

# Momiji Matters

Spring 2026

## A GENEROUS DONOR: THE GREATER TORONTO CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS



Momiji seniors after seeing the play "Forgiveness" at Stratford Festival, on the 24-passenger bus paid for by the Greater Toronto Chapter, National Association of Japanese Canadians. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



By Brian Mahoney,  
Momiji Volunteer &  
Donor

Helping others has always been woven into the DNA of Japanese communities everywhere. In a land of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, and fires, there is a constant need to support one another. In Canada, when whole communities of Japanese Canadians vanished in the blink of an eye in 1942—this time because of a man made disaster—the ethic of helping came alive again.

Even after the war ended, the torment Japanese Canadians endured did not simply disappear. "Move east," they were told. Thankfully, a determined group of Japanese Canadians came

together to form a voice—a force aimed at strengthening the community across the country. That group, founded in Toronto in 1947 as the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, would later become the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) in 1980.

Roger Obata, the founding president, remained a steady presence throughout this evolution. At age 73, he served as vice president when redress was achieved in 1988, and later as vice chair of the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation. The Foundation made an initial capital contribution of \$1.5 million to Momiji Health Care Society, followed by additional grants of \$600,000 and \$63,745. Both he and Bill Kobayashi stepped down from the Momiji board once the major contribution was secured, avoiding any conflict of interest and reflecting the careful, community minded

governance that shaped this period.

Apologies and money alone cannot rebuild communities, however. Before 1942, Japantowns existed in many parts of British Columbia. Senior Japanese Canadians could live in safety and comfort within their own neighbourhoods, with support close at hand. After 1942, those communities disappeared. People were sent to camps and, after the war, dispersed across Canada. Everyone—from seniors to children—lost not only their homes and possessions but also their stability and sense of belonging.

It wasn't until 1975 that a group of concerned Japanese Canadians in Toronto assembled to address the challenges facing the Issei—the first generation who had resettled in the city after the war. The Japanese Canadian

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## MILESTONES AND PASSAGES

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to these Tenants who celebrated Milestone Birthdays between September 1, 2025, and February 15, 2026:

#### Momiji Seniors Residence

Mrs. Shirley (Setsuko) Isojima – 100th birthday

Mrs. Claire Nakamura – 102nd birthday

Mrs. Miyo Nakamura – 100th birthday

Mrs. Ichie Yamamoto – 102nd birthday

#### Castlview-Wychwood Towers

Roy Miyashita – 101 years old

### PASSAGES

Sincere condolences are extended to the families of the following Tenants who passed away between September 1, 2025, and February 15, 2026:

#### Momiji Seniors Residence

Mr. Ernie Jomori

Ms. Yooja Kim

#### Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care

Ms. Tsuruko Sumi

Mr. Herbert Sakaguchi

Ms. Kitty Yukie Nakamura

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Citizens Association began prioritizing elder care. This is where Momiji Health Care Society enters the story, with Roger and Mary Obata among its founding members. After years of fundraising, supported in part by redress funds, the Momiji building—now home to many Japanese Canadians—finally became a reality. How it was completed in just nine and a half months remains a mystery to this writer, but it feels like a miracle of epic proportions.

Since 2017, the Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC has supported Momiji Health Care Society with donations totalling over \$100,000. Some



Prime Minister Mulroney greeting Bill Kobayashi on September 22, 1988 after the signing of the 1988 Redress agreement and apology. (Photo provided by Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi.)

of these funds went to specific projects—a wheelchair accessible vehicle, COVID related support, and a rented bus for the trip to Stratford, to see “Forgiveness”. The largest portion, \$60,000, was a three year pledge to the Momiji Community Wellness Fund.

Recently, I was fortunate to meet and speak with Bill Kobayashi's daughter, Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi. For more than an hour we discussed the origins of the NAJC, their future, and an advocacy effort aimed specifically at our fair city of Toronto—“fair” being somewhat sarcastic, given that Japanese Canadians were banned from living here until 1947. We also spoke about the need for communication: ensuring people everywhere understand what happened in 1942 and recognizing the challenges still facing marginalized communities in Canada today. When you reflect on 1942 British Columbia, you see that it has happened before—as recently as the Second World War. We must stand together to prevent it from happening again. ■

Anyone interested in the history of the Toronto NAJC and the activism of Bill, Roger, and many others during the Redress era, is encouraged to read [“Japanese Canadian Redress: The Toronto Story”](#), available in its entirety on the Toronto NAJC's website.

## MOMIJI BOARD MEMBER RECOGNIZED BY YEE HONG

Brian Kai, Momiji's Board Member, was awarded the 2025 Yee Hong Golden Heart Award at their Walkathon. The award honours an individual whose compassion shines through in all they do – someone who gives selflessly, uplifts others, and makes a lasting impact in many lives and the community. Congratulations Brian on this well-deserved award! ■



Brian (centre) with his award at the Yee Hong Walkathon, along with his wife Dee Dee, and Momiji CEO Eugene. (Photo by Brian Mahoney.)

# CHANGING WITH THE TIMES: EXPANDED SERVICES, SPONSORSHIPS, ADVERTISING, AND RENTALS



By Christopher Kobayashi-Reid, Director of Finance & Operations

We are so thankful to you, our donors, for your support over the years. We hope that this support continues but we know that we cannot rely on our donors alone so we must do more to ensure Momiji's financial stability. Unfortunately, while we appreciate what we receive, our government funding continues to lag what our actual costs are leaving a growing gap. So, this coming year, we will be launching (or expanding) some opportunities so that we can generate more revenue and cut down on this widening deficit.

## EXPANDED MOMIJI@HOME SERVICES

As you may have already read, we are expanding our Momiji@Home services to better meet the changing needs of our community and generate much-needed funds. Since last year, the team has begun offering more specialized services, including a telephone consultation service provided by Ontario-licensed nurses. Please see page 4 for more information.

## SPONSORSHIPS: FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We have offered Sponsorships for our Fundraising Bowlathon for the past few years but now we are expanding to offer sponsorships on many of our other fundraising events – to help raise more money so that we can offset some of the rising costs. Currently, in addition to the Bowlathon, sponsorships are also available for the Momo Anime Event which will be held at the end of March with more opportunities to follow. We will also be exploring some new additions to our Bowlathon, with the help of these sponsors to increase participation.

Sponsorships range from \$10,000



Momiji Education's watercolour painting class. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

to \$500. There is also an opportunity to become a gift-in-kind sponsor by providing a prize for one of our many raffles. If you are interested in exploring Sponsorship opportunities, we would love to hear from you.

## SPONSORSHIPS: SENIORS ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

Our Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Team currently offers 96 sessions a month with 79% of them being provided at no cost. The programs fall into four categories – Core (Physical and Educational), Social (Lug-a-Mug, Coffee House and Special Events), Recreational (Bingo, Sing Along – in both Japanese and English) and Art (Art and Tea with Jane). Although SALC receives some government funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility & the City of Toronto, base funding has only increased twice in 10 years, leaving our SALC program in a deficit despite the generosity of our donors. By offering Sponsorships, we hope to decrease the deficit while still maintaining our level of service.

## ADVERTISING

This year, we will start to sell advertising in *this* newsletter, Momiji Matters, to help offset the rising costs. We will have a finalized plan in place prior to the next edition so please look out for further information if interested.

## MOMIJI EDUCATION

Since we re-launched our Education program in the Fall of 2024, we have gradually expanded our classes and workshops by recruiting more instructors so that we could offer more diverse content including art and creativity, exercise and wellness and Japanese culture classes. We will be looking to partner with new Independent Contractors to bring even more options to our participants.

If you would like to teach at Momiji, please reach out to [education@momiji.on.ca](mailto:education@momiji.on.ca). The Education program is just another way to help raise funds since after we pay our instructors, the rest of the money is reinvested into Momiji's programs and services.

## RENTALS

Momiji has offered our Community Centre Rooms, including the Auditorium and Board Room, for rent for many years. This year, we will be actively promoting our rental program in hope of generating more revenue. ■

Want more information about any of these opportunities? Please contact the team at [fundraising@momiji.on.ca](mailto:fundraising@momiji.on.ca), follow us on Facebook and Instagram or sign up for our mini virtual newsletter, Momiji Monthly (sent by email only).



## Support Services

### MOMIJI@HOME SERVICE: CLIENT TESTIMONIALS FROM SENIORS AND FAMILY



By Miho Kimura, Assistant  
Manager, Support Services

It has been almost nine years since Momiji@Home, our home care service, began. During this time, we have been providing support to both Momiji Tenants and seniors in the community. Over the years, our service has grown to meet the increasing needs in the community, and we have expanded our team by hiring more PSWs to better support our clients. Our services vary depending on each client's individual needs and include homemaking, personal care, and companionship, among others. We are grateful to have received many positive comments recognizing our PSWs for their compassionate and dedicated care.

At Momiji@Home, we listen carefully to our clients and learn about their unique needs. We strive to provide respectful, person-centred care in their own homes, while honouring their cultural backgrounds. Below are some testimonials from our clients and their family members who currently receive Momiji@Home services.

*"I had not been aware of this wonderful service, until over a year ago when I received a phone call from a Momiji staff member telling me about Momiji@Home. This was serendipity, as I required just the sort of help offered due to a then new, but now chronic back issue.*

*My Momiji@Home provider is a hard worker, empathetic, and a good cook to boot.*

*I am extremely thankful that Momiji@Home is provided by a trusted source, enabling me to avoid the tasks which would cause me problems, allowing me to function well in my home."*

**Anonymous**

*"For over a year, my family have been very satisfied clients of Momiji@Home services. We range in age from 70 to 97 years old, all with very different needs from housekeeping, shopping, and food preparation in our own homes to full PSW, nursing and companionship support in a senior's residence.*

*The Momiji@Home coordinator does excellent work matching the right provider with the appropriate skills and personality to our requests. We couldn't be happier with her selection. They never let us down scheduling additional support following medical emergencies, even through the Christmas and New Years holidays.*

*A big THANK YOU to Momiji@Home PSWs and their coordinators!"*

**Donna Tsuji**

*"My 97-year-old mother started using Momiji@Home Services over two years ago. My mother was living alone in a home. My husband and I decided that it would be a good idea to hire a Japanese PSW. We were lucky to get a caring and kind Japanese PSW. The PSW and my mother hit it off instantly. They can communicate in Japanese and in English. The PSW helps my mother with her exercises, prepares dinner for her but most importantly engages her in conversation. They talk, watch videos and tv together. This helps maintain my mother's social skills.*

*The Manager and fellow staff are also very responsive and supportive. We would highly recommend Momiji@Home for your loved ones."*

**Anonymous**

Momiji@Home continues to evolve to better meet the changing needs of our community. Since last year, we have begun offering more specialized services, including a telephone consultation service provided by Ontario-licensed nurses.

This service allows clients to speak one-on-one, in Japanese (and English), about daily health management and lifestyle habits, as well as to receive guidance on Ontario's healthcare system, medical procedures, and how to access health care services with confidence.

Telephone consultations are available by appointment only. Each session is 30 minutes in length, and clients who enroll in a monthly contract are eligible for a 10% discount.

For more information about Momiji@Home (PSW Home Care Services) or Momiji@Home PLUS – Nursing Services, please contact us at 416-261-6683 ext. 262 or 263. ■

### WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Please join us as we welcome four new PSWs to our Support Services team!

Santwana Kandel

Akari Nogami

Kanako Ogasawara

Niroshima Ubeysinghe-Case



## GROWING CAREGIVER CONNECTIONS, BOTH IN PERSON AND ONLINE



By Chikage Inaba, Client Intervention Program Worker (CIPW)

The Momiji Caregiver Support Group, consisting of graduates of the six-week Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop hosted by the Client Intervention team, was established in September last year and has been held twice so far. When participants share updates about their caregiving situations, it becomes clear that each person's experience is different, and that every caregiving journey includes its own events and challenges. Even though we use the single word

"caregiving," the support needed, the approach taken, and the timing all vary from person to person. Because participants have continued to meet regularly since the workshop, the group has grown into a space where members understand one another's situations and are able to share both joyful and difficult moments together.

Unfortunately, the third meeting scheduled in January was canceled due to heavy snowfall. Based on this experience, we decided to hold the next support group meeting in March, online for the first time.

At the same time, the fourth Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop is being offered online for the first time. This started in January and continues through

the last Thursday of February. This online format has made it possible for individuals who live far away or who cannot leave their care receivers during the workshop hours to participate, allowing more caregivers to benefit from the program. We received more interest than expected, which reminded us of the strong and ongoing need for caregiving support. We are also pleased to be able to invite the current workshop participants to join the caregiver support group after they complete the course. The Client Intervention team will continue to use both in-person and online formats to expand opportunities for caregivers to connect with one another. We look forward to future workshops. ■

## ANNUAL MANDATORY SURVEY FOR ALL MOMIJI SENIOR RESIDENCE APPLICANTS



By Chie Takano Reeves, Client Intervention Worker (CIW)

The 2026 edition of our annual applicant mandatory survey was mailed out in mid-February to all the applicants on our waiting list. The response due date is March 31. Please let us know if you don't receive the survey by mid-March.

If you submit your survey response by email, please call us to follow up if we don't send you a receipt within a week or so, in case your email went into our junk mailbox.

As we have made repeated announcements and attempts to reach out in previous years, we have removed those who did not submit a survey in the past three years (2023-2025) at the end of 2025 so you will no longer receive the survey form. Please inquire by the end of March 2026 if you need your application

to be reinstated.

It is the applicant's responsibility to inform us of any change in your contact information so that you can receive communications from us. An increasing number of applicants do not respond to voice mail, or there is no answering machine to leave messages. If your turn becomes close, you will receive a call from us. If you do not respond, unfortunately we have no choice but to skip you. We appreciate your understanding. ■

## Transportation



### COMMUNITY BUS PROGRAM



By Shivonne Modeste, Assistant Manager – Community Services

The Transportation Department is currently in the planning stages for a new Community Bus Program, designed to support community members in Scarborough. This program aims to improve access to essential services

and social opportunities by providing scheduled group transportation for grocery shopping, banking, and mall outings, as well as occasional visits to community events or seasonal activities.

We understand that reliable, safe transportation plays an important role in keeping the community connected and engaged. By offering shared transportation options, the program will help reduce barriers related to mobility, cost, and accessibility, while supporting independence and social connection.

The Community Bus will focus on serving community members living in the following Scarborough postal codes: M1B, M1C, M1E, M1G, M1H, and M1M. Trips will be scheduled in advance, with safety, comfort, and reliability as key priorities.

More details about schedules, eligibility, and how to participate will be shared as the program moves closer to launch. If you have questions, please contact Shivonne at 416-261-6683 ext. 261. ■



## MOMIJI WEST'S HOLIDAY BENTO & CONCERT



By Ben Sunahara-Levy,  
Coordinator – Momiji  
West

On December 17, Momiji West, comprised of our CCD Luncheon and SALC West programs, hosted a special Holiday Bento and Concert event that brought together music, food, and community in a joyful end-of-year celebration.

The afternoon began with live jazz during the lunchtime, featuring volunteers Tomo, Mike, and Matias. Guests enjoyed smooth jazz classics and seasonal favourites while sharing a bento lunch in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. The music set the perfect tone for reconnecting with friends and easing into the holiday spirit. The main performance followed, with Bruce Tatemichi and Friends, who delivered a lively and engaging concert filled with holiday tunes, familiar melodies, and moments for audience sing-along.



Attendees enjoying the holiday concert! (Photos by Momiji Staff.)

The performance invited everyone to participate creating a sense of warmth, and joy throughout the room.

Momiji would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ginko Restaurant, who has continuously supported Momiji's West luncheons. Their ongoing partnership and dedication—while working hard to keep bento costs reasonable—plays a significant role in ensuring these events remain accessible and enjoyable for our senior community.

Adding a sweet highlight to the day, special desserts were provided by Hattendo, a Japanese bakery brand known for its signature cream buns. The three flavours provided; custard, matcha, and yuzu, were warmly received by the guests in attendance.

The event concluded, but not before party crackers were handed out which had tickets for door prizes hidden within. Imagine, 70+ party crackers being opened all at once! The lucky winners of the door prizes were given gifts that were donated by volunteers from the community. Thank you to those community members for helping us create a special opportunity to give gifts in the Holiday season!

Community events like the Momiji West's Holiday Bento and Concert reflect Momiji's commitment to creating inclusive, community centered experiences. For special events such as this, family members and friends are always welcome to join, making these gatherings an opportunity not only to enjoy performances, but also to share meaningful time together. We are truly thankful to the entertainers, volunteers, and staff for their time during the day of the event!! A special thank you also goes to the West Toronto Christian Community Church for allowing us to use their beautiful sanctuary space, and to Ken for the technical support. ■



Above: Performers entertaining the attendees!

Below: Momiji staff and volunteers supporting the event.  
(Photos by Momiji Staff.)





## COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: CANADIAN JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTRE OF HAMILTON



By Ben Sunahara-Levy,  
Coordinator – Momiji  
West

Since 1986, the Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton (CJCC) has been a place where culture, connection, and community come together. Founded by members of Hamilton's Japanese Canadian community, the Centre was created as a welcoming space to gather, share traditions, and strengthen community bonds.

Hamilton has long been an important home for Japanese Canadians, particularly in the years following the lifting of postwar restrictions. As the community grew, so did the need for a dedicated cultural hub. The CJCC began its journey in the former Oteora Public School and, through strong community support and determination, found a permanent

home at 45 Hempstead Drive in the mid-1990s.

Today, the Centre continues to serve as a welcoming place for people of all ages. Through language classes, cultural workshops, arts and music programming, seasonal gatherings, and senior-focused activities—such as Koyu-kai, a monthly luncheon group run by dedicated volunteers—the Centre helps sustain a sense of belonging while encouraging cultural exchange across generations.

After receiving funding from the Japanese Canadian Legacies Community Fund, the CJCC was able to improve the accessibility, safety, and street visibility of the Centre. These important updates were completed to make the building safer and more comfortable for seniors and the broader community.

As the new year begins, the CJCC remains committed to caring for its community and looking ahead with intention. Those wishing to

support the Centre are invited to visit, participate in programs—including senior offerings—volunteer their time, or lend their support in ways that feel meaningful. Through each of these small but important acts, the spirit of community continues to be carried forward.

As it looks to the year ahead, the Centre remains focused on strengthening community connections, expanding inclusive programming, and continuing to serve as a welcoming space for learning, sharing, and cultural exchange. Whether you are reconnecting with your heritage, learning something new, or simply looking for a place to belong, the Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton remains a vital and welcoming part of our community.

Thank you to the CJCC for hosting the Momiji West activity days. ■

## Donor News



### A NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM



By Shivonne Modeste,  
Assistant Manager –  
Community Services

Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Seiko Shirafuji, Momiji has purchased a KONA Electric Vehicle to support Momiji's Transportation Program. The vehicle transports seniors to medical appointments, social activities, and shopping.

As an electric vehicle, it provides a quiet and comfortable ride while supporting environmentally responsible service delivery. We are grateful for this generous support and for the positive impact that it has on our community and

the environment.

Dr. Shirafuji is a long-time, generous supporter and is currently a monthly donor, supporting our Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC). She is also

an active volunteer, organizing entertainment for our Community Congregate Dining Program and our SALC. Dōmo arigatōgozaimasu Shirafuji-san! ■



Dr. Shirafuji with Momiji staff Chris and Shivonne as they visit the new KONA Electric Vehicle in the Momiji garage. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)



## INTRODUCING OUR RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS!



By Isabelle Yamamoto,  
Coordinator - Volunteer  
Management

When you spend time at Momiji, you will see many friendly faces. Some of the first ones you may see are those of our volunteer Reception Team. Throughout its history, Momiji has had many wonderful reception volunteers helping our seniors and community navigate our organization. Special thank you to the Youth Reception volunteers: Kreyia P., Dan J., Shahan P., and Paavni W. for their kind support over the summer months. We hope to see you again soon! Thank you also to Patsy Natsuhara who had supported us for over 10 years at reception and to all the past reception volunteers for their hard work.

I would now like to introduce you to the current team supporting us at the reception desk. Be sure to say hi if you see any of them during your time at Momiji!



**YUUKI**

"I came to Toronto from Ottawa having just finished university. I was excited to enter the job market however due to the poor state of this economy, I struggled immensely with being able to secure an interview much less a job. I found myself meandering, sending out applications without much thought or direction. Fortunately, after having previously volunteered for a couple of Momiji's events, I requested and was granted a volunteer role as receptionist.

I had three principal reasons for applying as a volunteer at Momiji. Two of them were quite selfish - to gain experience and hopefully to earn a recommendation. However, I also wanted to become involved in the community. As I have a Japanese parent, Momiji was a natural choice.

I find Momiji to be a happy, even joyous place to work. I can not help but notice that both Tenants and staff are relaxed and pleasant. One of the tenants even refers to Momiji as "Heaven." I find my role to be appreciated. Being in Momiji has taught me the importance of a workplace environment and how to contribute to this positive environment.

It is in thanks in part to this experience and the kind support of Momiji that I was able to finally land a job. While I am busy working now, I still try to find the time to come by to support Momiji's community."

Yuuki helps on Tuesdays and Fridays when his schedule allows.



**MIKA**

Mika first volunteered at Momiji in her teens as a receptionist. She was also among the opening staff when Zero Sun opened. Over the years, she has helped at bazaars and yard sales, supported the Momiji store as a store clerk, entered data from surveys into the computer, assisted seniors playing fun games, and much more. Most recently she has been teaching origami as part of Momiji's education program.

While engaging with the Tenants, she became interested in Japanese-Canadian history and majored in History at York University. After completing her BA,

she worked as the editor and everything person at Nikkei Voice (from 2005 to 2012) until she burnt out. During the summers, on her own time and money, she travelled to various JC communities across Canada to learn about their history and collect personal stories. Several years ago, she composed the text for the double-sided signage now on display at Mount Robson in B.C. It tells the story of the Japanese nationals who were sent to the Yellowhead-Blue River highway project road camps during WW2. She is currently working on collecting stories and photos of those sent to the road camps of the three highway projects in B.C.

She is now back at Momiji on a weekly basis, at the reception desk on Mondays.



**SAM**

"In my second semester in the Office Administration program at Centennial College, I was advised to work or volunteer in the field to gain experience. At this suggestion, I thought of Momiji and its Volunteer Receptionist role right away. I had heard about the position from a friend and knew that it was perfect, as it would allow me to gain meaningful experience and connect with my Japanese heritage.

After going through the volunteer application process, I started the position in May 2025. I went in every Thursday, and my duties included answering the phones, greeting visitors and Tenants, and receiving packages. For months, I volunteered weekly, including on days when the parking lot construction was so loud, I could not hear my thoughts, and days when the cold winter winds would

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blow at my desk every time the door opened. However, I enjoyed every day of interacting with the community and being a part of so many people's lives.

Learning about the Japanese-Canadian community was the most meaningful part of my experience at Momiji. As someone with a Japanese mother who immigrated to Canada in the 90s, my experience is quite different from those who are Japanese-Canadian and have a long family history in Canada. Getting to meet people of the same ethnicity but with a different relationship with Japan opened my worldview and deepened my understanding of the Japanese community in Toronto.

Although I had to stop volunteering in January due to scheduling conflicts, I will take these memories and learnings with me into my future endeavors."



**KATHLEEN (KATHIE)**

Kathie has been an essential part of the volunteer reception team, helping at Momiji's front desk for over 10 years! Every Wednesday she is ready to welcome visitors, answer and redirect phone calls, and support anyone in need of assistance including community members, tenants, and other volunteers. You can also find her helping at our annual Bazaar in the Jewellery section, and she has helped out at the Yard Sale and Japonica in the past too!

Thank you, Kathie, and all our other volunteer receptionists for your support and assistance. ■

## SUPPORTING MOMIJI'S EFFORTS – MOMIJI'S NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

In September 2025, we relaunched our Momiji Membership program, and since then, we have been overwhelmed by the positive response! Along with membership renewals from longtime supporters, we have welcomed 30 new members in the last four months alone.

Members have been enjoying their coupons: one free coffee or tea and a baked good at the Momiji Café, and a \$10 coupon for Maru Sun Restaurant (or \$15 for couples). Another popular benefit is the 10% off the Registration Fee on any 8-week (or longer) Momiji Education class. The new membership card design, featuring the art of Walter Toshiyuki Sunahara, has been a big draw too, garnering lots of compliments!

Our annual Membership fees are \$50 for an individual, and \$80 for a couple. When you pay this fee and become a Momiji Member, you are supporting Momiji with your vote of confidence in the work we do. It was gratifying how many community members were happy to pay this increased fee, understanding its necessity as Momiji's costs rise.

Under the relaunched membership program, we hope to connect like-minded individuals and help foster a sense of community among our supporters. To bring this about, and to thank our active Momiji Members, we will be hosting an Annual Members Day this summer. Stay tuned for more details as we solidify plans for this gathering! ■



Putting together 2025-26 Membership Packages, with new membership cards, coupons, and a bonus bookmark! (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

## MOMIJI'S HOLIDAY HALFSIES – WE HAVE A WINNER!



The winner of our Holiday Halfsies 50/50 Raffle, Carole (right), was presented with her cheque by Dawna, the lead Momiji volunteer for the raffle! (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

Thanks to ticket purchasers, over \$3,000 was raised during the recent Holiday Halfsies 50/50 Raffle. Our lucky winner, Carole, received half of the proceeds. She was presented with the cheque by Dawna, Momiji's volunteer Lead of the raffle fundraiser.

Our Spring Halfsies 50/50 Raffle will be launched at our upcoming Momo Anime Event, on Saturday, March 28th. Tickets will also be sold at our two-day Japonica Live event in April with the draw taking place in early May.

Thank you for your support and for helping us to raise funds for Momiji. Good luck to all the purchasers. ■



## Around the Building

### CURRENT PROJECTS

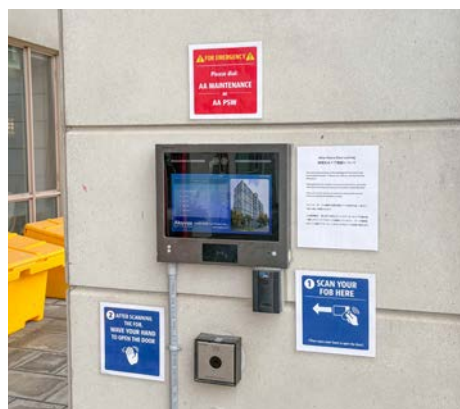


By Carolina Yamashita,  
Manager, Seniors  
Residence & Environment

#### GARAGE WATERPROOFING PROJECT

We are happy to share that the second phase of the garage roof project has been successfully completed, with substantial completion achieved on November 22nd. The project took just over four months to complete, and all work was conducted as planned in accordance with the approved scope and schedule.

We thank all the tenants and community members for their patience and cooperation throughout the duration of the project. Your understanding and support were greatly appreciated and contributed to the successful completion of this important work.



Our new exterior intercom (Photo by Momiji Staff.)



Momiji's front parking lot during and after construction for the Garage Waterproofing Project. (Photos by Momiji Staff.)



#### INTERCOM

Recently, there have been several incidents involving attempted break-ins and unauthorized individuals entering and sleeping in the lobby area. These situations raised safety and security concerns for both tenants and staff.

In response, Momiji has installed a new intercom system at the exterior entrance of the building. This upgrade allows the front doors to remain locked from 11pm to 7am while still providing safe, controlled access for tenants and authorized visitors. The new system is a crucial step in enhancing building security and supporting a safer living environment.

#### 4TH FLOOR WALK-IN BATHTUB

We are pleased to share that a generous donation has been received for the replacement of the walk-in bathtub on the 4th floor, which has been out of service for several years. The donation will fully cover the cost of the new walk-in bathtub, along with the necessary electrical upgrades to ensure its safe and proper operation.

In addition, Momiji will be funding the remaining room renovations. Together, these improvements will restore an important amenity and enhance comfort and accessibility for our tenants.

#### HEATING PUMP

Heating Pumps #3 and #4 are in urgent need of replacement due to excessive vibration. Although they have been serviced several times, the internal components have deteriorated over time because of their age. To ensure continuous heating throughout the building, the pumps will be rebuilt one at a time so there will be no interruption to service. ■



## MOMIJI EDUCATION'S SPRING 2026 SESSION

Spring is just around the corner and so is Momiji's Spring Education Session! We have a little something for everyone, whether you are looking for programs that tap into your creativity, exercise your mind and/or body, or teach you something new!

Registration for our Spring Session will open on Monday, March 30th at 9 am and will remain open until one week prior to the start of the classes or workshops. But don't delay as some programs fill up quickly! Classes will start the week of April 13th.

We thank our Instructors and participants for helping to raise much-needed funds for Momiji via these education courses. As usual, Momiji Members will receive 10% off all multi-day classes – a real bargain! We hope to see you here! ■

Momiji is looking for new Instructors to join our Education team as Independent Contractors!

We are especially interested in instructors for a weekly Tai Chi or Zumba class, and Workshop instructors that have experience with older audiences.

If interested, please contact [education@momiji.on.ca](mailto:education@momiji.on.ca).

Right: Momiji Education's watercolour painting class. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Below: Watercolour teacher Hi-Sook instructing her class. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Lower Right: Participants in Margaret Buckworth's Valentine's Day Collage Workshop! (Photo provided by Margaret Buckworth.)



## CULINARY HERITAGE: INTERGENERATIONAL COOKING PROGRAM

Introduced in May 2025, The Culinary Heritage: Intergenerational Cooking Program delivered 10 sessions for participants. Combining hands-on cooking and cultural storytelling, this program brought community members together to explore Japanese food traditions across generations. Participants shared meals, learned the history behind recipes, and built confidence for preparing dishes at home.

The program ended with a graduation celebration on October 25th. We hope to offer this program again over the summer of 2026, with more details to come. Thank you to the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society for funding this program! ■



More participants working hard in the Valentine's Day Collage Workshop! (Photo provided by Margaret Buckworth.)



## Fundraising Activities

### WALKING FOR CHARITY

In early October, Momiji partnered with the Yee Hong Foundation, participating in their Pop-Up for Love Gives Charity Walk. This was the first time that Momiji participated in this event and thanks to our small but mighty team of Board members, volunteers, Tenants, and staff, over \$11,500 was raised for Momiji's seniors. Participants had the opportunity to walk 1 km or 5 km in Milliken District Park. This was our second partnership with Yee Hong this year having previously participated in their annual Golf Tournament.

We hope to participate again this year. Stay tuned for more information! ■



Momiji team members after crossing the finish line! From left to right: Sue, Addie, Dee Dee, Robert, and Wendy. (Photo by Brian Mahoney.)



Sue and Dee Dee cross the finish line, followed by Addie! (Photo by Brian Mahoney.)

### FEELING FESTIVE AT MOMIJI HOLIDAY MARKET

Last year's Holiday Market was held at the end of November. Momiji welcomed over 30 vendors, offering handmade crafts including crocheted plushies, designer mugs, earrings and candles and delicious food including yakisoba, onigiri, mochi muffins and much more.

Thanks to the generosity of some of the vendors, Momiji held a raffle, helping to

raise additional funds. Momiji's Oshare Craft Club also participated, selling items that they make, and our volunteers sold Collectible and Vintage items. We appreciate all the vendors and volunteers who made this event possible. Mark your calendars now for this year's event: Saturday, November 28th. ■



Left: From left to right, Eiko, Taeko K., Taeko Y., and Masae at the Oshare Craft Club table during the Holiday Market!

Right: Christine and her daughter selling their shortbread at the Holiday Market. Christine also donates cookies to our Holiday Treat Campaign!

(Photos by Harry Tonogai.)



From left to right, volunteers Doug, Ann, and Brian. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



### HOLIDAY TREATS CAMPAIGN – A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE FUNDS!

This year's Holiday Treat's Campaign was another success, thanks to our bakers and buyers! Over 6,000 delicious cookies were made, resulting in over \$4,500 being raised for Momiji. This was our third best year to date. In the eight years that the Campaign has run, over \$30,000 has been raised. We cannot thank our bakers enough for all their help in making this happen.

Special thanks to Linda Oikawa, who came up with the idea and continues to lead the Campaign with a group of volunteers; to Dawna Kobayashi for donating the containers so that we can run this Campaign with no expense and to our team of packagers who create the most beautiful packages for the buyers! ■

## MOMIJI'S 2026 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

### Momo Anime Event

March 28th & 29th

For a whole weekend in March, Momiji will be transformed into a fandom utopia! Vendors and activities all about anime and Japanese culture will fill the building with fun! Young or old, casual or hardcore fan, all are welcome to come connect with new friends, shop, and learn new things.

### Japonica

April 25th & 26th

In 2026, Japonica is moving from the fall to the spring! What isn't changing is the quality that people have come to expect from Japonica. There is no better event for vintage, second-hand Japanese goods, such as kimono, dishes, dolls, games, and so much more.

### Yee Hong x Momiji Golf Classic

May 26th

Calling all golfers! After 2025's successful collaboration, Momiji Health Care Society and the Yee Hong Wellness Foundation are jointly presenting a fundraising golf tournament at Clublink's Station Creek Golf Club South Course once again.

### Momiji Bowlathon

June 20th

If bowling is more your style, join us at Momiji's 18th Annual Bowl-a-thon this June! Assemble a team and raise money for our seniors by collecting sponsorships. Bowlers of any age are encouraged to join the fun! Even non-bowlers can participate by sponsoring a team!

### Momiji Bazaar

October 3rd

Our oldest fundraising event is changing seasons, but you'll find the same amazing deals on quality second-hand items and delicious food at our Community Bazaar! Everything from clothes to housewares to books, carefully sorted by volunteers, and priced very reasonably.

### Momiji Holiday Market

November 28th

Just in time for gift-giving season, our Holiday Market returns for its fourth year! This November, Momiji will be full of holiday cheer and vendors selling all kinds of arts and crafts, plus plenty of tasty treats too!

To keep up-to-date on fundraising events and all things Momiji:



[www.momiji.on.ca](http://www.momiji.on.ca)



[@momijihealthcaresociety](https://www.instagram.com/momijihealthcaresociety)



Momiji Health Care Society

## SWING FOR SENIORS

Come and "Swing for Seniors" at Yee Hong's 30th Annual Golf Classic Tournament on Tuesday, May 26th!

For the second year, Momiji will be partnering with Yee Hong to help raise money for seniors, so please join us for a wonderful day of fun and fundraising at Station Creek Golf Club! Participants can look forward to a full day of activities, food, and competition, including course games and contests such as the Hole-in-One Challenge, Longest Drive contests, Closest to the Pin contests, and more!

Contact [fundraising@momiji.on.ca](mailto:fundraising@momiji.on.ca) for more information or check Momiji or Yee Hong's website for updates! ■

## UP NEXT...

### MOMO ANIME EVENT

MARCH 28th & 29th

Join us for our third year! Previously called Momo Anime Market, Momo Anime Event turns the community part of Momiji Seniors Centre into a fandom utopia full of artists, vendors, workshops, and more!

Momo Anime Event is a "Culture through Pop-Culture" festival that is dedicated to celebrating and sharing Japanese and Japanese Canadian culture using anime and manga a vehicle to connect the community. Throughout the weekend, attendees can engage with the Japanese culture, traditions, foods, and history that inspires the medium.

Our vendor market will include a wonderful selection of artists, food vendors, and a Kids Zone with activities for kids by kids! There will also be a sale of second-hand kimono and accessories, organized by the team behind Japonica.

Along with the vendor market, we will have interactive workshops, educational panels, and demonstrations. Stay tuned for the full schedule of activities, including kimono dressing, origami, odori dancing, and a panel discussion held by members of The Kimono Remake Project.

Buy your ticket for Saturday or Sunday, or buy a Weekend Pass and come both days! Tickets can be purchased online on Eventbrite or at the door. Tickets are half-off for members at the door only, so remember to bring your membership card! ■

### MOMIJI BOWLATHON

JUNE 20th

Get ready to put on your bowling shoes and have a fun-filled time while raising money for Momiji. Our 18th Fundraising Bowlathon promises to be bigger and better than ever! We have secured lanes at Kennedy Bowl (10-pin) and Parkway Bowl (5-pin) for Saturday, June 20th. As usual, a banquet will follow back at Momiji where great prizes will be awarded and stories of your success on the alleys can be shared with your fellow bowlers in a casual way.

So, start building your teams now. We hope to see you at the alley! ■



## Fundraising Activities

### JAPONICA THROUGH MY EYES



By Brian Mahoney,  
Momiji Volunteer &  
Donor

From what I've seen at events such as Japonica, the annual 'things Japanese' market at Momiji, we have an abundance of beautiful, gently used items that may hold value beyond their physical worth. I'm speaking of course of 'Tamashii'. Tamashii is described as 'a tangible trace of the creator's dedication'. It is said to be in handmade items, things that are carefully crafted by a dedicated artisan. We're not talking about ghosts here, just a spirit, if you can imagine the difference between the two. At Japonica, you'll see hundreds, if not thousands of such items. It's something you must keep in mind when you're holding a lacquer teacup in your hand, for instance. For many of the items sold at Japonica, their value lies less in what they are and more in who made them.

Children often dream about finding treasure, at least I did. They also dream about other worldly adventures, going back in time. At Japonica, you can do both. The obvious treasures are usually housed in the Day Lounge, but some are hidden in the Craft Room, too. Check out the lacquer ware, the sake cups, and the array of chopsticks, for instance. You never know what you might find.

In the north end, looking out over the main entrance and Kingston Road, you'll



Above: A display of Japanese dolls ready to welcome guests to Japonica!

Top Left: The fan display at Japonica.

Lower Left: Kimono Remake Project members Irene and Margaret.

(Photos by Brian Mahoney.)

find the Artwork display. As with many other items for sale at Japonica, some are very old. All are beautiful. Heading back south, you'll find the Dolls display on the west (right) side. The name is self-explanatory so look carefully through the items on offer. Many more treasures are available here.

Your next stop, on the right after the Doll display room, is the Kimono Remake display with racks of modern clothing, each partially decorated with sections of used kimono that were too worn or damaged to sell. Japanese culture is famous for reusing and repairing many household items and the remake project continues that tradition. Kimono are often seen as more than just a piece of clothing, some feel they can be a memory container, a living entity which has absorbed the wearer's energy. At this stop you'll see that very little goes to waste.

Is that all? Certainly not. If you head down to the Atrium, you can immerse yourself in the world of kimono. Now, treasures here won't be that obvious, some might be hiding on the racks but if you take your time to sift

through them, I guarantee you'll find something incredibly special, something exceptionally beautiful. Treasure isn't always defined by value, mind you. To me, a treasure is something I love to use, to wear or just to look at or hold.

Finally, here's a shopping tip for you, and this is from personal experience. If you see something you like, grab it. Momiji has a Holds table where volunteers will make sure your treasures remain safe until you're ready to cash out.

Join us at the next Japonica event! Mark the weekend of April 25th and 26th, 2026 on your calendar and head down to 3555 Kingston Road to visit us. See you there! ■



Volunteers Kathie, Cathy, and Carol.  
(Photo by Brian Mahoney.)

Besides Japonica, Momiji holds several other events during the year. An easy way to keep track of these is to become a Momiji Member. Individual memberships are \$50 annually, couples \$80. As well as selected discounts, membership benefits include regular communication and updates on Momiji, such as two editions of Momiji Matters.



## MOMIJI'S SENIORS TRIP TO THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL



By Yuki Beasley,  
Coordinator, Seniors  
Active Living Centre

Thanks to the generosity of the Greater Toronto Chapter, National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC), and the Stratford Festival, 24 Momiji seniors, staff, and volunteers travelled to Stratford to see "Forgiveness". Based on the book written by Mark Sakamoto, it was adapted by Hiro Kanagawa for the stage. The play focuses on the lives of Japanese Canadians interned in B.C. or forced to become farm labourers in provinces east of B.C. and what Canadian soldiers endured in POW camps in Japan. There were a few humorous moments which lightened the seriousness of the play. The play begins several years before World War II and ends several years after the war. The near capacity audience gave a well-deserved standing ovation at the end of the play.

A heartfelt thank you to the Greater Toronto Chapter, NAJC for covering the cost of hiring a 24-passenger bus for the Momiji theatre goers and to the Stratford Festival for donating 20 tickets. ■

Several of the participants shared their sentiments on the outing and play:

*"When the war ended, our parents said we had to go back to Japan. It was stressful. We wanted to stay in Canada."*

**Amy Nakano**

*"September 9th was a great experience. I didn't know what my parents' life [was like] before and after WWII. It was eye-opening. Thank you for this opportunity to see Forgiveness. It was a great performance. Also, the whole bus trip, lunch at the restaurant, the show and supper coming home was fantastic. Thank you to Momiji Staff, volunteers, and the Tenants for the perfect outing!"*

**Patsy Natsuhara**



*"Everyone enjoyed the day's outing. The weather was perfect and the play very meaningful and enjoyable."*

**Louise Nagano**

*"My family was interned in Alberta to work on the sugar beet farms, too. I enjoyed this show as it brought back memories of the difficulties, as well as the happy times we shared as a family. This production also showed the Japanese spirit and pride of doing an honest day's work, no matter the circumstances. We were a large family, so we were assigned to two farmers. The second family had built a small shack up on the hill, that my father asked if he could bring it close to the house we were living in. He built a Japanese style bathhouse, that we enjoyed. Having a bath was very important to my father."*

**Marie Ikeda**



Above: Participants ready to enjoy lunch together in Stratford before the play.

Top Left: Returning to the bus after the play.

Centre Left: Doreen, Naomi, and Addie return to the bus.

Lower Left: Yuki leaving Tom Patterson Theatre with food from the theatre cafe for everyone's dinner!

(Photos by Harry Tonogai.)

*"I was born in 1943, just near the end of World War 2. Thus, I have no 'lived' experience of the Evacuation and Internment, a fate which befell the Japanese Canadians on the West Coast. What I knew of this historic time of hardship and loss, is what I've heard from family, my own research and interest in Japanese culture and traditions. And my mother worked tirelessly as a volunteer with the NAJC during the 80's when she was in her 60s."*

*Forgiveness, the 2016 award winning novel by Mark Sakamoto, I found very moving and well written. But when I went to the Momiji Stratford Trip on September 9th to see the adaptation to the beautiful Shakespearean Stage, I was truly blown away. The saying..."A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" is true here. The play was POWERFUL... the visuals and the lasers on the walls so effective."*

*The generous donors of the Chartered Bus are to be applauded. It was a long time on the road but with interesting breaks. Everyone was of such good cheer, and the camaraderie made the whole trip wonderful."*

**Bonni Maikawa**

# MOMO ANIME EVENT

**MARCH 28**  
**11AM - 5PM**

**MARCH 29**  
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## CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

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Nishiyama, Mr. Sam 1,000  
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Tsuji, Mrs. Yeriko  
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Nagano, Mrs. Louise (Reiko)  
Nakamura, Mrs. Claire 250  
Oyagi, Mrs. Doreen  
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Saito, Allan & Cheryl 500  
Shimoda Moore, Ms. Joyce  
Taba, Ms. Janice 200  
Terashita, Ms. Eiko 100  
Tsuji, Mrs. Yeriko  
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*for Donating Transport Services for the*

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### In Honour of Mrs. Lori Yamamoto

*for Her Kindness and Generosity*

Osbourne, Ms. Toni

100

### In Honour of my Grandparents Masa Yoshida, Kay & Mary Kawano

*and to Support the Care for Future Residents*

Yoshida, Mr. Derek

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Koyata, Mr. Isamu

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*for her kindness and assistance in the wonderful care*

*of my mother Nobu Wakabayashi*

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*for Providing Such Wonderful Supports to Our*

*Community and Our Seniors*

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Kubota, Mrs. Hiroko

### In Appreciation of Momiji's Ongoing Dedication to Our Seniors

Toyota, Dr. Jane

### In Appreciation of Momiji Staff for the care of Mr. Azuma

Anonymous 200

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*Jovel Patricio, Shivonne Modeste, Muna Salad,*

*Leighana Nguyen, Drivers - John, Darryn, Rick, Tony & Neil*

Thanks, from Old Man 300

### In Appreciation of SALC

Nakano, Mr. & Mrs. George & Amy 500

### In Appreciation of the Zoom Webinars

Fuchigami, Mrs. Yukie 100

### Thank-You

*For Supporting Our Mom And All The Other Residents.*

*We Also Enjoy All The Activities At Momiji*

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Nakagawa, Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Kim 50  
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Nakano, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth & Joy 100  
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Seko, Mr. Steve Shigeki 100  
Shigetomi, Mrs. Lily Yuriko  
Shinya, Ms. Gail 50  
Shinya, Ms. Nicole 100  
Smith, Mrs. Marion & Mr. Barry Akiyama  
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**In Memory of Mr. Terrance Tsuji**  
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Yoshida, Mr. Derek

**In Memory of My Husband**  
Anonymous 500

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## 全カナダ日系人協会 トロント支部による寄付

by ブライアン・マホニー  
ボランティア & 寄付者

助け合いの精神は日本人の社会の奥深いところで存在し続けてきました。地震や噴火、洪水、火事などの災害の多い土地では人々は常に助け合う必要があります。カナダでは1942年、人災により日系社会が突然消えた時、助け合いの精神が動き出しました。

終戦後も東部へ移動を強いられた日系人の苦悩は続いていました。幸いなことに、有志の日系人のグループが声を集約し、全カナダにおける日系社会の強化を目指すようになりました。それが1947年トロントに設立された「全カナダ日系市民協会」です。その後1980年に「全カナダ日系人協会 (NAJC)」と改名。

初代会長ロジャー・オバタ氏は同協会の発展に揺るぎない存在として貢献し、補償問題が達成された1988年には73歳で副会長を、その後、日系カナダ人リドレス基金の副会長を務めました。同基金はモミジ・ヘルスケア・ソサエティに150万ドルの資本拠出と60万ドル及び6万3,745ドルの追加補助金を支援。主要な拠出が確保された段階でオバタ氏とビル・コバヤシ氏がモミジ理事会役員を退き利益相反を回避し、この時代に日系社会を大切にする注意深いガバナンスが確立したのです。

しかしながら、日系社会の再構築は謝罪と補償金だけで達成されたわけではありません。1942年以前、BC州各地の日本人街で日系人は助け合いながら安全で快適な生活をしていましたが、1942年以降、日本人街は消えました。日系人は収容所へ送られ、戦後はカナダ全域に分散。年寄りから子供まで全ての人が家と所有財産だけでなく安定と帰属意識も失ったのです。

1975年に入り、戦後トロントに移り住んだ一世の問題に取り組むべく、トロントの日系人有志が集まりました。日系市民協会はシニアのケアを優先事項とし、ロジャー & メアリー・オバタ氏と有志らがモミジ・ヘルス・ケア・ソサエティを創設。何年にも及ぶ資金調達活動とリドレス補償金に支えられて完成したモミジの建物は、関わった

人々の夢がかない、多くの日系人の住まいとなっています。建築期間は僅か9ヶ月半。信じがたいことでした。

NAJCのトロント支部は2017年から現在までにモミジ・ヘルス・ケア・ソサエティに10万ドル以上の寄付をしてきました。その一部は特別なプロジェクトの支援で、車椅子で乗車可能なバンやコロナ禍の支援、ストラットフォードの「フォーギブネス」観賞の貸切バスなど。大部分となる6万ドルはモミジのコミュニティ・ウェルネス基金への3年間の補助金です。

私は最近、ビル・コバヤシ氏の息女のリン・ドイチチャー＝コバヤシ氏と話す機会がありました。NAJCの起源や将来、それにトロントという公平な都市（日系人が1947年まで居住を許されなかったという点で「公平」とは皮肉交じりだが）における擁護運動などについて。さらに、コミュニケーションの必要性について。誰もが1942年の歴史的出来事を理解して、それが今日のカナダでも多くのコミュニティに潜在する問題だと認識する必要があります。1942年のB.C.州の出来事は第二次大戦という比較的最近の出来事です。二度と同じ事が起きないように私たちは結束する必要があります。

### 変化に対応する サービス拡大、スポンサー 広告、レンタルについて

by クリストファー・コバヤシ＝レイド  
財務・運営部長

モミジは寄付者の皆様の常日頃のご支援に感謝しております。しかしながら、資金的安定を確実にするにはご寄付に頼るだけでなく、さらなる努力が必要だと思っております。政府の助成金はコストを十分に補っておらず、その差が年々大きくなっている中、今年は以下のような対策を実行し収益を上げ赤字幅の拡大を抑えたいと思っております。

モミジ@ホームのサービス拡大：シニアの方々の変化するニーズに応じてモミジ@ホームのサービスを拡大し資金を生み出します。既に昨年よりオンタリオ州認定看護師による電話相談などの専門的なサービスが始まっています。詳細は本誌の記事を参照。

ファンドレイジングのスポンサー募

集：長年、「ボウラソン」はスポンサーを募っていますが、今年からは3月末の「モモアニメ・イベント」をはじめ他のファンドレイジングでもスポンサーを募って収益を上げインフレに対処します。また、「ボウラソン」においてもスポンサーの新たな企画で参加者を増やしたいと考えております。

スポンサーのご支援には\$500 ~ \$10,000、及びラッフル賞品の寄贈を承ります。関心をお持ちの方のご連絡をお待ちしております。

シニア・アクティブ・リビングセンター (SALC) のスポンサー：現在、SALCが提供するプログラムは毎月96セッションあり、そのうち79%が無料です。プログラムは主に4つに分かれていて、中核となる（身体的・教育的）プログラム、社交（午後のお茶会、コーヒーハウス、特別催し物）、レクリエーション（ビンゴ、日本語／英語の歌の時間）、アート（ジェーンのアートとお茶）があります。トロント市とシニア・アクセシビリティ省からの基本助成金は10年間で2回しか上がっており、多くのご寄付にも関わらず運営は赤字の状態です。サービスの質を維持しながらスポンサーを得て赤字を減らしたいと願っています。

広告：今年からニュースレター「モミジ・マターズ」に広告を掲載しインフレに対処します。次の発行までに計画をまとめ実施する予定です。関心をお持ちの方は今後の情報にご注意ください。

レンタル：これまでモミジはオーディトリウムや会議室をはじめとするコミュニティセンターの部屋を貸してきましたが、今年はレンタルプログラムを積極的に推進して収益を上げたいと願っています。

生涯学習プログラム：2024年秋に生涯学習コースが再開され、新たに講師を迎えクラスやワークショップが徐々に増えました。内容もアートと創造、運動と健康、日本文化など様々です。今後も選択肢を増やすために個人契約の新しい講師を採用する予定です。講師を希望される方はeducation@momiji.on.caまで。

生涯学習プログラムの収益は講師料以外全てプログラム／サービスに回されモミジの資金を援助しています。お問い合わせはfundraising@momiji.on.caまで。情報はソーシャルメディア(Facebook, Instagram)や「モミジ・マンスリー・アップデート」(eメール)で配信しています。メール配信登録のまだの方はメールアドレスをお知らせの上、ご登録ください。

## モミジ@ホーム 利用者と家族の声

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モミジのホームケアサービス「Momiji@Home」がモミジレジデンス及び地域で暮らすシニアの方々のサポートを開始してから9年近くが経ちます。この間、高まるニーズへの対応と共にサービスが増加しました。私共はPSWの雇用を増やし、チームの体制を強化し、利用者の方々により良い支援ができるように努めています。サービス内容は家事援助、パーソナルケア、心の支えなどをはじめ、利用者の方々のニーズに合わせて多岐にわたります。PSWの思いやりのある献身的なケアについて好意的な言葉を多くいただき感謝いたします。

モミジ@ホームは利用者の方のお話を丁寧に聞き、独特なニーズを理解いたします。文化的背景に配慮しながら利用者の方に敬意を払い、寄り添ったケアをご自宅で提供することに努めています。以下は現在の利用者と家族の方々からのコメントです。

「一年以上前にモミジ職員からモミジ@ホームについて電話で教えてもらうまで、私はこの素晴らしいサービスを知りませんでした。当時、発症したばかりの腰痛が今では慢性化したため、このサービスがあって本当に幸運でした。

モミジ@ホームの担当者は仕事熱心で親身になってくれます。料理も上手です。信頼のおける組織のモミジ@ホームのサービスのおかげで、自分の身体に負担となる作業はせずに自宅での生活が可能であることに心より感謝しています」～匿名

「私の家族は、それぞれ70歳から97歳の年齢でモミジ@ホームを一年以上利用していますが、皆がとても満足しています。自宅での家事援助、買い物、調理準備、そしてシニアレジデンスでのPSWによる介護、看護、付添支援と、異なるニーズに対応してもらっています。

モミジ@ホームは利用者の要望に合わせて、適切な技能と人柄を備えた担当者を選んでくれるのでとても嬉しいです。クリスマス・新年の時期でも医療緊急時の後の追加サポートをしてくれました。モミジ@ホームのPSW及び職員の皆様に心より感謝しています」～ドナ・ツジ

「97歳の母がモミジ@ホームのサービスを利用し始めて2年以上になります。夫と私は自宅で一人暮らしの母に日本人のPSWを雇いたいと思いました。幸運なことに、思いやりのある親切な日本人のPSWが決まりました。二人はすぐに意気投合し、日本語と英語で意思疎通をしています。PSWは母の運動の援助や夕食の準備をしますが、何よりも大切なのは母との会話です。話をする、一緒にビデオやテレビを見ることは母の社会的技能を維持する上で助けとなっています。

マネージャーと職員の方々の親切な対応や支援にも感謝しています。大切な家族のためにモミジ@ホームを強くお勧めします」～匿名

モミジ@ホームはコミュニティの変化するニーズに応えるために進化を続けています。昨年はオンタリオ州認定看護師による電話相談サービスなどの専門的なサービスを開始しています。

電話相談サービスでは、利用者の方が毎日の健康管理や生活習慣について日本語または英語で個別に相談できると共に、オンタリオ州の医療制度、医療処置、ヘルスケアサービスへの確実なアクセスについてのアドバイスを受けることができます。

電話相談は1回が30分で予約が必要です。月契約の利用者の方は10%の割引があります。

モミジ@ホーム (PSWホームケアサービス) または モミジ@ホーム・プラスの看護サービスについての詳細は Tel: 416-261-6683 内線262 または 263まで。

## ケアギバーのつながりを対面 とオンラインで育む

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クライアントインターベンションチーム主催の6週間にわたる「Powerful Tools for Caregivers」ワークショップ修了者によるケアギバーサポートグループは、昨年9月に発足し、これまでに2回開催されました。参加者にケアギビングの近況を共有していただくと、その状況は実にさまざまで、それぞれのケアギビングの歩みにイベントやドラマがあります。ケアギビングと一言で言っても、必要な支援やアプローチ、そのタイミングは人それぞれであることを改めて実感します。ワークショップ以来、定期的に顔を合わせてきたことで、参加者同士が互いの状況を理解し、喜びも悲しみも分かち合えるグループへと育ってきています。残念ながら3回目は1月の大雪に見舞われキャンセルを余儀なくされました。その経験から次回3月のサポートグループは初めてオンライン開催をしてみることになりました。

同時に、4回目となる「Powerful Tools for Caregivers」ワークショップが、初めてオンラインで1月より開催され、2月最終木曜日まで続きます。これまで対面では参加が難しかった、遠方にお住まいの方やその時間に介護をしている方のもとを離れられない方々も参加が可能となり、オンラインならではの恩恵を受けています。想像していたよりも多くの参加希望があり、ケアギビング支援への高いニーズを改めて感じました。今回の参加者もコース終了後にはサポートグループへ招待できることを嬉しく思います。クライアントインターベンションチームは今後も対面とオンラインを活かしなが、多様なケアギバー同士のつながりを広げていきたいと考えています。今後のワークショップ開催にもぜひご期待ください。

## モミジ入居申請者の皆さまへ：年次質問票（回答必須）

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回答必須の2026年の年次質問票が、すべてのモミジ入居申請者の方々に向け2月中旬に郵送されました。提出期限は3月31日です。もし3月中旬までに用紙が届かないようでしたらお知らせください。Emailで提出の方は、ジャンクフォルダに入る可能性もあるため、1週間ほど以内に私どもから受領の返信がない場合は、お手数ですがお電話でご確認いただけますようお願いいたします。

過去数年にわたりお知らせ及びご連絡をしてきましたが、昨年末に過去3年間（2023～2025）にわたり年次質問票が提出されなかった申請者のお名前を、入居待ちのリストより削除させていただきました。該当の方には年次質問票は送られません。もし削除の取り消しを希望される場合は、今年の3月末までにご連絡ください。

モミジからの連絡を受けられるよう、最新の連絡先を私どもへお知らせいただくのは、申請者の皆さんの責任です。留守番電話に残しても返事を頂けなかったり、留守番電話自体が設定されていなかったり、ということが大変多く発生しています。順番が近づいていることをお知らせする際はお電話になりますが、連絡がとれない方は飛ばしていくしかないということになります。どうぞご注意ください。ご理解に感謝致します。

## コミュニティバス プログラム

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送迎サービス部はスカーボロ地域の方々を対象としたコミュニティバス・プログラムを新たに計画しています。食品等の買い物や銀行、ショッピングセンターへのグループ送迎を提供する予定です。

コミュニティバスはスカーボロ地域の次の郵便コードにお住まいの方々を

対象とします。M1B, M1C, M1E, M1G, M1H, M1M。送迎スケジュールは予め決められ、安全・快適・信頼を第一にします。スケジュールや対象者、利用方法については分かり次第お知らせします。

## モミジウエスト ホリデーシーズン お弁当 & コンサート

by スナハラ＝レビー  
モミジウエスト、コーディネーター

モミジ・ウエストは12月17日にコミュニティ会食ランチとSALCウエストのプログラムを合わせた特別企画「ホリデーお弁当 & コンサート」を開催しました。集まった人々は音楽と食事で年末の楽しいひと時を過ごしました。

当日のランチはジャズのライブ演奏で始まりました。ボランティアのトモさん、マイクさん、マティアスさんの演奏する心地良いジャズクラシックとホリデー音楽、そして親しみ溢れる居心地の良い雰囲気の中で参加者はお弁当を楽しみました。音楽は友人と再会してホリデーシーズンを祝うのに最高の雰囲気を作りました。ブルース・タテマチ & フレンズによる活気のある魅力的なコンサートでは、ホリデーソングや懐かしいメロディで参加者が歌う場面もあり、会場は和やかで喜びに溢れていました。

また、モミジ・ウエストのランチを支援する「銀杏」レストランに心より感謝いたします。お弁当のコスト維持という苦労もある中で熱意のこもったご協力は、シニアの方々が手頃な価格で楽しめる催し物の継続に重要な役割を担っています。

この日の特別なデザートは日本のベーカーリー「八天堂」のクリームパンで、カスタード、抹茶、柚子の3種類の味がありました。

最後にドアプライズのチケットの入ったパーティクラッカーが参加者に渡され、70以上ものクラッカーが一気に引かれました。ドアプライズの当選者には寄付による賞品が贈られました。贈り物に貢献されたボランティアの皆様に感謝いたします。

モミジ・ウエスト「ホリデーお弁当 & コンサート」のような催し物は、「

コミュニティを中心に誰でも参加できる機会を作る」というモミジの熱意を示しています。家族や友人の参加を常に歓迎し、パフォーマンスを楽しむ機会だけでなく、一緒に過ごす有意義な時間を提供します。演者やボランティア、職員の皆様に感謝いたします。素晴らしい場所を提供したウエスト・トロント・クリスチャン・コミュニティ教会と技術担当のケンさんにもお礼を申し上げます。

## コミュニティのパートナー ハミルトン日系文化会館

by スナハラ＝レビー  
モミジウエスト、コーディネーター

1986年に設立したハミルトン日系文化会館（CJCC）は、文化・交流・コミュニティが一つになる場所です。ハミルトンの日系社会の人々は、人々が集い、伝統を共有し、コミュニティの絆を深める場所としてCJCCを設立しました。

日系人が戦後の制約解除後に移り住み始めて以来、ハミルトンは日系社会の大切な地になりました。日系社会の成長と共に文化の拠点が必要となり、前オンテオラ公立学校でCJCCがスタート。その後、コミュニティの決意と支援で1990年半ばに常設のセンターが45 Hempstead Driveに設置されました。

今日、CJCCは全ての世代の人々を歓迎しています。日本語クラス、文化ワークショップ、アート・音楽プログラム、季節の集い、シニアのアクティビティ（交友会やボランティアによる毎月の昼食会）などを通して、世代を超えた文化交流を支援しながら帰属意識の維持を援助しています。

CJCCは日系カナダ人レガシー・コミュニティ基金からの補助金で、アクセシビリティや安全を向上させ、道路からの会館の視界を改善しました。幅広い年齢層の方々により安全で快適な場所を提供しています。

今年もCJCCは日系社会を大切に、目的を持って未来を見据えた努力を続けています。センターへのご支援は、シニア向けプログラムを含む各種プログラムへの参加、ボランティア活動、そのほか有意義だと感じられる方法を通してお願い申し上げます。小さくても大切な行動を通してコミュニティの精神が受け継がれていきます。

GJJCにはモミジウエストの活動場所を提供していただき感謝いたします。

## 送迎サービスの電気自動車

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モミジはDr. セイコ・シラフジ氏の多大なご寄付により送迎サービス用にKONA電気自動車を購入しました。シニアの方々の医療診察や社交アクティビティ、買い物などの送迎に広く利用されます。

静かで快適な電気自動車は環境に配慮した乗り物です。シラフジ氏の寛大なご支援に感謝すると共にコミュニティと環境問題にもたらす前向きな影響を嬉しく思います。

シラフジ氏はシニア・アクティブ・リビングセンターの毎月の寄付者でもあります。ボランティアとしても会食プログラムなどで積極的に活動されています。幅広いご支援に感謝しております。

## 受付ボランティア紹介

by イザベル・ヤマモト  
ボランティア管理、コーディネーター

モミジの建物に入ると、まず笑顔で迎えてくれるのが受付のチームです。モミジ開設以来、受付には沢山の素晴らしいボランティア担当者がコミュニティの方々にモミジの案内をしてきました。昨年の夏に青年ボランティアとして熱心に助けてくれたクレヤ・Pさん、ダン・Jさん、シャハン・Pさん、パーヴニ・Wさんに感謝すると共に、近い将来に会える機会を楽しみにしています。受付を10年以上も務めたパツツィ・ナツハラさんをはじめ、これまでの受付ボランティアの皆様にも感謝しております。

今回は、現在の受付チームの言葉をここに紹介します。モミジを訪れた際には声をかけてください。

### ユウキ

「私がオタワで大学を卒業しトロントに移った時、就職難だったこともあり、手当たり次第に履歴書を送っても手応えが得られない状態が続いていま

した。以前にボランティアをしたモミジに問い合わせたところ、幸いなことに受付のボランティアのポストを得ました。

モミジのボランティアに応募した理由は三つありました。そのうちの二つは経験や推薦といった自分中心の理由。しかし、もう一つは日系社会に関わりたかったこと。日本人の親を持つ私にとってモミジは自然な選択でした。

この経験とモミジの方々の親切なサポートのおかげで、やっと就職が決まりました。現在は仕事で忙しいですが、時間を見つけてはモミジのお手伝いに行くようにしています」

(ユウキさんは火曜日と金曜日の都合のつく時に手伝いに来ています)

### 美香

美香は高校生のとき受付として初めてモミジでボランティアをしました。ゼロサンモミジが開店したときもオープニングスタッフの一人でした。バザーの手伝い、モミジストアの店員、アンケートの結果をコンピューターに入力する係、夏祭りでお好み焼きを焼いたり、紳士のゲームの手助けなど色々なボランティアをモミジでしてきました。最近ではモミジの教育プログラムの一環として折り紙を教えています。モミジの住民との様々な会話のおかげで日系カナダ史に興味を持ち、ヨーク大学で歴史を専攻しました。卒業後、2005年から2012年まで燃え尽きるまで日系新聞の「日系の声」の英語編集者（その他色々担当）として働きました。その間、夏休みの空いた時間は自腹でカナダ中の日系コミュニティを訪れ、その歴史を学び、現地の日系人にインタビューに協力してもらっていました。

### サム

「私はセンテニアル・カレッジの事務プログラム二学期に就業体験をすることになりました。最初に思いついたのがモミジの受付のボランティアでした。友達からモミジについて聞いていて、有意義な経験をしながら私の日本人のルーツを感じたいと思いました。

ボランティア申請過程を終え2025年5月から毎週木曜日、数ヶ月間、受付を担当しました。内容は電話の応対、訪問者や居住者の方々に挨拶、荷物の

受け取りでした。駐車場の工事の時には騒音で思考が止まることもありましたが、寒い冬にはドアが開く度に冷たい風がデスクまで入ってきました。それでもコミュニティの皆さんとの毎日の交流が楽しかったです。多くの人と触れ合えて嬉しかったです。

モミジで日系社会について学んだことが私にとって最も有意義な経験でした。90年代にカナダに移住した日本人の母を持つ私の経験は、家族としてカナダに長い歴史のある日系人の方々の経験とは異なります。同じ文化でも日本との異なる関係を持つ人々との出会いは、私の世界観を広げトロントの日系社会についての理解を深める機会になりました。

ボランティアは1月で終わりましたが、モミジで学んだことや思い出を大切に将来に役立てたいと思います」

## 新しい会員プログラム モミジにご支援を

昨年9月に新たな会員プログラムが開始され、好評の中、この4ヶ月だけでも30名が登録しました。会員証はウォルター・トシユキ・スナハラ氏の作品をデザインしたものです。会員の方々にはクーポン利用でモミジカフェのコーヒーまたは紅茶と焼き菓子が無料。マルサンレストランの10ドル（カップルは15ドル）割引。さらに、生涯学習プログラムで8週間（またはそれ以上）のクラスに10%の割引があります。会員プログラムは同じような考えを共有する人々が繋がってコミュニティの連帯意識が育まれるのを目指しています。6月には恒例「会員の日」を計画中で、詳細は分かり次第お伝えします。

## ホリデー半々くじの当選者

「ホリデー半々くじ」を購入された皆様のおかげで \$3,000以上が集まりました。当選者のキャロルさんには収益の半分の小切手が「半々くじ」のリーダーを務めるボランティアのドーナさんから手渡されました。

「春の半々くじ」は3月28日（土）の「モモアニメ・イベント」で販売開始。4月の「ジャポニカライブ」でも

販売します。抽選は5月上旬です。

モミジの募金活動へのご支援に感謝いたします。購入された皆様の幸運をお祈りします。

## 建物管理部 からのお知らせ

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マネージャー

### インターコム

最近、建物侵入の試みや、無許可者が入館しロービーで寝るような事例が起きていて、居住者と職員の安全面の懸念となっていました。

それに対応して、モミジ・ヘルス・ケア・ソサエティはG-Teckと提携し、玄関の外に新しいインターコム・システムを設置しました。これにより、午後11時から午前7時まで玄関のドアが施錠の状態でも許可された訪問者と居住者の方々は安全で管理された方法で入館できます。新しいシステムは建物のセキュリティを強化し安全な住宅環境を守る上で必要不可欠なものです。

### 4階のウォークイン浴槽

長い間、使用不可だった4階浴室のウォークイン浴槽がこの度、多大なご寄付により新品に交換されました。同時に電気配線が改善され安全に使えるようになりました。

さらに、浴室の他の箇所の改善にも資金を回し、居住者の方々の快適性とアクセシビリティを向上させます。

### 暖房ポンプ

過度の振動が問題となっている暖房ポンプ #3と #4の交換が急務となっています。これまで何度か修理をしてきたものの、内部部品が長年の使用で劣化しています。建物の暖房を保つために順番にポンプを修復します。

## 桃アニメイベント 3月に開催

今年で3年目を迎える「モモアニメ・マーケット」は新たに「モモアニメ・イベント」と名前を変更して、モ

ミジのコミュニティセンターの一部をファンダムのユートピアにします。年齢を問わず、熱烈なファンも一般のファンも大歓迎です。新しい友達との交流、ショッピング、新しい物との出会いを楽しんでください。

「モモアニメ・イベント」は「ポップカルチャーを通して文化を伝える」フェスティバルです。アニメとマンガを通して日本文化と日系カナダ人の文化を共有し称えることでコミュニティの繋がりを深めたいと願っています。この週末のイベントでは、参加者の皆様にアニメやマンガのインスピレーションとなっている日本の文化、伝統、食、歴史を紹介します。出品物のほかにワークショップや教育的パネル、実演があります。

マーケットではアーティストや工芸家の出店で素晴らしい作品が並びます。元気をつける食べ物の出店もあります。キッズ・コーナーでは子供の作った子供のためのアクティビティが楽しめます。ワークショップやパネル、ならびに着物、折り紙、踊りの実演の詳細は分かり次第お知らせします。

3月28日（土）11:00 am - 5:00pm  
3月29日（日）12:00pm - 4:00pm

チケットは1日限り週末パスがあり、Eventbrite（オンラインで）または当日会場で販売します。当日のチケットは会員割引がありますので会員証をお忘れなく。

## 第18回モミジボウラソン

ボウリングシューズ（レンタルも可）を履いて楽しい時間を過ごしてモミジの募金活動にご協力をお願いいたします。今年のボウラソンをより盛大な最高のイベントにしましょう。日時は6月20日（土）。会場はケネディ・ボウル（10ピン）とパークウェイ・ボウル（5ピン）です。終了後はモミジに戻って豪華な賞品やチームの交流をお楽しみください。

今からチームを作りましょう。会場でお会いするのを楽しみにしています。

## 私の目で見えるジャポニカ

by ブライアン・マホニー  
ボランティア & 寄付者

モミジで毎年開催される「ジャポニカ」では、大切に使われた美しい品々が並びます。その品々からは物理的価値を超えた価値、すなわち「魂」が感じられます。AI（人工知能）によると「魂」とは「作り手の献身が込められた形ある痕跡」だそうです。それは職人の丹精な手作りの作品です。魂とはここでは幽霊ではなく精神の意味です。「ジャポニカ」には、そのような品々が沢山あります。例えば漆器の湯呑みを手に取ってみてください。「ジャポニカ」で販売される品物の多くは、品物自体よりも誰が作ったかに価値があります。

子供は宝探しを夢見ます。私もそうでした。子供は過去にさかのぼった異世界の冒険を夢見ます。「ジャポニカ」では両方を体験できます。宝物はデイトラウンジに展示されていますが、クラフトルームにも隠れています。例えば漆器、盃、多彩な箸。何が見つかるか楽しみです。

モミジの建物の正面玄関とキングストンロードのある北側には芸術品の展示があります。ジャポニカで販売される品物の多くは古くて美しいです。南側に向かって西（右）側には人形の展示があります。他にもたくさんの宝物があります。

人形の展示の次には着物リメイクの展示があります。着古された着物で破損して販売できないものの一部を再利用したモダンな衣服が飾られています。着物リメイク・プロジェクトは生活用品の再利用や修理を大切にする日本文化の伝統を継承しています。着物は衣服以上の物だとしばしば考えられています。着ていた人の思い出や活力が残っていて、まるで生命が宿っているように感じる人もいます。ここで見られる作品は何も無駄にしていません。

さらに、アトリウムへ行くと着物の世界に浸ることができます。ここでは宝物は隠れているかもしれませんが、時間をかけて見ると美しく格別なものが見つかるでしょう。宝物は価値で決まるものではありません。私にとって宝物は愛用するもの、着るもの、鑑賞

するもの、手に取るものです。

最後に私個人の経験に基づいたアドバイスを。好きなものが見つかったら迷わず買うこと。「お預かりデール」では、全ての買い物が終わるまでボランティアが品物を保管します。

今年の「ジャポニカ」は4月25（土）・26（日）の両日です。住所は3555 Kingston Road。皆様をお待ちしています。

## 生涯学習・春期コース

春の訪れとともに生涯学習・春期コースが始まります。創作を楽しみたい方、心や身体の機能を高めたい方が楽しめるような機会を数多く用意しました。

お申し込みは3月30日（月）午前9時から受け付けます。締め切りはクラスやワークショップ開始日の一週間前まで。定員があるため早めにお申し込みください。春期コースは4月13日の週から開始。

参加者及び講師の皆様には、生涯学習プログラムを通してモミジの資金援助をしていただき感謝しております。モミジ会員は複数日にわたるクラスで10%の割引があります。皆様の参加をお待ちしています。

## 弁当プログラム3月から再開

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アシスタントマネージャー

モミジの弁当宅配プログラムが2026年3月から再開されます。このプログラムはスカーボロ地域で暮らすシニアの方々に文化が配慮された慣れ親しみのある食事を便利な手段で提供します。詳細は分かり次第お知らせします。毎月配信するeメールにご注意ください。

## ゴルフトーナメント でシニア支援

イーホン第30回恒例ゴルフ・クラシック・トーナメントが5月26日（火）にゴームリーのステーションクリーク・ゴルフクラブで開催されます。

イーホンの募金活動はモミジにとって2年目の参加となります。ゴルフと

シニア支援の楽しい一日を過ごしてください。当日はコースのほかにホールインワン・チャレンジ賞、ロングドライブ賞、ニアピン賞をはじめ食事などが企画されています。

詳細はモミジウェブサイトです。またはfundrasing@momiji.on.caまで。

## ホリデー募金運動 モミジ12日間の贈り物

昨年12月のホリデー募金運動では「モミジ12日間の贈り物」というテーマで、日系シニアの方々の喜びや心の安らぎとなるサービス／プログラムを紹介しました。それを通して皆様のご支援が大きな違いをもたらしていることを知っていただくと共に、プログラムを支えるモミジ職員を紹介したいと思いました。郵便とソーシャルメディア掲載による募金運動は \$70,000以上を達成。寄付者の皆様に心より感謝いたします。

### 紹介されたプログラム

- ・コミュニティ会食プログラム (CCD)
- ・キャッスルビュー・ウィッチウッド  
タワーズでの和食ランチ
- ・お弁当宅配プログラム
- ・送迎サービス
- ・フレンドリー訪問
- ・モミジITヘルプ
- ・介護サービス
- ・認知症プログラム
- ・シニア・アクティブ・リビングセンター (SALC) ウェスト
- ・SALC懐かしいメロディと歌のプログラム
- ・SALCダンスプログラム
- ・SALC恒例の特別催し物

## 12 DAYS OF GIVING – MOMIJI'S HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Last December, we unveiled Momiji's 12 Days of Giving—our Holiday campaign that highlighted the programs and services that bring joy, comfort, and dignity to the seniors in our community. Our goal was to help shine a spotlight on one of the many ways your support helps makes a difference and to introduce you to many of the Momiji staff who bring these programs to life. The Campaign was supported a mailing and by social media posts. Thanks to our donors, over \$70,000 was raised.

The programs highlighted were:

### Momiji IT Help

Dedicated senior IT volunteers provide empowering one-on-one support with technology, helping fellow seniors solve technical problems and gain digital confidence.



### Transportation Services

Transportation helps seniors stay independent and connected, offering rides for medical appointments, groceries, and social programs.

### Bento Delivery Program

Many seniors rely on these meals for comfort, nutrition, and connection, especially those who can no longer cook safely.

### SALC Dance

SALC's Seated Dance program offers seniors a wide range of benefits, including increased flexibility and cardiovascular health, as well as enhanced mental well-being by boosting mood, reducing stress, and stimulating memory.

### Community Congregate Dining (CCD)

Momiji's CCD luncheons bring seniors together to enjoy nutritious meals and warm conversation in a welcoming setting.

### Japanese Lunches at Castlevue Wychwood Towers

Momiji provides Japanese lunches twice a month for Japanese residents in Castlevue Wychwood Towers. This initiative goes beyond nutrition—it also supports emotional well-being.

Momiji staff representing the 12 programs and services highlighted in our 12 Days of Giving holiday campaign.

### Assisted Living

Donations will help purchase items like a transporter and a mobile shower commode chair for the public shower room for Momiji Tenants.

### Dementia Programs

Momiji is launching a Dementia Support Program to help seniors live with dignity and understanding.

### Momiji West

Activity days are organized at various locations in Toronto, Mississauga, and Hamilton for Japanese Canadian seniors. These activity days offer a welcoming space to socialize, stay connected, and share in the traditions that make our community special.

### SALC Music and Sing-Alongs

Held in Japanese and English alternately, these Sing-Alongs are beneficial because they nurture emotional, cognitive, and social well-being.

### Friendly Visiting

Friendly Visiting helps combat loneliness and isolation through short check-ins, phone calls, and casual visits from staff and volunteers.

### SALC Special Annual Events

Special events include: the Red & White Singing Competition, Oishii Club, Christmas Concert, and many more. All are organized to enrich the lives of our seniors, without profit and often at a deficit. ■

Yes! I would like to support Momiji Health Care Society with my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Donations of \$20 or more will be receipted.

**I would like to help Momiji throughout the year with my monthly gift of:**

- ( ) \$5  
( ) \$10  
( ) \$15  
( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit cards are processed on the 15th of each month. Simply complete and return this form to start your monthly donation. You can stop your donation at any time by contacting our office.