



Donations for Great East Japan Earthquake

Prospectus of Disaster Support Project - "Hopes and Connections"

A year after the Great East Japan Earthquake, in Fukushima prefecture where many of the citizens were forced to flee their homes and are still displaced due to nuclear plant accident, the post disaster health problems have become increasingly serious. In particular, solitary death and chronic diseases have become one of the most pressing concerns, especially diabetes and mental disorders, which have increased due to excessive stress and lack of exercise from long-term inactiveness at shelters and temporary housings. In Hama-dori area, where insufficient healthcare services has been a problem for decades, the local government, healthcare and welfare providers, and citizens are now struggling to rebuild its healthcare services and come to grips with its aging society.

NPO Japan Clinical Research Support Unit launched the "Hopes and Connections" initiative in April 2011 in cooperation with St. Luke's College of Nursing (Dr. Shigeyuki Hinohara, the then Honorary Chairman). The project committee that was launched at Research Center for Development of Nursing Practice at St. Luke's College of Nursing has been dispatching disaster support nurses continuously over the past year to the following three affected cities, Soma, Iwaki, and Koriyama. For each of these cities, a medical support vehicle (which was donated by Mr. Bea yong Joon, A Korean actor) and a driver were arranged. The disaster support nurses consisted of faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and alumni of St. Luke's College of Nursing. They visited the affected individuals and families living at shelters and temporary housing and performed health interview surveys at the request of the local government. Additionally, in Soma-city, a psychological care team was dispatched. A total number of nurses sent to the affected cities per day was over 1,100 as of March-end 2012. The source of funding was from voluntarily collected contributions.

In April 2012, we signed an agreement with Iwaki and Tomioka (Koriyama) to provide continuous support by sending nurses to its temporary housing units. Although this is progress, the agreement does not cover all affected people who need our support, and it is believed that provisions for further information regarding radioactive risk and continuous psychological care will be increasingly required. Thus, we heartily appreciate your kind offer of support. It will surely be a source of encouragement for the affected population in Fukushima and we firmly believe our project will make progress on building a new local healthcare system, which is a challenge our nation faces as a whole.

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Payee Name: Hopes and Connections, Chief Director, Yasuo Ohashi

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Sincerely.