

About the YMCA/FCSC

Established in 1958 under the National Council of YMCAs of Japan (advisory body supporting the local YMCA centres), the Foreign Community Support Committee's (FCSC) mission is to raise funds and awareness of the many social support activities of the YMCAs in Japan.

The Honorary Chairmen of the FCSC, Ambassadors of: Australia, Canada, the Czech Republic, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, work together with regular committee members from the international business community to mobilize support from individuals, organizations, and corporations both foreign and Japanese.

Our fundraising activities include a letter-writing campaign, corporate sponsorships, organizational grants, charity concert and gala ball held at embassies, and charity runs held at YMCAs across Japan.

As the FCSC is a division of the National Council of YMCAs of Japan, a large portion of the FCSC's overhead expenses and administrative costs are reduced facilitating more direct financial assistance to YMCA centres' Challenged Children Projects (CCP). For all FCSC fundraising events like the annual Grand Gala Charity Ball and Charity Concert, after direct event expenses and administrative costs (approx 10%) are deducted, all remaining event proceeds are provided to the YMCA centres.



Outstanding Challenged Children Program Supporters in 2007:

SUPPORTER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORT
Citigroup Japan	Cash Donation ¥5,9mil - National Sponsor of the Charity Runs
Urban Corporation	Cash Donation ¥5.0mil
Johnson Controls Inc	Cash Donation ¥4.6mil & Blue Sky Employee Program
American Chamber of Commerce in Japan	Cash Donation ¥3.0mil - Tokyo YMCA Ohitsama Summer Camp
Credit Suisse	Cash Donation ¥2.1mil - Clover Educational Program
State Street Bank	Cash Donation ¥1.6mil - Free School Programs -
CRAFT Golf Club	Cash Donation ¥1.0mil through Auction at Charity Ball
Netokyo	Cash Donation ¥362,683 Summer Networking Event
Freshfields	Cash Donation ¥200,00 Support to Wheelchair Project
British Embassy Choir - St. Albans Church	Cash Donation ¥196,350 Benefit Concert Proceeds
Ambassador of Canada	Host of the Charity Concert
Hilton Japan	Support to the Grand Gala Charity Ball
Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd	Services provided to Charity Runs & Gala Charity Ball
Costco Wholesale Japan	Goods provided to Charity Runs & Various YMCA Camps
La Prairie Japan KK	Goods provided to Charity Concert & Gala Charity Ball
Coleman Japan KK	Goods provided to Charity Runs
Amer Sports Japan	Goods provided to Charity Runs

2007 Fundraising Activities

	Income	Direct Expense	Net
Charity Runs	¥37,787,814	¥10,436,882	¥27,350,932
Corporate Sponsorships	19,648,354	170,487	19,477,867
Charity Events	5,519,511	2,744,097	2,775,414
Individuals & Organizations	4,713,361	199,239	4,514,122
Total Fundraising	¥67,669,040	¥13,550,705	¥54,118,335

2007 Net Fundraising minus Expense

Total Net Fundraising	¥54,118,335
Administration & Overhead	5,583,709
2007 Disbursements	¥48,534,626
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Challenged Children Project	¥27,288,500
Free School Program	1,630,000
Allocated for Disbursement in 2008	19,616,126*
Total Disbursements	¥48,534,626

Financial Year: April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008
* Reserved for future allocations

YMCA/FCSC Challenged Children Project (CCP)

Since 1987, the FCSC has been supporting the Challenged Children Project (CCP). These are Japanese children with conditions such as Autism, Down Syndrome, Muscular Dystrophy, and Cerebral Palsy. Support is also provided to children confined to wheelchairs and those dealing with Learning Disabilities such as Dyslexia and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The Free School Program assists young people (Hikkikomori) with severe communication and self-esteem difficulties to develop career options and return to school. The cost, commitment, love, and devotion of raising a challenged child compared to a nonchallenged child can be enormous. They are often ignored or discriminated against, sometimes abused and bullied. The stress and hardships of being a caregiver overwhelms parents, siblings, and relatives. With little support from local or national governments and negative stigmas still prevalent, Challenged Children and their families depend upon your continuing generosity to get by on a day-to-day basis.

In 2007, the FCSC supported through the CCP, 10,157 children and 1,809 educators through over 135 programs, 13 Charity Runs, two fundraising events, various corporate sponsorships, and other activities.

CCP Goals:

- * Support the Development of Challenged Children
- * Support & Promote Challenged Children's Integration into & Acceptance by Society.

CCP Programs:

- * Winter & Summer Camps
- * Physical Fitness
- * Education & Development
- * Art & Music

* Many CCP activities and programs include nonchallenged children and their families to facilitate mutual awareness and understanding. Integration and acceptance are keys to the YMCA approach.