, the children have responded well to the program and have made flyers, posters, and ditties and delivered them to Y's.



The "Sendai Peace Star Festival," which had been held for 45 years since 1976, had to stop being displayed outdoors as it had been in the past due to the Corona disaster. Therefore, in order to keep the main purpose of the event - to continue expressing our prayers for peace - alive, we proposed to switch to an indoor display and called on local churches, hospitals, nursery schools, welfare facilities, schools, companies, consumer cooperatives, and the government. As a result, this year we received cooperation from 46 locations including YMCA facilities throughout Miyagi Prefecture. This year's Sendai Peace Star Festival ended on August 6-8, but we have already started preparations for next year's event on October 17 and are calling on volunteers all over Japan. This year's festival ended on August 6-8, but we have already started preparing for next year's festival on October 17, asking for volunteers from all over the country. Since men and women of all ages can participate in this activity, it is still connecting the hearts of many people and has taken root as a peace education for children.

