

SAYING THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



Momiji staff, board members, and family and friends ready to welcome volunteers to the event! (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



By Julián Nakamoto,
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This past July, Momiji celebrated yet another successful Volunteer Appreciation Day in recognition of its volunteers who continue to make Momiji what it is today. A staggering 216 attendees were encouraged to come dressed in their best summer attire in preparation for this year's theme of Natsu Matsuri, which was

most certainly felt throughout the building.

Upon entry, guests were greeted by a hallway adorned with colourful lanterns and lined with fun activities, exciting prizes, and tasty snacks – including Matsuri classics such as choco-banana, kakigori, and a selection of popular Japanese summer drinks. The prizes were not to be ignored either; whether it was senbonbiki, yo-yo tsumi, or tricky paper airplane games, attendees had the chance to win a variety of different items, from HI-CHEW candy to Himemaru crackers to Starbucks gift cards!

Even though it was still simply the opening hour, the work and care put into decorating the space, welcoming guests, and running each stall did not go unnoticed, and could not have been accomplished if not for the students, volunteers, staff, and board members who worked together to make it happen.

However, it was only just the beginning. As guests took their seats, they were treated to a line-up of talented entertainers, the first being Momiji summer staff, Len Dale, who

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MILESTONES AND PASSAGES

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to these Tenants who celebrated Milestone Birthdays between February 15, 2026, and July 31, 2026.

Momiji Seniors Residence

Mrs. Kimiko Rose Aihoshi – 103rd

Birthday

Mr. David Azuma – 100th Birthday

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Thank you for helping us improve our newsletter!

PASSAGES

Sincere condolences are extended to the families of the following Residents who passed away between February 15, 2026, and August 7, 2026.

Momiji Seniors Residence

Ms. Yasuko Akasaka

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CHRIS' CORNER



By Christopher Kobayashi-Reid, Director of Finance & Operations

I want to start this issue with a huge thank you to our community, clients, donors, volunteers, vendors, and the Bowlathon Committee for their incredible support of our annual Bowlathon. As an avid bowler myself, the Bowlathon has become my favourite project to work on each year, and seeing it succeed like this is an amazing feeling.

I had a lot of positive feedback on my article last year answering questions I get from time to time when interacting with community members and clients. So, I'm taking another shot at this format — and going forward, please feel free to submit questions for me to answer.

Q: "Why should I bother applying if the waitlist is so long?"

A: This has been a topic of discussion at recent management meetings. The simple answer: you never know unless you try. Our waitlist is a living thing — it changes almost daily. Where you land

on the list depends on a combination of time and need. There are quite a few people on the list who aren't anywhere near ready to move into Momiji, but they're planning ahead for the future. My feeling is it is better to be on the list, and reject us if you are not ready yet, versus getting to a point where you want to come in and have to start at the bottom of the list. Applying also helps us know you want to be here and hopefully let us connect you with other programs and supports while you wait.

Q: "What's the best part about working at Momiji?"

A: I'm including this question because Momiji has recently struggled to fill some of the positions we've been recruiting for. Once people start working here, most stay for many years, because we operate differently. For me, the best part is being able to contribute beyond what my normal job would entail. A few times a year I get the chance to do things like cook for the seniors — my way of showing appreciation for everything they do for us. On top of this, the facility is beautiful,

the staff care about every client like they are family, and our clients go out of their way to show appreciation for the staff.

Q: "What frustrates you about working in this industry?"

A: Seniors are, in my opinion, the most underappreciated demographic. It's a huge challenge to find corporate sponsorships, grants, or other financial support for seniors. Momiji also sits in the community care sector, which is a neglected step-child in the Ministry of Health's portfolio. We're fortunate to have a community that supports us and gives us the means to care for our seniors. ■



Chris (centre) along with volunteers Kathy and Steve, taking a break from grilling food for the annual tenant BBQ in 2024. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

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serenaded the room as they enjoyed delicious bento prepared in-house by Maru Sun restaurant. Up next were two dedicated volunteers, Atsuko Abeta and Tsubasa Wong, who performed a choreographed song and dance that demanded the admiration of all those in attendance.

After an intermission for dessert – featuring cake, fruit, dango, and warabimochi – the show continued on with an award ceremony that celebrated the impressive milestones achieved by some of Momiji's longtime volunteers, including Sandra Nasu (5 years), Yvonne Janssen (10 years), Jeanette Cheng (10 years), Ken Sugamori (15 years), Carole Aida (15 years), Sharon Uyede (15 year), Bob Nishikawa (15 years), Takako Morosawa (20 years), Yutaka Chiba (20 years), and Gail Aihoshi (25 years).



Volunteer Sandra with her milestone award!



Volunteer Sharon with her milestone award!



Volunteer Yutaka (left) being presented with his milestone award by Board co-chair Jennifer Uyeno!

The final performers, Aja Shimizu and Joyce Shimoda Moore, who are well-known in the community as bon odori specialists, closed the event by leading a Tanko Bushi that sent everyone home with warm hearts, full bellies, and a revitalized sense of belonging.

Without a doubt, this year's Volunteer Appreciation Day will surely go down as an unforgettable one that has left staff and volunteers brainstorming, as they take down the decorations, on how to make the next one even more memorable than the last! ■



One of the pre-lunch treats prepared by summer staff, kakigori (shaved ice)!



Above and below: Volunteers enjoying tea and good company while they wait for their bento lunch to arrive.

(All Volunteer Appreciation photos by Harry Tonogai.)





MAKING AN UNDENIABLE DIFFERENCE – MOMIJI'S SUMMER STUDENTS



By Julián Nakamoto,
Events and
Communications
Assistant (Summer Staff)

In the buzzing August heat, it is almost too easy to forget those crisp early mornings in May as Momiji welcomed eight summer student staff as part of the Canada Summer Jobs grant to fund young workers during the summer. While some of their faces became more familiar than others, each student brought their own unique strengths into ensuring the smooth running of Momiji's daily operations.

If you have ever attended a Coffee House, then you have definitely bumped into Dayna and Len from the Senior Active Living Centre (SALC). Dayna has had the wonderful opportunity to assist with all sorts of activities at Momiji, whether it be morning exercises or chatting with tenants over a cup of coffee. "I am truly grateful to be part of this community. Everyone from the staff to the tenants has been so kind and welcoming." She said. "I love learning about Japanese culture from the tenants and hearing about everyone's life experiences."



SALC staff Yuki with her summer students, Len and Dayna. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

This is Len's second summer at Momiji preparing and facilitating activities for the tenants. "Being able to work here again and seeing how the tenants have continued to live independent, fulfilling lives has been incredibly rewarding." In their own words, the everlasting kindness shown by tenants, as well as the way the community here at Momiji welcomes

and accepts new tenants and staff with open arms, has left them deeply humbled. "Working here has shown me the importance of collaborative living and has helped me appreciate that I am able to be a part of the Momiji family, as well as the Japanese Canadian community as a whole."

That being said, the SALC students are far from the only ones interacting with the community. When she's not organizing bento pickups or ice cream deliveries, Palak from Community Services spends most of her time facilitating Momiji's Congregate Dining programs, such as the Western Lunch program, among other community events and services. When asked what she loved most about working at Momiji, Palak spoke about its strong sense of teamwork and community. "Everyone works collaboratively across departments, and there is always someone willing to offer guidance, support, and encouragement," she said. "Momiji truly feels like a family, where people are valued, supported, and inspired to learn and grow every day."



Summer student Palak (centre) with staff Isabelle and Jovel during the Asian Heritage Celebration. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Client Intervention assistant, Raida, is another student whose work is essential to the day-to-day wellbeing of tenants and community members. If she's not lugging away at data entry, assisting tenants in accessing information and support services, or researching housing options for seniors in the community, Raida can be found enjoying her lunch in the beautiful Momiji garden. "I am glad

to experience the Japanese culture while working at Momiji," she noted about her experience helping with programs this summer. "I very much appreciate the opportunity to be part of a supportive team that allows me to learn and grow."

In Administrative Services, students like Lyn and Sunny spend a lot of their day making sure things are in order by receiving and organizing essential data, managing schedules and surveys, and providing resources for tenants and community members. "The most important lesson of my experience has been learning how to balance efficiency and empathy." Lyn spoke about the administrative desk being a bridge that connects an organization, where she not only learned about multitasking and working under pressure, but also interpersonal skills. "Taking those extra moments to truly listen doesn't just ensure accuracy in my work, but it also ensures that every individual I interact with feels heard and valued. I believe that working as an Admin Assistant at Momiji is more than just managing office tasks; it is also about managing relationships among people and building a community!"

For Sunny, Momiji is his very first job – ever – and that's no simple feat. "It has definitely set a high standard as to what I look for in a workplace," he noted about his experience. Indeed, in a pile of files and projects in Support Services, Sunny is there to do the important work of organizing and alleviating the workload, some of which includes distributing Vial of Life kits and providing essential support during Momiji's many community events. "One thing that I learned while working at Momiji is how amazing and friendly this community of people is."

Over in IT Services is Ripley, busy dealing with phone systems, barcodes, databases, and software to ensure employee processes are streamlined and resources are conserved – but computers aren't all that Ripley has come to know at Momiji "I've had wonderful experiences with coworkers and tenants alike, and friendly visiting has allowed me to learn in depth about

the stories of people living here.” When asked what she will remember most this summer, Ripley noted the sense of community that is so deeply valued among tenants and staff alike. “I’m so fortunate to have gotten to connect more with the Japanese Canadian community this summer.”

Last, but not least, is our Events and Communications Assistant, Jules, who can be found tucked away at his desk working on long lists of names, DIY decorations, promotional materials, or helping at Coffee House and other Momiji events, such as Volunteer Appreciation Day. In reflection of his time at Momiji, Jules spoke about his personal growth as a result of interacting with the community. “As a shy person, Momiji encouraged me to get out of my shell a little bit, because it wasn’t just about me, it was about

making sure others were having a good time.” He said. “I learned a lot about collaboration, creativity, and about taking initiative. I don’t think I could have improved as much on these skills if I wasn’t in such a supportive environment.”

Humming constant under shimmering Japanese maples, the song of cicadas marks the approaching end of the season. Dayna, Len, Palak, Raida, Lyn, Sunny, Ripley, and Jules, will all leave Momiji with something truly special to remember. Whether working directly with tenants or behind the scenes, each student made an undeniable difference in running Momiji’s daily programs and operations, just as Momiji will leave a lasting impact for each student wherever their futures take them. ■



Summer students Ripley and Lyn dressed up for the Momiji Summer Festival. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

THE MOMIJI FAMILY HAS EXPANDED!

Congratulations to Shivonne Modeste, our Assistant Manager, Community Services, who welcomed a healthy baby in July. Daivon is Shivonne and David’s first child, and we wish them and their families the very best on this wonderful occasion!

While Shivonne is on maternity leave, Muna Salad will be the Acting Assistant Manager, Community Services. Please join us on congratulating Muna on her promotion. ■



Muna and Shivonne, working at a Momiji event together. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



Shivonne and David at their baby shower, held at Momiji of course! (Photo provided by Shivonne Modeste.)

FAREWELL & WELCOME!

Momiji would like to Welcome the following new employees who joined our team since February 1, 2026:

- Gina Frades (PSW)
- Samath Illangarathne (Program Worker – Education & Rentals)
- Izumi Inoue (PSW)
- Seika Kamino (PSW)
- Pratiksha Karmacharya (PSW)
- Swaleha Rathod (PSW)

The following employees have left Momiji since February 1, 2026. We wish them well in their future endeavours:

- Santwana Kandel (PSW)
- Shiori Matsuoka (PSW)
- Kanako Ogasawara (PSW)
- Bimala Silpakar (PSW)

TEA & MEMORIES: AN UPDATE ON MOMIJI’S PODCAST



By Brian Mahoney,
Momiji Volunteer &
Donor

Our Momiji Tea and Memories video podcast is officially live!

It’s been a long journey—over a year of recording, editing, and organizing—but with a few new volunteers joining the team, things are finally speeding up. We’re hoping to get every interview posted soon. If we’ve already interviewed you and your episode isn’t up yet, please hang in there.

If you check out the channel and like what we’re doing, we’d love to hear

from you. Want to be interviewed? Have a story to share? Right now, we’re focusing on Momiji residents, but we’ll be expanding into the broader community as the project grows.

If you’re curious or want to get involved, talk to Isabelle or me, Brian Mahoney. I’m around Momiji often—just wave me down. Or email us at podcastmomiji@gmail.com. ■

Find and follow the [Momiji Podcast on YouTube](#)! Begin watching the first few episodes right away:

[Pat Adachi](#)

[Claire Nakamura](#)



THE EXPERIENCES OF ONE, A STORY OF MANY



By Sunny Li, Support Services Administrative Assistant (Summer Staff)

It was June 12th when I first met Susan. I heard from many others that she had led an interesting yet fulfilling life, but I did not expect much from our first few interactions of just getting to know one another. Our first two interactions were about photography, mainly sharing photos we both took in the past and capturing fleeting moments that were frozen in time. The next few visits, I got a glimpse into her eventful life, which started with a wedding photo of Susan and Kunio, her husband.

This one photo, led me down a rabbit hole of the eventful life she had, starting with her childhood at Okanagan Centre, a small village that was located in the Okanagan Valley. Being close to the Okanagan Lake, she would spend most of her time swimming or playing by the waters. At this time, Susan was still a child, but many things were starting to change. Mainly, the mass displacement of Japanese Canadians (JCs) and the subsequent increase in racism due to events happening during and post WW2. This mass hysteria consequently caused the widespread displacement, internment, and profiling of many JCs living near the British Columbian coast. Susan, living more inland and closer to nature, was fortunately not greatly affected. Even so, she experienced the effects of alienation from a secondary standpoint, and this is where I believe Susan got her strong sense of justice. After her primary and secondary education at Kelowna, she went to Garbutt Business College to study business at her teacher's suggestion knowing that there was not much employment opportunities at her hometown due to postwar sentiments of JCs.

After graduating from Garbutt Business College, she was employed by Imperial Oil in Calgary mainly working in public relations and rose up to the rank of secretary chief of geologist and geophysicist. A few years later, a new

Toronto office was opened, and transfer applications were being accepted, Susan wished to be transferred but was denied the right as the only people being accepted at the time were men. In protest, she left the company, took a trip to Hawaii and after returning, she got invited to the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. After a while, she reapplied to the Toronto office and got the job with the help of her previous supervisor in Calgary in the PR department. While working in the Public Relations (PR) department, she heard rumors that the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC) was being planned. Having been away from her hometown and being out of touch with her own heritage, she started to volunteer at the JCCC to reconnect with her Japanese side.



Susan with then Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, at the opening of the JCCC in 1964. (Photo provided by Susan Hidaka.)

In her early days of volunteering, her main tasks composed of writing and typing out newsletters to promote the JCCC. After volunteering for a while, she was nominated and elected to the Board as Secretary and this was when she met Kunio Hidaka, who was to become her husband. A few years later, Susan and Kunio got married and with that, they moved to the Washington DC so that Kunio could continue with his post-graduate studies in public administration. During this time, Susan worked at the Hilton Hotel doing secretary work where she carried out special duties that indirectly helped serve some famous people such as Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower, Joan Crawford and Ethel Kennedy. Due to civil unrest and the way politics were developing, the couple

moved back to Toronto, Markham then Newmarket, and this was when Susan started to volunteer at the JCCC again working for PR and promoting special events to the public.

Later on, Susan worked with Toyo Takata on the Japanese Canadian Centennial event, which celebrated the arrival of Manzo Nagano, the first JC in Canada, and JC heritage in general, by promoting the event with her PR skills gained at Imperial Oil. This was around the time where talks about a redress for JCs were on the table and when the couple bought their first house and moved to Newmarket. Kunio, having been involved in the JC community before and after the war, was part of the faction that fought for the individual compensation of JCs that were negatively affected by the Canadian Government during WWII. Unfortunately, in the middle of redress talks, Kunio's life was cut short due to a sudden massive heart attack. This caused Susan to move back to Toronto to be closer to her loved ones, 2 years later.

Around this time, Momiji was in its planning phase and Susan, wanting a change, decided to move in when the building was completed. During the earlier years of Momiji, Susan worked on the Tenant Handbook, helped form Support Services, and was elected to the board of directors where she served for many years while working on newsletters and PR. Now, she lives peacefully at Momiji watching the news and listening to Jazz and enjoying the company of long-term friends.

There are many other stories that have not been told yet. So, reader, if Susan's story has interested you in any way, I encourage you to talk with other JC seniors you may see. Personally, after listening to the pieces of Susan's story, I decided to do more research on the JC redress movement which, to say the least, led me down into another rabbit hole. As for what the details of what the JC redress was about? That is for you to dive into. ■

Anyone interested in the Japanese Canadian Redress is encouraged to read "[Japanese Canadian Redress: The Toronto Story](#)", available in its entirety on the Toronto NAJC's website.

STITCHING NEW LIFE INTO UPCYCLED KIMONOS



By Mayumi Maemura
and Christine Wright,
Momiji Volunteers

This is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the June 2026 edition of the Bluffs Monitor. We thank the Bluffs Monitor for allowing us to publish it.

On Saturday April 25, the Kimono Remake Project held its third annual Fashion show at Momiji's Frank H. Hori Community Centre.

The fashion shows, which are part of larger cultural community events at Momiji, feature upcycled kimono and accessories. Kimono and accessories are donated to Momiji's annual fundraising Bazaar, often with stains or damage. However, the Japanese Canadian community believes in the concept of "mottainai" which emphasizes a deep respect for resources and exemplifies the concepts of reduce, reuse and recycle. In late 2023, the Kimono Remake Project received a community grant from the JC Legacies Society, enabling the team to form a partnership with Momiji. They formed a team of volunteers to repair and reimagine damaged fabrics and accessories in a way that would respect their history.

The team received a second grant in late 2024 to expand their work in 2025 with an emphasis on community education through workshops such as

sewing or braiding and dyeing based on Japanese techniques. The intention was to expand their ability to share the history and culture of Canadians of Japanese descent.

The showcase on March 25th was a culmination of the work of the Kimono Remake Project volunteers between Spring of 2025-2026. Every garment was taken apart stitch by stitch to learn about Kimono craftsmanship, care, and what went into creating each original kimono. This respect in deconstruction is intentional and informs the design, patterns, and sewing of each new garment. The garments created shape the fashion shows that are held each year.

The 2026 fashion show's focus was on the theme of 'Green', not just as a nod to sustainability, but as a philosophy of nature and its powers of renewal and growth. The group perceives the garments as part of a living cycle ready to bloom once again through the project. ■

Above right: A full outfit worn by Naomi, including a blouse, pleated skirt, obi-inspired belt, and cape highlighting the original kimono's design.

Right: Avery in a cropped jacket that makes use of the long sleeves from the original kimono.

Below: One of the final costumes of the show, worn by Gill, based on the Japanese monster Mothra.

(Photos by Brian Mahoney.)



The Kimono Remake Project team meets monthly, and all revenue from workshops, garments, and accessories supports the future of the project as well as Momiji's seniors' programs.

To join, contact Momiji's Volunteer Services today!

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Support Services

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH HOME CARE: MEET THE PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS BEHIND MOMIJI@HOME



By Miho Kimura, Assistant
Manager, Support Services

For the past eight years, Momiji@Home has helped seniors continue living safely, comfortably, and independently in their own homes.

To give readers a closer look at the people behind the service, we asked two long-serving Personal Support Workers (PSWs), Yumi Takagi and Midori Dale, to share their experiences.

I hope that learning about their perspectives and daily caregiving experiences will help deepen your understanding of Momiji@Home and the compassionate support we provide to seniors and their families.



**Midori Dale: Creating
Connections Through Care**

"I have been working with Momiji@Home for more than eight and a half years, and every day brings something different.

My role involves supporting clients' physical, emotional, and social well-being. I prepare meals, encourage exercise and walks, assist with medication reminders and help with housekeeping. What I enjoy most is adapting my support to each person's

unique interests and lifestyle.

Over the years, I have shared many memorable activities with clients, including karaoke, tap-dancing, Bon Odori, and games of Hyakunin Isshu. Seeing someone reconnect with a cherished pastime or childhood memory is always rewarding.

One experience that has stayed with me involved a client who rarely spoke because of depression. While visiting her, I found a songbook and began singing a familiar song. To my surprise, she joined in. From then on, we sang together regularly, and eventually she began sharing stories while looking through old photo albums. Watching her smile return was a powerful reminder of how meaningful companionship can be.

Some of my other clients would watch for me to arrive at the bus stop out their window or through the video monitors connected to the lobby. One would even come out barefoot to the elevators to greet me!

Having clients waiting for me to come, or to see their faces light up when they see me and knowing that they looked forward to spending time with me has made working for Momiji@Home incredibly fulfilling.

I believe cultural understanding is one of the greatest strengths of Momiji@Home. Even with people who haven't lived in Japan or don't speak Japanese, the ways in which my clients are raised, their values, culture, and identity are all distinctly Japanese. Through these early lessons from parents, nostalgic songs, and cultural touchstones and traditions, it is possible to uncover old memories and to support better them so that they can live with full of smiles and laughter.

It is a privilege to support our seniors and help them live each day with dignity, comfort, and as many smiles as possible."



**Yumi Takagi: Supporting
Seniors with Heart**

"I have been working with Momiji@Home for over eight years.

My work includes personal care, meal preparation, accompaniment to medical appointments, and many other day-to-day tasks. I also enjoy creating activities that bring meaning and enjoyment to my clients' lives. We might sing together, play card games, use YouTube for brain-training quizzes, or spend time gardening on a sunny day. I always try to tailor activities to each person's interests and abilities.

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is building relationships with clients and their families. I often feel that sharing the cultural background and/or the language helps create trust and understanding. Being able to provide comfort and reassurance gives me a deep sense of fulfillment. I also learn so much from the seniors I support. Their life experiences, wisdom, and stories are truly invaluable.

At the same time, caregiving requires balancing compassion with professionalism. As relationships grow, clients can begin to feel like family. It is important to maintain appropriate boundaries while continuing to provide safe, respectful, and high-quality care. As clients' needs change, I work closely with families to

ensure they receive the support that is right for them.

Above all, I try to approach every person with respect, curiosity, and genuine care. Sometimes the smallest act of kindness can make the biggest difference. My goal is always to help each individual feel valued, heard, and supported.

Momiji@Home allows seniors to remain in the comfort of their own homes while receiving support in Japanese and experiencing culturally sensitive care. I hope more members of our community will learn about the services available and the positive impact they can have on seniors and their families."

Through the dedication of PSWs like Yumi and Midori, Momiji@Home continues to provide compassionate, culturally sensitive care that helps seniors remain connected to their homes, their community, and the lives they cherish. ■



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Caregiver Program

OUR ANNUAL IN-PERSON-ONLY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



By Chikage Inaba, Client Intervention Program Worker (CIPW)

The Client Intervention team hosts a Caregiver Support Group every other month. While the group is usually offered in a hybrid format with both in-person and online participation, our July gathering was held as a special annual event and was exclusively in person.

This year, we had originally planned to meet in Momiji's beautiful backyard. However, due to the poor air quality caused by the large-scale wildfires a few days before the event, we moved the gathering indoors.

Because more than half of our participants typically join online, only a small number were able to attend in person. This time, six caregivers joined us. Even so, there is a meaningful reason why we hold an in-person

gathering. Many caregivers dedicate so much of their time and energy to caring for care receivers that they rarely have the opportunity to focus on themselves. We hope this special day gives them a chance to step away from their caregiving responsibilities, enjoy some time for themselves, and connect with peers in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

On the day of the event, we enjoyed



Previous "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" workshop participants with the Client Intervention team, Chie and Chikage (front). (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

games designed to help us get to know one another and spent a warm, cheerful time together, sharing the snacks that participants brought and the light refreshments we had prepared.

We are also pleased to share some exciting news. Until now, this support group has been open only to graduates from the six-week Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) workshop. Moving forward, we will expand participation so that more caregivers can join, build meaningful connections, and find a safe place to share their experiences.

Also, our next online PTC workshop begins on September 17, 2026. We look forward to welcoming new caregivers and continuing to foster a supportive community where participants can learn from and encourage one another. We also hope that even more caregivers will join us for next year's support group in-person only gathering in Momiji's backyard and take time to care for themselves. ■



Momiji West

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED SAKURA TEA?



By Misa Barlow, Community Program Worker – GTA West

This past May, participants at our Community Congregate Dining (CCD) luncheon in Mississauga had the opportunity to enjoy Sakura tea, a traditional Japanese tea that many were trying for the first time.

In Japan, Sakura tea is often served at celebrations and special occasions. Made by pouring hot water over salt-pickled cherry blossoms, it is a simple way to experience the taste of spring. Our small celebration of spring began with the generosity of one of our volunteers, who shared blossoms from the beautiful Yaezakura (double cherry blossom) tree in her garden.

As the blossoms slowly opened



Attendees enjoying the bento lunch! (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

in the warm water and their gentle fragrance drifted through the room, conversations naturally began, bringing smiles and stories to every table.

The afternoon continued with a sing-along of nostalgic Japanese and English songs, led by one of our volunteer guitarists. These shared moments are just one example of what makes our CCD luncheons so special.

Momiji's CCD luncheons are about much more than enjoying a meal. They bring older adults together through cultural experiences, a variety of

engaging programs, and time spent in good company. Along the way, helpful information is exchanged, conversations continue, and everyone has the chance to connect with one another.

Whether you donate, volunteer, share your talents, or simply participate in our CCD programs, thank you for helping make them so special and full of purpose.

We hope you will join us at our future CCD luncheons. Perhaps next spring, you'll enjoy a cup of Sakura tea with us! ■

For general information about Momiji's CCD luncheons, contact communityservices@momiji.on.ca.

For information about CCD West luncheons in Mississauga, Oakville, and Hamilton, contact ccdwest@momiji.on.ca.



COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: MOMIJI'S LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH



By Abbie Sakamoto,
Momiji Volunteer

Tucked away on Dufferin and Sheppard, fire trucks wail, children play in the neighbouring park, and the nearby bus station sees a constant stream of people coming and going. But amidst the normal everyday bustle resides the Toronto Buddhist Church (TBC) — a sacred place preserving not only Buddhist teachings, but Japanese tradition, history, culture, and community.

Founded in the summer of 1947, TBC is the first and largest Japanese church in Canada. After WWII and the displacement caused by internment, Japanese-Canadians needed a safe space to congregate and connect. With Toronto's tight-knit Nikkei community, many organizations naturally developed lasting relationships. Through overlapping values of dignity, respect, compassion, and community, both Momiji and TBC work towards a common goal: passing down tradition, welcoming people from all walks of life, and responding to changes in the community. This relationship is mutually beneficial, allowing TBC ministers to extend their community outreach to seniors who are no longer able to attend TBC events or services. That's where ministers like Reverend Hashimoto play a vital role.

Over the years, as part of this relationship, TBC ministers visit Momiji once a month for Sunday services while also supporting residents on an individual level. After leading a chanting service, Reverend Hashimoto stays for teatime, where he chats and gets to know the residents. Providing services in both English and Japanese, members have access to spiritual support, companionship, and connection in a manner that allows them to freely express themselves.

"Some of the most memorable moments are when the chanting brings back memories for residents. Sometimes, a person who doesn't usually speak much will begin chanting with us or start talking about the Buddhist temple they used to attend," Reverend Hashimoto said. For him, it's moments like these that remind him of why the relationship between Momiji and TBC is so crucial. For many, Buddhism is intertwined with much more than faith. It's connected to their lives, families, memories, and cultural identity. These moments also enhance Momiji's ability to support their residents' well-being.

As two organizations deeply rooted in the same community, the relationship between TBC and Momiji has grown even stronger through genuine connections built over time. "From helping out with occasional community involvement to now engaging in regular visits, services, and community events, TBC ministers have built trusting and meaningful relationships with Momiji residents," said Jovel Patricio, Momiji's Community Services Manager. These days, TBC is involved more than ever in Momiji's events. Reverend Hashimoto led a Buddhism 101 teaching using the anime Demon Slayer at Momo Anime

Event and was also a guest judge at Momiji's Red & White Singing contest. Most recently, TBC was a Gold Sponsor and submitted two teams for Momiji's 18th Fundraising Bowlathon. The Bowlathon raised over \$80,000 which is the most money ever raised at this event. Each event acts as a safe space for people to meet, share stories, and simply spend time together regardless of age or background.

With members of TBC and Momiji growing older, many face anxiety about aging. As part of their partnership, Reverend Hashimoto attends monthly meetings with Momiji's staff to discuss residents' needs, share observations, and identify where more services may be needed in the future. With his focus on funeral rituals and Sunday services, he's kept quite busy — and therefore can only make so many trips down to Momiji. But through Reverend Hashimoto's lens, he understands the need for more extensive spiritual care. Many residents have concerns when it comes to aging but are hesitant to reach out for support — or don't know how to. Additionally, since Buddhism is a minority, many hospitals aren't able to hire ministers for this service. That's where Reverend Hashimoto hopes to change things for members of the community. By creating a system with another minister, Momiji residents will have more access to spiritual care and support, even in a casual fashion. By working together, TBC and Momiji help strengthen the community, support healthy aging, and provide culturally sensitive care that nurtures seniors' physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. ■



Rev. Hashimoto (right) and Rev. Sugiura (above) at Momiji's Summer Festival in August. (Photos by Harry Tonogai.)





Around the Building

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES



By Carolina Yamashita,
Manager – Seniors
Residence & Environment

This fiscal year, Momiji Residence is undertaking several significant capital improvement projects to enhance the safety, reliability, and efficiency of our building systems.

Earlier this year, we successfully replaced the domestic hot water boiler with a new, high efficiency unit, ensuring a more reliable hot water supply for residents. We also completed the replacement of the building's backflow preventer, an important upgrade that helps protect the quality and safety of our water system.

Work is currently underway to replace the air handling unit, as well as the existing pneumatic temperature control system in the common areas with a modern electronic control system. This upgrade will improve the monitoring and control of the

building's HVAC systems, resulting in more reliable operation.

Additionally, roof waterproofing replacement is scheduled to take place this year. This will help protect the building from water infiltration.

9TH FLOOR WASHROOM RENOVATION

The washroom on the 9th floor needed significant improvements due to its deteriorating condition. Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Shirley Isojima and her daughter, Mrs. Mieko (Julie) Chihaya, Momiji Residence received a donation of \$9,000 to fund the renovation of this important, shared space.

The renovation project was completed in May. The work included upgrades to improve the washroom's appearance, functionality, and overall comfort for residents and visitors.

We are sincerely grateful for this generous contribution, which will have a lasting positive impact on our community.

A NEW QUILT!

A beautiful new quilt that was created by a resident's family member has been donated to Momiji. The quilt depicts several multicoloured kimono, and will be displayed for tenants and guests to enjoy, once the right spot has been decided on. ■



A new quilt for Momiji! From left to right: Jacquie, Carolina, Connie (the quilt's creator), and Wanda. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT MOMIJI!



By Samath Illangarathne,
Program Worker –
Education & Rentals

Did you know that many of the beautiful spaces at Momiji are available for rent?

Whether you're planning a meeting, family celebration, workshop, birthday, community gathering, Celebration of Life, or other special event, Momiji offers a variety of welcoming and affordable spaces to suit groups of different sizes. Best of all, every rental helps support Momiji's programs and services for seniors, making your event meaningful in more ways than

one.

We offer a selection of versatile spaces, including the Auditorium, Craft Room, Atrium, Board Room, Family Dining Room, and Served, with options for both small meetings and larger celebrations. Rental spaces can be arranged to suit your event, and a variety of additional equipment is available, including audiovisual systems, portable TVs, projectors and screens, pianos, coffee urns, easels, linens, and BBQ equipment.

Like many community and cultural centres across Toronto, Momiji is committed to offering a welcoming environment with practical amenities, flexible room options, and friendly service to help make every event a success.

If you or someone you know is looking for a venue for an upcoming event, we encourage you to keep Momiji in mind. By choosing Momiji, you're not only booking a great space; you are helping generate additional revenue that is reinvested into the programs and services that benefit our seniors and the wider community.

To learn more or ask about availability, please email rentals@momiji.on.ca, contact Sheri-Lynn at 416-261-6683 ext. 259, or visit us at Momiji. We look forward to helping you find the perfect space for your next event, here at Momiji! As a bonus, if you are a Momiji Tenant or immediate family (children) of a Tenant, we offer discounted rates, so please check us out. ■

NEW AUDIO-VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR MOMIJI



By Brian Kai, Momiji
Board Member & Donor

Using a portion of the funds from the United Church gift donation, the auditorium audio-video system has been upgraded to an exceptional quality. The installation company was Dynamix Professional Video Systems; a topflight team including designers and technicians, based in Markham and servicing many of the large corporations in the Toronto area.

Future audiences will have an excellent experience for speakers, videos, music, and demonstrations. This new system will also make the Auditorium more desirable for rentals.

The auditorium system includes:

- Ceiling mounted high-quality speakers
- Wireless microphones

- 10,000 lumens projector on the ceiling projecting to an 18-foot-wide screen (donated from Dynamix's excess inventory)
- Adjustable volume speakers in the Atrium for overflow audiences
- Confidence screen and speaker so that singers/presenters can hear themselves and see images that are projected onto the main screen, but they can face the audience

Another part of the project is a new portable cart containing a 65-inch screen, excellent sound system with wireless microphones. This will primarily be used in the craft room but can be wheeled into any room in the building.

Final part of this project is a video wall. Two screens are setup in the main lobby for event signage and donor recognition. One other screen for event signage appears in the first-floor elevator lobby. ■

INTRODUCING THE NEW 4TH FLOOR WALK-IN BATHTUB!

Thanks to Momiji's donors, a new walk-in bathtub was installed on the 4th floor. The new bathtub was made possible through the generosity of Steve and Laura Organ, in Memory of Matt and Miki Otsu. Momiji residents are most appreciative of this donation so that they can once again enjoy their baths. Having this bathtub helps ensure the safety and dignity of tenants who use it. ■



The new walk-in bathtub on Momiji's 4th floor! (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

Education & Learning



MOMIJI'S FALL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



By Samath Illangarathne,
Program Worker –
Education & Rentals

The leaves may be changing, but one thing remains the same. Momiji Education is back with another exciting season of learning, creativity, movement, and connection!

Our Fall Education Session begins in October, with a wonderful selection of eight-week courses and workshops led by our popular instructors. Whether participants are looking to stay active, explore a new hobby, or reconnect with friends, there's something for everyone.

This fall, participants can look forward to classes such as

Watercolour Painting, Sumi-e (Japanese Brush Painting), Fitness for Zoomers, Total Body Fitness, Chair Yoga, Mat Yoga, Japanese Basics, and more. Our talented instructors including Hi-Sook Barker, Junko Adachi, Lauren Singleton, Lynda Kirow, Anita Thachuk, Noriko Furuya, Mika Fukuma, Margaret Buckworth, Caprice Lai, and Irene Sakata will all be returning to share their expertise and passion.

In addition to our weekly classes, participants can also enjoy a variety of creative and cultural workshops throughout the season, offering opportunities to try something new in a fun and welcoming environment.

Registration for the Fall Education Session opens on Monday, September 28th. However, unless the class or

workshop is full, registration will remain open until closer to the date of the first class or workshop. But don't delay as some classes and workshops fill up quickly. All classes will run for eight weeks, with the first classes beginning on Tuesday, October 13, and the session concluding on Friday, December 7.

As always, every registration helps support Momiji's programs and services for seniors while bringing people together through lifelong learning and community connection. We look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and new participants this fall!

Registration information and the Fall Course Guide will be available closer to the registration date. Stay tuned! ■



Seniors Active Living Centre

The article below was written by My-Linh Hang Coleman, Teacher-Librarian and Teacher Facilitator at Dorset Park Public School.

For the past four years, My-Linh and her students have brought joy, happiness, and big smiles to Momiji through our intergenerational programs, which has grown into lasting friendships among us all. While they were unable to join us for this year's Asian Heritage Month Celebration (held on May 22, 2026), the kindness and special bonds shared among the Dorset Park students, Momiji seniors, and our communities remain as strong as ever.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported our transportation fundraising efforts. Your generosity will help make future visits possible, and we look forward to welcoming the friends from Dorset Park back to Momiji soon. In the meantime, we are pleased to share My-Linh's reflections on the special relationship between our two communities.

ARIGATO GOZAIMASU STAFF, RESIDENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND DONORS AT MOMIJI HEALTH CARE SOCIETY



By My-Linh Hang Coleman

Dear Momiji Friends,

Four spring times ago, my husband Ryan and I visited Momiji in early April to support our aged Korean War veteran as his choir performed in person for the first time since the pandemic. While our nonagenarian friend was unable to attend that performance, Ryan and I did. We sat in the front row, and for two hours we were filled with happiness and awe at the beauty and impact of Momiji's programming for its residents.

I still remember approaching Yuki (Coordinator for Seniors Active Living Centre) afterwards and enthusiastically sharing the possibility of building a connection between my students and Momiji. Yuki and her dedicated team of staff and volunteers were so gracious and encouraging, and from there, the rest became history: Momiji and Dorset Park created such joyful and tender moments together.

We forged an absolutely beautiful and organic collaboration and friendship, both professional and personal, and it has since grown to include your small but mighty team at Momiji and the Hummingbirds over the past four years. Looking back on pages of testimonials from students and volunteers alike, the recurring theme is clear: genuine respect, care, and affection between the young and

the young at heart.

As a result, I was deeply saddened that my students and I were unable to participate in this year's Asian Heritage Month celebrations. The students had been practising their songs for Momiji since September. More than just a day away from school, they have come to internalize a deep sense of care and joy in being with the Momiji seniors.

Nonetheless, I am grateful to the tireless staff, volunteers, and performers for continuing to make the event happen. I have also heard from a few of the presenters I befriended, and they too recognize how exquisite and unique it is to be at Momiji, in the presence of such remarkable seniors. What has been collectively nurtured there, with peace, understanding, cultural appreciation, and the best in humanity, is unmistakable. I feel deep humility in being part of it.

Thank you to the phenomenal and creative staff at Momiji for your continuous and thoughtful planning

of joyful events. Thank you to the incredible volunteers for their time and care in supporting Momiji initiatives. Thank you to the generous fundraisers and donors for providing both Momiji and Dorset Park School with meaningful opportunities.

At a time when funding is increasingly limited and priorities continue to shift; I am especially grateful for your efforts to help offset significant costs such as student transportation for these experiences.

As the school year has drawn to a close, my students, parent volunteers, and I have reflected on the friendships and impact of our connection with Momiji. We feel deeply appreciative and carry many joyful memories with us. You are now forever in our hearts, and we look forward to returning and reconnecting with you all.

Have a marvelous summer and until we meet again, shine on!

With joy, appreciation, and great respect,

My-Linh Hang Coleman



The banner for Momiji's Asian Heritage Month Celebration in 2025, made by Dorset Park students! The banner thanking volunteers for 2026's Volunteer Appreciation seen on the cover of this newsletter was also made by the students! (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

A HAPPY MORNING CONNECTED BY PANCAKES



By Jimmy Kano, Momiji Resident

As you get older, just being able to look forward to the morning makes the day brighter. On July 10th, a pancake breakfast was held at Momiji.

As I approached the venue, the sweet, savoury smell of pancakes cooking tickled my nose. Just that scent made my steps naturally lighter and my heart leap.

When I entered the venue, the usual Momiji auditorium had transformed into a large dining room. More than twenty round tables seating seven or eight people were lined up, and over 180 participants were seated, looking forward to breakfast. The venue was full of energy from the morning, and smiles were all around.

Supporting that bustle were the Momiji staff, volunteers, and seven or eight students. A total of twenty-five or twenty-six people were busy working, carrying food, pouring tea, and calling out to each other with smiles. Just watching them, it was clear that this breakfast was supported by the warm hearts of many people.

On stage, the quartet 'Ready for Success,' a jazz band familiar to Momiji, was performing a lively set. Up-tempo jazz echoed throughout the venue, and the clear singing voice of singer Zoe Adams further enlivened the atmosphere. We naturally clapped our hands and swayed our bodies to the music. Being able to enjoy live music that morning was such a luxurious time.

Eventually, the long-awaited breakfast was brought out. On the plate, a large, fluffy pancake was beautifully arranged with savoury sausages and golden-brown potatoes. It looked delicious, and I couldn't help but smile. When I took a bite, the gentle sweetness of the pancake spread throughout my mouth.

While enjoying the food, conversation with the person next to



Above: Singer Zoe entertains guests while they wait for breakfast!

Below left: Volunteer Karen serving guests their breakfast.

Below right: SALC Staff Yuki making fresh pancakes!

(Photos by Harry Tonogai.)



me flourished, and laughter could be heard from here and there. A meal is not just about filling your stomach. I felt once again that by sharing at the same time, talking, and laughing together, the heart is filled.

Looking around, there were satisfied smiles at every table. People were catching up with friends they hadn't seen in a while. They were clapping to the music and happily stuffing their faces with pancakes. Each person was enjoying the morning moment in their own way.

This breakfast was not just an event for eating. It was a precious time to deepen connections between people and feel the warmth of the



community. I am truly grateful for such opportunities.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the staff, volunteers, and students who prepared it, and to the Aihoshi-Kato Endowment Fund who sponsored the breakfast.

It was a truly enjoyable breakfast. If it's a breakfast like this, it's always welcome.

With both my stomach and heart full, I returned to my residence room in a cheerful, happy mood. ■



Seniors Active Living Centre

2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



By Sheri-Lynn Armstrong,
Manager,
Communications,
Development, and
Volunteer Management

Momiji's Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) provides year-round programs, special events, cultural celebrations, educational opportunities, and social activities that promote well-being, reduce isolation, and strengthen community connections for seniors.

Unfortunately, while costs have continually increased, our funding has not kept pace, so we are looking for individuals, groups or corporations to help sponsor our programs.

Your sponsorship will help create accessible and meaningful experiences for seniors. In our 2024/2025 fiscal year, 795 seniors participated in almost 50,000 hours of in-house.

WHAT YOUR SPONSORSHIP SUPPORTS

- Program delivery and facilitators
- Educational and wellness activities
- Cultural and intergenerational events
- Event materials, supplies and participant engagement
- Accessibility initiatives

WHY PARTNER WITH MOMIJI'S SALC?

- Sustainable administrative support
- Make a meaningful difference in the lives of older adults,
- Help reduce social isolation and support healthy aging.
- Promote cultural preservation and intergenerational connection.
- Demonstrate corporate social responsibility and community leadership.
- Gain positive visibility among seniors, families, caregivers, volunteers, and community supporters.



Special Events & Festival Sponsor

Six sponsorships available:

- Seniors' Day
- Intergenerational Holiday Event
- Red and White Singing Competition
- Asian Heritage
- Hina Matsuri
- Summer Festival

\$2,500 per event

How your support helps:

Strengthens major cultural celebrations and community events that reduce isolation and foster intergenerational connections.

How we thank you:

- Name and/or Logo on event material and signage
- Verbal recognition at the events
- A third of a page article or ad in Momiji Matters, our bi-yearly newsletter
- Social Media recognition
- Listing on Momiji's Virtual Donor Wall
- Listing in Momiji Matters



Program Support Sponsor

Five sponsorships available:

- AM Tea
- Blue Jay's Day
- Music and Tea
- Special Odori
- Special Music Day Social

\$1,000 per program

How your support helps:

Enhances quality of life through learning, social engagement, and wellness programming.

How we thank you:

- Name and/or Logo on event signage
- Verbal recognition at the events
- A quarter page article or ad in Momiji Matters, our bi-yearly newsletter
- Social Media recognition
- Listing on Momiji's Virtual Donor Wall
- Listing in Momiji Matters



Community Friend Sponsor

Several sponsorships available*:

- Crafts
- Art and Tea
- Japanology Talks
- Momiji IT Help
- Bingo Social
- And more!

*One sponsor per event per month

\$250 per activity per month

How your support helps:

Keeps our drop-in programs welcoming and accessible to all seniors.

How we thank you:

- Name on event signage
- Verbal recognition at the event
- Listing on Momiji's Virtual Donor Wall
- Listing in Momiji Matters

Ready to help or want more information? Please email fundraising@momiji.on.ca or call 416.261.6683, ext. 259.



MOMIJI'S MOMO ANIME EVENT – FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART!



By Doug Shimada,
Momiji Volunteer &
Donor

At first glance, it seems like an unlikely combination; an Anime event, combined with cosplay characters staged at a location dedicated to caring for seniors. One attracts the young, the other houses those who are...less young!

However, in its own unique way it works.

When I arrived, more than a few seniors were seated on benches eagerly awaiting to sample the “street style” foods available in the Yone & Kobe Kobayashi Auditorium or buy some anime items for grandchildren. Vendors, anxious to sell their anime wares, set up and tend to their booths. Stickers and jewellery depicting a variety of anime characters are eagerly scooped up by fans.

And the cosplay artists, proudly wearing their costumes, most if not all have been hand designed and crafted by the artists, parade about, easy to spot in their outfits and make-up walking amongst the legion of fans, residents with walkers and volunteers. Old and young, slow and fast moving

assisted or unassisted, all enjoying the day and their good fortune.

If you search for “best examples of seniors integrating with the community”, you will find many programs called “seniors, without walls or multi-generational cafes and events”. Regardless of name, they speak to the health benefits for seniors and the young of the mixing of generations. Though I cannot say for certain, I might guess that the anime event provides residents with a wonderful break from routine as well as a safe place for anime and cosplay artists and fans to revel in this genre!

In the early days of cosplay expos, my wife and I found ourselves at a show at the convention center. We asked a fellow, dressed in the classic yellow Bruce Lee leotard, if we could take his picture. He gave his bag and glasses to his friends and quickly summoned up some fighting poses. We took pictures and thanked him. He thanked us as well for taking his picture. At next year’s Momo Anime Market, I will be proactive in asking the cosplay artists if I can take their picture as well as asking them about their costumes. So much effort has gone into the making of these costumes and by talking to the cosplayer, I’ll learn more about a world I know very little about, and I hope they will relish the chance to display



Seniors and anime fans alike enjoying a presentation in the Momiji Auditorium. (Photo by Brian Mahoney.)

their craft and feel heard.

There was one “cute” moment that occurred during the Buddhism 101 / Demonslayer workshop conducted by the Minister of the Toronto Japanese Buddhist Church. Mixing the key elements of the Demonslayer plot and characters to Buddhist teachings was helpful for understanding this anime series. When a photo of one of the demon slayer characters was shown, an older session participants asked in Japanese whether the character was Japanese or non-Japanese? It was an unscripted and innocent moment with the fellow trying to come to grips with the characters. Good for him for the effort. ■

YEE HONG WALKATHON: WALKING FOR SENIORS WITH TEAM MOMIJI



By Brian Kai, Momiji
Board Member & Donor

Momiji Health Care Society and the Yee Hong Geriatric Centre enjoy a partnership that spans more than twenty years. The Japanese section in Yee Hong’s Finch location on Scottfield Drive in Scarborough, is home to many residents who were once residents of Momiji. The two organizations share programming for seniors and support

one another.

Last year was the first year that Momiji was invited to be a charity partner in the Yee Hong Walkathon. Although the Registration Fee goes to Yee Hong, proceeds raised by Team Momiji, minus a small administration fee, benefited programs at Momiji and in the community. Last year’s Walkathon Team raised over \$10,000 for Momiji, and our team numbered 20 strong!

Momiji is participating in this year’s Yee Hong Walkathon to help raise money for Momiji’s programs for seniors and its assisted living

residence.

We are looking for people to join Team Momiji and help us raise funds. The Walkathon will be held on Saturday, September 26 starting at 9:30 am in Milliken Park.

If you cannot walk with us, you can make a difference by [donating to any of our team members](#). Together, with your support, we can reach our fundraising goal.

If interested in walking or donating, please email fundraising@momiji.on.ca for more information. General details about the event can be found on [Yee Hong’s event website](#). ■



Fundraising Activities

BOWLING FOR (LOTS OF) DOLLARS



By Brian Mahoney,
Momiji Volunteer &
Donor

"Hey Brian, we need photos of the teams at our annual Bowlathon. Interested?" Bowling? In 2026? Who bowls anymore? I hesitated, then agreed. The 10 pin alley is just up the street, yet in 38 years I'd never set foot inside. With visions of The Big Lebowski and Strikes, Spares, and Misses floating in my head, off I went.

I arrived just as Momiji's CEO, Eugene, pulled into the lot. Down the steps I went, feeling like I was traveling back in time. Once my eyes adjusted to the carpet (which truly must be seen to be believed), I found Chris, Momiji's DFO and a key Bowlathon Committee member and asked which lanes were ours.



Momiji Bowlathon participants, and more importantly, the alley's carpet! (Photo by Brian Mahoney.)

Players began drifting in, some wearing matching team shirts, so I started there. Group shots first, before the bowling chaos began. Believe it or not, I'm naturally shy, but once I started approaching people—and thanks to Harry for reminding me to wear my Momiji lanyard—I realized everyone was genuinely having fun. It was easy to gather teams for photos. Traffic around Kennedy/Eglinton/Lawrence meant some teams arrived with only a couple of players, which made group shots tricky, but by the end I think I managed to capture everyone.

As the morning rolled on, the noise level climbed. Bowling is noisy enough,

especially when a ball smacks onto the hardwood instead of gliding down the lane, but the teams were really getting into it. If cheering louder for a gutter ball than a strike counts as enthusiasm, then enthusiasm was everywhere. Some players were serious, others not at all, but from one end to the other, fun was the name of the game.

Agers were all over the map—exactly like every Momiji event. Kids used a plastic slide to launch their balls while seniors on the same team took a bit more time lining up their shots.

By early afternoon, the volume dipped. Maybe people were tired, maybe they were focusing on scores, or maybe they'd simply cheered themselves hoarse. There was a break before the bento supper back at Momiji, so I headed home for a snack and a moment to reflect. My initial reservations? Completely wrong.

As a regular SALC volunteer, I'm used to seeing the auditorium full. Now I can say I've seen it packed. Not everyone from the alley came, but two bowling sites merging into one party made for a lively crowd. Popcorn, snacks, and

"liquid inhibition lowerers" (yes, beer and wine) were flowing.

Across the front of the stage sat the raffle prizes, donated by generous sponsors. The star attraction seemed to be a new iPad, but honestly every prize was worth the price of a ticket.

Then came the part that's hard to describe unless you were there. Awards for top fundraisers, then bowling awards. Every announcement brought cheers and applause. The crowd was fully locked in. In those moments, the sense of Momiji's community washed over me. Everyone had spent their Saturday not just bowling but raising funds for Momiji. The atmosphere was electric—one big family enjoying the day together.

Raffle prizes wrapped things up again with cheers for every winner. I'll admit some ticket boxes may have been mixed up, but nobody seemed to mind. It was all for a good cause.

Next year? Will I be asked to take photos again, or will I try to bowl and fundraise? Maybe both. We'll see. And if you didn't get involved this year, get up off that recliner and join us. ■



Above: Teams Markham Kodomo, Markham Otona, and Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (Markham Pink).



Left: Bowlers, volunteers, and Bowlathon Committee members enjoying some beer back at Momiji before dinner.

(Photos by Harry Tonogai.)

Momiji would like to thank all the bowlers, sponsors and volunteers for helping to raise over \$90,000 – a new record!

Platinum Maple Presenting Sponsor (\$10,000)



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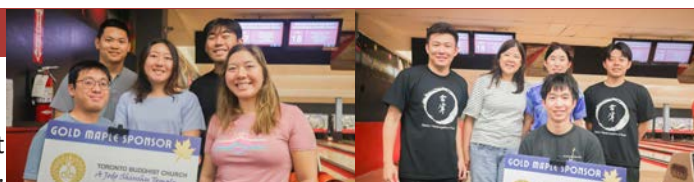
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A Jodo Shinshu Temple

The Toronto Buddhist Church teams.



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Orange Maple Community Sponsors (\$200)

Dawna Kobayashi – “In Loving Memory of Tak & Polle Nishino.”

Monk and Fudge Tanaka – “With thanks.”

Donna Tsuji and Michael Jackman – “In Memory of Ryan Moses.”

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The lucky winner of the iPad, donated by Trane, from the Bowlathon raffle! (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



Harry taken by Brian!



Brian taken by Harry!



Momiji team members and staff Yuka and Eugene with Marty Kobayashi (centre). (Photo by Brian Mahoney.)



Fundraising Activities

MOMIJI'S 2027 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

The Kimono Remake Project Fashion Showcase

March 13th

After gracing other events with showcases of their creations, The Kimono Remake Project will hold its own event in 2027. Primarily using fabric from damaged kimono, the Remake volunteers give a new life to materials with their one-of-a-kind fashion pieces.

Momo Anime Event

April 3rd & 4th

Previously known as Momo Anime Market, Momo Anime Event will return in 2027 at the beginning of April! Young or old, casual or hardcore fan, all are welcome to come connect with new friends, shop from local vendors, and learn about the Japanese culture behind your favourite manga and anime.

Japonica

May 15th & 16th

There is no better event for vintage, second-hand Japanese goods, such as kimono, dishes, dolls, games, and so much more. Our knowledgeable volunteers ensure guests can find something special to buy, and something interesting to learn too!

Momiji Bowlathon

June 19th

It's the Bowlathon's Golden Birthday! Join us on June 19th for Momiji's 19th Bowlathon! Assemble a team and raise money for our seniors by collecting sponsorships. Bowlers of any age and skill level are encouraged to join the fun! Even non-bowlers can participate by sponsoring a team!

Momiji Gala

September 18th

We will be holding a Momiji Gala at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, honouring the Momiji founders and serving our seniors. Keep an eye out for more information on the Momiji Gala in early 2027.

Momiji Bazaar

October 2nd

Our oldest fundraising event is staying in the autumn for 2027, where 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 27th

Just in time for gift-giving season, our Holiday Market returns for its fifth 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



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HALFSIES WILL RETURN...

This past June, we presented another lucky winner with her prize money from a Momiji Halfsies 50/50 Raffle! Eiko Terashita was happily in attendance at the June Lug-a-Mug where we made our announcement, and it was our pleasure to present her with a small certificate to confirm her prize. The cheque for \$1,172 was presented the very next week!

Our next Halfsies will be an autumn one, with tickets for sale at the Momiji Bazaar on October 3rd and Holiday Market on November 28th, plus online from late September to early December! We've had a Summer Halfsies, Holiday Halfsies in the winter, and Spring Halfsies, so the upcoming Fall Halfsies will be rounding out the seasons.

We encourage everyone eligible to buy tickets online or in person at our fundraising events. In doing so, you support Momiji by helping contribute to the jackpot, half of which goes to Momiji! Every ticket you buy increases your chances of being our next winner this coming December! ■



Winner Eiko with her freshly won certificate at June Lug-a-Mug! (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

JAPANESE CANADIAN LEGACIES SOCIETY

JAPANESE CANADIAN MONUMENT OPENING

The Japanese Canadian Monument will be unveiled in Victoria with a nation-wide livestream on October 3 attended by survivors. The Monument will be open to all beginning October 4 with a series of guided tours on October 4, 5, 6, and 7. We look forward to welcoming survivors, descendants, and their families to this place of memory, reflection, and healing.

Invitation to Survivors

The short October 3 event is open to survivors who are able to attend in Victoria. Contact opening@jclegacies.com for more details. As space is extremely limited, we encourage survivors and their families to sign up for the guided tours listed above.

Due to the expected high attendance at the October 3 event, we encourage survivors to consider their own comfort and safety. Viewing parties are being organized in different communities across the country to provide a comfortable experience. The opening ceremony will be live-streamed, and a highlight video will be shared, showing all 100 panels and the building of the monument. A complimentary lunch will be served and a special commemorative book listing all names will be given to attendees.

• TORONTO, ON (Momiji & JCCC)

For more information on Toronto viewing parties at Momiji Health Care Society and the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC), please visit the [JCCC website](http://jccc.ca).

• NANAIMO, BC (7 Potatoes)

Contact: Tami Hirasawa info@sevenpotatoes.ca

• EDMONTON, AB (EJCA)

Contact: Sanae Ohki events@ejca.org

• CALGARY, AB (CJCA)

Contact: Roger Teshima rogerteshima@shaw.ca

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Contact: Deanna Oye deanna.oye@uleth.ca

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Contact: Marlene Mori mmori@mymts.net

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CLOSING OUT THE SURVIVORS FUND WITH GRATITUDE

With deep gratitude and respect, we mark the closing of the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund. More than 5,000 Survivors were supported through this initiative. It honours a generation whose strength and resilience continue to shape our community.

This milestone is not just an ending, but a legacy of care, dignity, and remembrance. Read the full story and acknowledgements [here on the JCLS website](http://jcls.ca).

We extend our deepest gratitude and kansha (感謝) to all who made this possible.

日系カナダ人レガシー協会

日系カナダ人記念碑除幕式

10月3日にビクトリアで日系カナダ人記念碑の除幕式が日系生存者の出席のもと開かれます。除幕式は全カナダにライブ配信されます。記念碑のガイドツアーが10月4日、5日、6日、7日に行われます。日系カナダ人レガシー協会は、この追憶と回想、癒しの場所に生存者、子孫、その家族の方々が訪れるのを歓迎し楽しみにしています。

生存者をご招待

10月3日ビクトリアで、短時間な除幕式に出席できる生存者の方はEmailでopening@jclegacies.comまでご連絡ください。上記のガイドツアーには人数制限がありますので、生存者と家族の方々には前もって登録することをお勧めします。

10月3日の除幕式では多数の出席者が予想されるため、生存者の方々はご自分が安全で快適に過ごせるように考慮して出席してください。

また、当日は全カナダの各コミュニティの会場で大型スクリーンによる除幕式の現地中継が観られます。さらに、100のパネルや記念碑の建築について短く編集したビデオも観られます。出席者にはランチが無料で提供され、全ての氏名の載った記念本が配られます。

• オンタリオ州 トロント (モミジ & JCCC)

トロントの会場はモミジ・ヘルスケア・ソサエティと日系文化会館。情報はJCCCのウェブサイト。

• BC州 ナナイモ (7 Potatoes)

連絡先: タミ・ヒラサワ Info@sevenpotatoes.ca

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生存者の健康と福祉基金感謝と共に終了

5,000人以上の生存者の方々を支援した「日系カナダ人生存者の健康と福祉基金」は感謝の気持ちと敬意を込めて終了とします。同基金は困難に耐え、再起して日系社会を築いてきた世代に栄誉を捧げます。

今回のマイルストーンは今後も、尊敬と尊厳、追憶の歴史として残ります。本プロジェクトに協力された全ての方々に深く感謝しています。

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by ジュールズ・ナカモト
催し物／コミュニケーション
ンアシスタント、夏季スタッフ

今年7月の「ボランティア感謝会」では、モミジを今日まで支えてきたボランティアの方々の貢献を祝福しました。テーマは「夏祭り」。216人もの出席者が素敵な夏の装いで参加し、会場はお祭りの雰囲気一杯でした。ゲストはカラフルな提灯が飾られた玄関で歓迎を受け、楽しいアクティビティと素敵な賞品、飲食物を楽しみました。お祭りの定番チョコバナナやかき氷、日本の夏の飲み物が並びました。千本引き、ヨーヨー釣り、紙飛行機などのゲームの賞品はハイチューキャンディ、姫丸せんべい、スターバックスのギフトカード。この最初の1時間のために会場の飾りつけ、ゲストの歓迎、出店の切り盛りをしたボランティア、学生、職員、理事会の皆様へ感謝します。

そして、ゲストの着席とともに素晴らしいパフォーマンスの開演です。最初はモミジの夏期学生のレン・デイルさんによるセレナーデ。ゲストの方々にはモミジのマルサン・レストランのお弁当が出ました。次にボランティアのアツコ・アベタさんとツバサ・ウォンさんの演出による歌とダンスが客席を魅了しました。そして、ケーキ、フルーツ、お団子、わらび餅のデザートのは授賞式。長年モミジに多くの貢献をしたボランティアの方々の中から、今年は以下の方々を受賞しました。

- ・サンドラ・ナスさん (5年)
- ・イボンヌ・ジャンセンさん (10年)
- ・ジェネット・チェンさん (10年)
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- ・ボブ・ニシカワさん (15年)
- ・タカコ・モロサワさん (20年)
- ・ユタカ・チバさん (20年)
- ・ゲイル・アイホシさん (25年)

最後は、盆踊りの指導者エイジャ・シミズさんとジョイス・シモダ＝ムーアさんの「太鼓節」で閉会です。この日、ゲストの方々は暖かい歓迎と美味しい食事を楽しみ、帰属意識が強まっ

たことと思います。今年の「ボランティア感謝会」はいつまでも記憶に残るような会となりました。職員とボランティアの方々は、閉会后、来年の会をさらに素晴らしくしたいと考え始めています。

マイルストーン誕生日
特別なお誕生日おめでとうございます
(2026年2月15日～7月31日)

- モミジシニアレジデンス
- ・キミコ・ローズ・アイホシさん (103歳)
 - ・デイビッド・アズマさん (100歳)
 - ・ヨシコ・ジーン・ゴトウさん (101歳)
 - ・ジョージ (タケシ) ナカノさん (100歳)
 - ・トクギ・スヤマさん (100歳)

おくやみ
ご遺族の皆様へ心よりお悔やみを申し上げます (2026年2月15日～8月7日にご逝去)

- モミジシニアレジデンス
- ・ヤスコ・アカサカさん
 - ・アイコ・アメモリさん
 - ・レイ (ヨシフミ) アリマさん
 - ・スー (シズエ) キシモトさん
 - ・ミヨ・ナカムラさん
 - ・モトコ・ニシデラさん
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クリスの部屋
by クリストファー・コバヤシ＝レイド
財務・運営部長

はじめに、恒例ボウラソンを大きく支えたボウラソン委員会、寄付者、ボランティア、モミジ利用者、出店者、コミュニティの皆様へ心よりお礼を申し上げます。ボウリングが好きで毎年、ボウラソンの準備を楽しみにしている私は、今回の大成功に感激しました。

私は昨年、コミュニティの皆様や利用者の方々と話した機会をもとに「モミジについて、よくある質問に答えよう」という記事を書きました。それが

好評だったので今回も続けます。今後ともご質問があれば気軽に私に尋ねてください。

Q: 入居申請しても待ちリストが長く、申請の意味がありますか？
A: この点は最近の幹部会議でも議題になっています。一言で言うと「試してみなければわからない」です。待ちリストは毎日のように変わります。あなたの入居の可能性は時間と必要性に基づいています。待ちリストの中には、入居が必要に迫られていなくても将来に備えている方が沢山います。待ちリストに名前を載せていて、順番が来た時にまだ入居の必要がなければ断ることもできます。入居が必要になってから申請して待ちリストの最後になるよりも良いと思います。あなたが申請して入居への関心を示せば、モミジはあなたと繋がりを持つことができ、他のプログラムを紹介し、待つ間の支援を提供したいと願っています。

Q: モミジで働いて最も良いと思う点は？
A: この質問を選んだのは、最近、一部の求人が難しかったからです。モミジでは勤続年数の長い職員が沢山います。モミジ独特の良さがあるからです。最も良い点の一つは、通常の職務以外にも貢献できる仕事があることです。例えば、シニアの方々に年に何回か料理をして感謝の気持ちを伝えられます。それに、モミジセンターは素晴らしい施設です。職員は利用者の方々を家族のように大切にしています。利用者の方々は職員に感謝の気持ちを示してくれます。

Q: シニア支援事業の仕事で感じるフラストレーションは？
A: 私はシニア層が最も正当に評価されていない層だと思います。シニア支援事業は企業のスポンサーをはじめ、助成金や、その他の資金援助を得ることが非常に難しい。モミジのコミュニティケア事業も保健省から軽視されがちです。幸いに日系社会による支援でシニアの方々にケアを提供できています。

モミジ・アットホーム 在宅ケアのコミュニティ支援 PSWに聞く

by ミホ・キムラ
サポートサービス部
アシスタントマネージャー

この8年間モミジ@ホームは、シニアの方々が自宅で安全に、快適に、自立した生活を送れるように援助してきました。ここで、実際にサービスを提供する二人のベテランPSW（パーソナルサポートワーカー）の声を紹介します。皆様にPSWの観点や介護経験を知っていただき、シニアとその家族の方々に寄り添うモミジ@ホームのサポートについてご理解いただければと願っています。

ケアを通して繋がる

by ミドリ・デイル

私はモミジ@ホームで8年半以上、働いていますが、毎日が新鮮に感じられます。

私の職務は利用者の方が身体的、精神的、社会的に良好な生活を送れるようにサポートすることで、軽食の準備、軽い運動や歩行の介助、服薬確認、家事の介助などがあります。最もやりがいを感じるのは、利用者の方の興味とライフスタイルに寄り添ったサポートをすることです。これまで多くの利用者の方々と思い出に残るアクティビティをしてきました。カラオケ、タップダンス、盆踊り、百人一首など。アクティビティを通して利用者の方が幼い頃のことや大切にしてきた趣味を思い出す様子を見ると嬉しくなります。

一つの忘れられない経験を紹介します。うつ状態でほとんど話さない利用者の方がいました。ある日、私は彼女の自宅で歌の本を見つけ、懐かしい歌を歌ってみました。すると、驚いたことに彼女と一緒に歌い始めたのです。その時から一緒に歌を歌うのが習慣となり、やがて彼女は古いアルバムの写真を見ながら話をしてくれました。彼女の笑顔が戻ったのを見て、交友がいかに意義のあることかを強く感じました。

また、利用者の中には、私がバス停に到着する姿を自宅の窓から、あるいはロビーに入る姿をカメラから見てくれる方々がいます。部屋から靴も履かずに出てエレベータの前で待つてくれ

る方もいます。私の訪問を楽しみにしてくれる人がいる。私を見て嬉しそうな表情を見せてくれる。私と一緒に時間を楽しみにしてくれる。モミジ@ホームで働いて大きな満足感を得られます。

モミジ@ホームの最大の長所は文化的な理解だと思っています。日本で暮らしたことのない利用者の方や日本語を話さない方でも、育った環境や価値観、文化、アイデンティティは本当に日本的です。幼い頃の親の教え、懐かしい歌、文化的な基準、伝統などを通して昔の思い出が蘇ることが明るい笑顔の生活を支えると思います。シニアの方々の尊厳が重んじられ、心地良い、笑顔の溢れる生活を支援できて私は光栄に感じます。

心のこもったシニアサポート

by ユミ・タカギ

私はモミジ@ホームで8年以上、働いています。職務は身の回りの世話や、食事の準備、医療診察の付き添い、日常の様々な作業の援助です。利用者の方にとって楽しい意義のあるアクティビティを考えるのも好きです。一緒に歌を歌い、カードゲームをします。YouTubeの頭の体操や、天気の良い日は庭作業で時間を過ごします。利用者の方の興味や能力に合わせたアクティビティを選びます。

仕事で最もやりがいを感じるのは、利用者やその家族の方々との関係が築かれることです。文化的背景や言語の共有が信頼と理解を助けていると思います。私は心地よさと安心を提供できる時に深い満足感を得ます。また、利用者の方々の人生経験、知恵、お話から多くを学びます。

ケアの提供には寄り添う優しさとプロ意識のバランスが必要です。関係が築かれると利用者の方は私を家族のように感じてくれます。敬意を込めて安全で質の高いケアを提供しながら、プロとして適切な心の距離感を保つことが重要です。利用者の方のニーズの変化に応じて、私は家族の方々と関わりながら適切なサポートができるように心がけています。

私は全ての利用者の方々に敬意を込め、興味を持ち、誠実なお世話をします。時として小さな親切が大きな違いをもたらします。私は一人一人の方が「尊重され、話を聞いてもらえて、支援されている」と感じられるサービスを

目標にしています。

モミジ@ホームは、シニアの方々が日本語で文化的背景の配慮されたケアを受けながら自宅で快適に暮らせるように支援します。このサービスの存在を日系社会のもっと多くの方々に知っていただき、シニアとその家族の方々に良い影響が及ぶことを願っています。

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モミジ@ホームではユミさんとミドリさんのような献身的なPSWが思いやりのある、文化的背景を配慮したケアを提供し、シニアの方々が自宅やコミュニティで大切にしている生活を送れるように支援します。

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by 稲葉 ちかげ

クライアント・インターベンション
プログラムワーカー (CIPW)

クライアントインターベンションチームが主催する、2か月に1回のケアギバーサポートグループ。通常は対面とオンラインを組み合わせたハイブリッド形式で開催していますが、7月は年に一度の対面のみの開催としました。

当初はモミジの美しいバックヤードで開催する予定でしたが、数日前に発生した大規模な森林火災の影響でエアクオリティが悪化したため、急きょ屋内での開催となりました。

私たちのグループは通常、半数以上がオンラインで参加されるため、実際にモミジへ足を運べる方は多くありません。今回の参加者は6名でした。しかし年に一度、対面開催にこだわるのには理由があります。介護者の多くは、ご自身の時間を後回しにしながら日々介護に向き合っています。だからこそ、この日だけは介護から離れ、自分自身のための時間を過ごし、仲間（peer）と楽しいひとときを共有していただきたいと私たちは願っています。

当日は、お互いを知るためのゲー

ムを楽しんだり、参加者の皆さんが持ち寄ってくださったお菓子や、私たちが用意した軽食を囲みながら笑顔で温かい時間を過ごすことができました。

また、嬉しいお知らせとして、これまでこのケアギバーサポートグループは、6週間のPowerful Tools For Caregivers (PTC) ワークショップを修了した方を対象としてきましたが、今後は対象を広げ、より多くの介護者の皆さんにご参加いただける場へと発展させていきます。

そして9月17日からは、オンラインでのPTCが再び始まります。新たな介護者の皆さんとの出会いを楽しみにしながら、お互いに支え合える関係を育んでいければと思います。そして来年7月のサポートグループ対面限定開催では、今年以上に多くの方がご自身のための時間を過ごしにモミジの”バックヤードへ!” 集ってくださることを願っています。

桜茶はいかがですか

by ミサ・バーロー
GTAウエスト, 地域連携
プログラムワーカー

今年の5月、ミシサガのコミュニティ会食では、日本の伝統的な桜茶が出され、初めて飲んだ方も多く、皆が楽しみました。

日本で桜茶は祝事や特別な機会に出されます。塩漬けにした桜の花の上に熱湯を注いだ桜茶を飲み、人々は春を感じます。会食ではボランティアの方が自宅の八重桜の花を分けてくださり、ささやかな春のお祝いができました。

お湯の中でゆっくり開いた桜は部屋中に優しい香りを漂わせ、どのテーブルでも自然に会話が生まれ、笑顔で話が進みました。

ランチの後は、日本語と英語による「懐かしのメロディ」をボランティアのギターリストの方の演奏と共に楽しみました。皆の笑い声や笑顔、音楽で心温まる繋がりとなりました。このような楽しい時間を共有することがコミュニティ会食の意義の一つです。

モミジのコミュニティ会食は食事を楽しむだけではありません。文化的経験や様々なアクティビティを通してシニアの方々が一緒に楽しい時間を過

ごす機会です。その中で役に立つ情報が交換され、会話が進み、皆が繋がります。

コミュニティ会食プログラムを支援する寄付者やボランティアの方々、特技で支援するの方々、そして参加者の方々に感謝しています。

この先も多くの会食で集い、一緒に楽しみ、思い出を作りましょう。皆様の参加をお待ちしています。来年の春の桜茶をお楽しみに。

コミュニティ会食について
の一般的なお問い合わせは
communityservices@momiji.on.ca
まで。ミシサガ、オークビル、ハミルトンのコミュニティ会食ウェストはccdwest@momiji.on.caまで。

トロント仏教会とモミジ 歴史ある関係

by アビー・サカモト
モミジボランティア

トロント仏教会はダッファリン通りとシェパード通りが交差する地域に所在しています。近くでは消防車のサイレンが鳴り、子供が公園で遊び、バス停では人の流れが常にあります。このような日常の中にありながら、トロント仏教会は仏教の教えだけでなく、日本の伝統や歴史、文化とコミュニティを大切に守っています。

1947年に設立したトロント仏教会はカナダで最初の、最大規模の日系仏教寺院です。第二次大戦後、強制収容所から移動した日系カナダ人は集う場所を必要としました。トロントの日系社会は絆が強く、多くの組織が自然と長い関係を築き上げてきました。モミジとトロント仏教会は「尊厳、敬意、慈悲、コミュニティ」といった同じ価値観を通して、「伝統を継承し、全ての人を歓迎し、コミュニティの変化に対応する」という共通の目標に取り組んでいます。両者の関係は相互に有益です。例えばトロント仏教会の催し物や法会に参加できないシニアの方々のために開教使がモミジを訪問します。橋本師のような開教使の果たす役割は非常に大きいです。

長い間、トロント仏教会の開教使は月に一度、日曜日にモミジで法会を提供しながら居住者の方々を個人的にも支えてきました。橋本師は読経の後

お茶の時間に加わり親交を深めます。日英両語で行われるので、居住者の方々は自己表現のできる環境で精神的サポートが得られます。交友が深まり、繋がりができます。橋本師は次のように話します「私にとって最も忘れられない瞬間は、読経が居住者の方々に思い出を甦らせる時です。普段はあまり話さない人が一緒にお経を唱えてから、以前に通った寺院の話を始めたりします」。そんな時、橋本師はモミジとトロント仏教会の関係の重要性を改めて感じるそうです。多くの人にとって仏教は信仰だけでなく、人生、家族、思い出、文化的アイデンティティに繋がっています。このような時間はモミジが居住者の方々の健康を支援する上で大きな力になります。

日系社会に深く根ざす組織としてモミジとトロント仏教会は、長い時間を経て強い関係を築き上げてきました。モミジのコミュニティーサービスマネージャーのジョベル・パトリシオ職員は次のように話します「トロント仏教会の開教使は、以前はコミュニティとの関わりで時折、援助をしてきましたが、現在では定期的な訪問、法会、催し物に携わっています。こうして彼らはモミジの居住者との信頼関係を築いてきました」。モミジの催し物でも、橋本師はモモアニメ・イベントでアニメ「鬼滅の刃」を使って仏教の101の教えを表現したほか、紅白歌合戦では審査員を務めました。トロント仏教会は第18回ボウラソンのゴールドスポンサーになり、2チームが参加し、\$80,000以上もの募金を達成しました。どの催し物でも、様々な人々が年齢や経歴に関係なく安心して交流し共に時間を過ごします。

トロント仏教会とモミジでは、多くの人が高齢化の不安を抱えています。提携関係の一環として、橋本師はモミジの月例会に参加して、職員と共に居住者の方々のニーズを話し合い、気づいたことを共有し、この先必要とされるサービスを明確化します。橋本師は葬儀や日曜日の法会で忙しくモミジに来る頻度が限られている中で、彼の視点から精神的なケアを増やす必要があると考えています。居住者の方々は高齢化に不安を抱くものの、支援を求める方法を知らなかったり躊躇したりします。さらに、多くの病院では仏教が少数的宗教であるため開教使によるサービスを提供していません。その観点で橋本師はコミュニティの人々のため

に変化をもたらしたいと願っています。開教師が増えれば居住者の方々が精神的なケアやサポートをもっと容易に受けられるでしょう。トロント仏教会とモミジは共に取り組みながら、コミュニティの強化を助け、健康な高齢化を支援し、文化を配慮したケアによる身体的で情緒的、精神的な健康を促進します。

モミジの家族が増えました

7月にコミュニティサービス部アシスタントマネジャーのシヴォンさんと夫のデイビッドさんに元気な赤ちゃんダイヴオンちゃんが生まれました。二人にとって初めての子供です。お二人とご家族に、心よりお祝いを申し上げます。

シヴォンさんの育児休暇中はムナ・サラド職員がアシスタントマネージャ代理を務めます。ムナさんの昇進を祝し活躍をご期待ください。

歓迎 & 歓送

2026年2月1日付で採用された新入職員を歓迎します。

- ・ジーナ・フラデス (PSW)
- ・サマス・イランガラネ (教育／賃貸プログラムワーカー)
- ・イズミ・イノウエ (PSW)
- ・セイカ・カミノ (PSW)
- ・プラティクシャ・カーマチャーヤ (PSW)
- ・ラソッド・スワリハ (PSW)

2026年2月1日付で退職した職員です。今後の活躍を祈っています。

- ・サントウワナ・カンドル (PSW)
- ・シオリ・マツオカ (PSW)
- ・カナコ・オガサワラ (PSW)
- ・ビマラ・シルパカー (PSW)
- ・ミシェル・モセニョス (PSW)

資本プロジェクト報告

by カロリナ・ヤマシタ
シニアレジデンス
環境管理部マネージャー

今年度、モミジレジデンスは建物の安全性・信頼性・効率性を強化するために幾つかの主要な資本的改善を実施してきました。

今年度初期には居住者の方々への確実な給湯のために、温水ボイラーを

新しい高効率のユニットに交換。また、水道設備では水質と安全のために逆流防止器も交換しました。

現在は空調ユニットの交換が進んでいます。共用場所の空気圧温度制御システムは新しい電子制御システムに交換の予定。この改善で建物のHVAC（暖房・換気・空調）の信頼性が高まります。

さらに、今年は屋根からの漏水を防ぐ防水設備も取り替える予定です。

モミジ職員、居住者、寄付者、ボランティアの皆さま ありがとうございます

by マイリン・ハン＝コールマン
ドーセットパーク公立学校教諭

この4年間、モミジはドーセットパーク公立学校との世代間プログラムを通して笑顔と喜びの溢れる幸せな時間を共有し、マイリン・ハング教諭と生徒達との友情関係を築いてきました。彼らは5月22日に開催された「アジア文化継承の月」に参加できなかったものの、モミジ居住者の方々と生徒達の間の絆は強く残り続けています。モミジを訪問する生徒達の交通手段の募金活動に協力した皆様に感謝しています。訪問の日が早く来るように願っています。以下は、マイリン教諭からのメッセージです。

親愛なるモミジの皆様へ

4年前の4月、私は夫のライアンと共にモミジを訪れました。その日は朝鮮戦争退役軍人の友人の聖歌隊がコロナ禍以来、初めて対面で合唱しました。90歳を過ぎた友人は参加できませんでしたが、代わりに私達が出席しました。最前列に座り2時間、幸せな時間を過ごしモミジのプログラムの素晴らしさに感激しました。

そこで私はシニア・アクティブ・リビングセンターのコーディネータのユキさんに、私の生徒達とモミジの間に繋がりを築きたいと申し出ました。ユキさんをはじめ職員やボランティアの方々のおかげで、それが実現し、素晴らしい関係が今日まで続いています。モミジとドーセットパークは楽しくて心温まる時間を生み出したのです。

私達は仕事でも個人的にも素晴らしい協力関係と友人関係を築きました。この4年間でモミジとハミングバードの小さなチームは力強く成長しました。何ページにも書かれた生徒やボランティアの方々の証言で示されたのは「若い人達と気持ちが若い人達の間、心からの敬意、思いやり、愛情がある」というテーマです。

それゆえに、今年は「アジア文化継承の月」に参加できず残念に思います。生徒達はモミジのために9月から歌の練習をしてきました。モミジのシニアの方々と過ごして、普段の生活でも思いやりと喜びの意義を習得するようになりました。

交流のために熱心に関わる職員、ボランティア、演者の皆様に感謝しています。私が活動を通して親しくなった人々も、モミジ独特の優れたプログラムや、素晴らしいシニアの方々について話してくれました。安らぎと相互理解、文化の尊重、最高の美德を通して共に育まれたものは誰にとっても明白です。私はこの関係をありがたく感じます。

交流会の計画を続けるモミジの職員とボランティアの皆様、モミジとドーセットパーク公立学校の交流を支える募金活動の企画者、寄付者の皆様にお礼を申し上げます。

優先事項が変わり資金調達が困難になる中で、生徒達の交通手段をご援助いただき、そのご尽力に感謝します。

学年末となり、私は生徒や両親のボランティアと共にモミジとの繋がりで得た友情と影響を思い起こしています。沢山の楽しい思い出に感謝しています。モミジの皆様を忘れることはありません。再び訪問して楽しい時間を共有したいです。それまで、お元気で。良い夏をお過ごしください。

喜び、感謝、敬意を込めて

マイリン・ハン＝コールマン

パンケーキが つないでくれた幸せな朝

by Jimmy Kano
Momiji Tenant

年齢を重ねると、朝を楽しみに迎えられる日は、それだけで一日が明るくなるものだ。今朝は、モミジで開か

れるパンケーキ朝食会の日だった。

会場に近づくと、甘く香ばしいパンケーキの焼ける匂いが鼻をくすぐった。その香りだけで自然と足取りが軽くなり、胸が弾んだ。

七、八人掛けの丸テーブルが二十以上も並び、百八十人を超える参加者が朝食を楽しみに席に着いていた。会場は朝から活気にあふれ、あちらこちらで笑顔が広がっていた。

そのにぎわいを支えていたのは、モミジのスタッフをはじめ、地域のボランティアの皆さん、そして七、八人の学生さんたちだった。合わせて二十五、六人もの人たちが、料理を運び、お茶を注ぎ、笑顔で声を掛け合いながら忙しく働いていた。その姿を見ているだけで、この朝食会が多くの人の温かい心によって支えられていることが伝わってくる。

ステージでは、モミジではおなじみのジャズバンド「Ready for Success」のカルテットが軽快な演奏を披露していた。アップテンポのジャズが会場いっぱいに響き渡り、専属歌手のゾウイ・アダムスさんの伸びやかな歌声がさらに雰囲気盛り上げた。私たちも自然と手拍子を打ち、音楽に合わせて体を揺らした。朝から生演奏を楽しめるとは、何とも贅沢な時間だった。

やがて待ちに待った朝食が運ばれてきた。今日は相星・加藤家エンドウメント基金によるスポンサー付きの朝食会だった。お皿には、ふんわり焼き上げられた大きなパンケーキに、香ばしいソーセージとこんがり焼けたポテトが彩りよく盛り付けられていた。見るからにおいしそうで、思わず笑みがこぼれた。一口食べると、パンケーキのやさしい甘さが口いっぱいに広がった。

温かい料理を囲みながら、隣の席の人と話が弾み、あちらこちらから笑い声が聞こえてきた。食事はお腹を満たすだけではない。同じ時間を分かち合い、語り合い、笑い合うことで、心まで満たされるものだと思えて感じた。

周りを見渡すと、どのテーブルにも満足そうな笑顔があった。久しぶりに会った友人と話に花を咲かせる人、音楽に合わせて手拍子をする人、おいしそうにパンケーキを頬張る人。それぞれが思い思いに朝のひとときを楽しんでいた。

この朝食会は、ただ食事をするだけの催しではなかった。人と人とのつながりを深め、地域の温かさを感じることでできる大切な時間だった。こうした機会があることは本当にありがたい。

準備をしてくださったスタッフやボランティアの皆さん、学生さんたち、そして温かいご寄付をくださった相星さん、加藤さんのご家族に心から感謝したい。

実に楽しい朝食会だった。こんな朝食会なら、いつでも大歓迎だ。

お腹も心も満たされ、ウキウキした幸せな気分でレジデンスの部屋へ戻った。

ニンマリと 笑顔かさなる パンケーキ

イーホン・ウォーカソン チームモミジによるシニア支援

by ブライアン・カイ
ボウラソンメンバー & 寄付者

モミジ・ヘルスケア・ソサエティとイーホン老人ケアセンターの提携関係は20年以上も続いています。スカーボロのイーホン・フィンチ施設の棟の一部は日系人のために指定されています。モミジの居住者で移った方も多くいます。モミジとイーホンはシニアのプログラムを共有し相互支援をしています。昨年はモミジが初めてイーホン・ウォーカソンの慈善パートナーになりました。ウォーカソンの登録費はイーホンに払いますが、「チーム・モミジ」による募金は、わずかな事務手数料を除いて全てモミジとコミュニティにおけるプログラムの資金になります。昨年のウォーカソンでチーム・モミジの参加者は20人で、\$10,000以上を集めました。

今年もイーホン・ウォーカソンに参加し、シニアのプログラムとシニアレジデンスの資金を集めます。「チーム・モミジ」の参加者をお待ちしています。ウォーカソンは9月26日（土）9:30amにミリケンパークで開催。当日、ウォーキングができない方も「チーム・モミジ」の参加者にご寄付をよろしくお願い申し上げます。皆様の

支援と共に目標額を達成したいと願っています。

ウォーキングの登録費は一人\$40。無料のイーホンTシャツ、バッグ、ランチが含まれます。楽しいアクティビティがあります。シニア（65歳以上）と子供（3～12歳）は一人 \$30。皆様の参加をお待ちしています。

ボウラソン

by ブライアン・マホニー
ボランティア & 寄付者

ある日「ブライアン、恒例のボウラソンでカメラマンが必要だが、興味がありますか？」と尋ねられた時、私は「今どきボウリング？ 誰がするのだろうか？」と思いながら引き受けた。自宅近くのボウリング場には、この38年間、一度も行ったことがない。私は昔、観た映画の“The Big Lebowski”やテレビの“Strikes, Spares, and Misses”を思い出しながら出かけた。

ボウリング場に着いたらモミジ最高運営責任者のユージンが到着したところだった。地下への階段は、まるで過去に戻るようだった。ボウリング場らしいカーベットに目が馴染んだ頃に、モミジ財務・運営部長のクリスやボウラソン委員会の人の姿が目に入ってきた。私は彼らにレーンの場所を尋ねた。

次々に参加者が入ってきた。チームのシャツを着ている人もいる。私はゲームの開始前にチームの集合写真を撮り始めた。皆が楽しそうだったので人見知りをする私でも、なんとか集合写真を撮れた。ハリーさんに言われてモミジのネックストラップを付けて行ったらよかったと思う。会場近くの道路の混雑で一部の参加者の到着が遅れ、チーム撮影に時間がかかったものの、全員の写真を撮影できた。

ゲームが進むにつれて音量が高まってくる。ボウリング自体の音も、特にボールがレーンを流れずに落ちる音は大きい。チームは一生懸命だった。ガターの時のほうがストライクの時よりも応援が大きいのは、皆がゲームに熱中していたからだと思う。プレーに真剣な人も遊んでいる人も誰もが楽しんでいた。

モミジらしく、参加者の年齢層も様

々で、子供はスライドを使ってボールを投げ、お年寄りはいくつと投げていた。

午後から音量が下がってきたのは、疲れてきたのか、スコアが気になったのか、応援で声がかれてしまったのか。ゲームの後はモミジセンターでお弁当が待っていた。その前に私は一旦、自宅に戻りゲームを振り返る。私のボウリングの最初の印象とは全く違っていた。

私はシニア・アクティブ・リビングセンターの定期的なボランティアなので、オーディトリウムが人で一杯になる様子を何回も見してきた。しかし、今回は今までにないほど会場が混んでいた。参加者全員が出席したわけでもないが、二つのボウリング場からの集まりで賑やかなパーティになった。ポップコーン、スナック、ビールとワインを楽しんだ。

ステージの前にはスポンサーからのラッフル賞品が並ぶ。皆の注目を浴びたiPadのほか、どれも価値ある賞品ばかり。

その後、会場が言葉では言い表せない雰囲気になる。ファンドレイジングとボウリングの受賞者の発表。誰もが一人一人の受賞者を称賛した。会場一杯に人が溢れる中、この時、私はモミジのコミュニティに包み込まれた。ボウラソンは土曜日のボウリングを楽しむだけでなく、モミジのファンドレイジングである。この雰囲気は衝撃的だった。一つの大きなファミリーが一日を共に楽しんでいた。

最後にラッフル賞を獲得した人への歓呼と共に集いが終わった。チケットボックスに混乱があったものの、苦情を言う人もなく、慈善を目的とした素晴らしいイベントだった。

来年、私は再びカメラマンの役を引き受けるのか。募金活動をするのか。両方かもしれない。まだ、ボウラソンに参加したことのない人は、ソファアから立ち上がって参加するよう、お勧めしたい。

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モミジは今回の参加者、スポンサー、ボランティアの皆様に感謝しています。収益は\$90,000という新記録を達成しました。

ファンドレイジング 2027年 カレンダー

モミジの2027年ファンドレイジングの予定です。皆様の参加をお待ちしています。

- ・着物リメイクプロジェクト
ファッションショー
3月13日(土)
- ・モモアニメ・イベント
4月3日(土) 4日(日)
- ・ジャポニカ
5月15日(土) 16日(日) :
- ・ボウラソン
6月19日(土)
- ・モミジ祝賀会 (於: 日系文化会館)
9月18日(土)
- ・モミジ・コミュニティバザー
10月2日(土)
- ・ホリデーマーケット
11月27日(土)

ハルユキ (ハリー) オカダ氏 素晴らしい人生

by ブライアン・マホニー
ボランティア & 寄付者

モミジのボランティアをしていると居住者の方に会ってお話を聞く機会があります。それは最高の時間です。最近、私はハルユキ (ハリー) オカダさんのインタビュー役になりました。その日の朝、彼は時間どおりに現れ、興味深い人生について生き生きと語ってくれました。

ハリーさんの人生は地図をたどります。上海で生まれて南京へ移り、そして日本。長崎では困難な時代を過ごし、その後、東京で働き、やがて新しい仕事と生活を目指してトロントに。

ハリーさんは上海で実母を失い長崎で義母に育てられたと躊躇なく話しました。長崎では戦後の食糧難のため空腹で辛い思いをしながら学校に通いました。その時の思い出が今でも彼につきまといまいます。父親の職業を中国語で書いてくれたハリーさん。英語が流暢な上に中国語もできるので、三つの言語が使えます。彼の父は上海、後に漢口の銀行に勤めました。彼と兄は中国で、二人の妹は日本で生まれました。

彼が東京で電子機器付属品の会社

で働いていた時に、カナダで営業代理をする機会が訪れます。ハリーさんは、当時の興奮を思い出して椅子からぐっと身を乗り出して話しました。彼はこのチャンスに飛びつきカナダに移りました。会社はヘッドホーンやスピーカー、他の付属品の販路をカナダに確立する人材を必要としていました。

仕事はミシサガを拠点にオンタリオ州南部、さらにモントリールまでの取引先を回ること。ステーションワゴンに商品を沢山載せて移動しながら、一件ごとに関係を築き上げました。

1990年代になると再び機会が訪れます。三菱重工業社がボンバーディエ社と提携関係を築き、カナダで技術者／通訳を探していました。再び、ハリーさんはこのチャンスに飛びつきました。ただ、英語力に不安を感じたそうです。しかし、インタビューで話す彼の英語は流暢で、三菱重工業社は良い人材を採用したと思います。

ハリーさんは子供を望んでいましたが夫婦の考えに相違があり、やがて離婚。カナダに残った彼を姪や甥が訪ねてきましたが、残念ながら、それも10年以上前の話です。

最近のハリーさんは何十年も前から始めた株式市場の投資に忙しいです。彼はよくアトリウムで新聞を読みながら市場の動向を追っています。彼の賢明で技能の高い投資のおかげで、モミジは多大なる寄付を頂きました。インタビューの最後に彼は「モミジで暮らせて幸運だと感じている」と話しました。ハリーさんの紆余屈折した人生を思うと、幸運だけでなく、彼には素晴らしい技能と知性があったと思います。私は彼に正直に言いました「モミジはハリーさんのような居住者に恵まれて幸運だ」と。

ハリーさんの多大なる寄付は、この先、居住者の方々の生活を向上させ、職員やボランティアの体制を強化します。寛大なお気持ちに感謝しています。

シニア・アクティビティ リビングセンター (SALC) 2026年 協賛の機会

モミジのSALCとは

SALCは通年のプログラム、特別催し物、文化的祝賀会、教育の機会、ソーシャル・アクティビティを通して、シニアの方々の健康を促進し、社会的孤立化を防ぎ、コミュニティとの繋がりを強くします。

残念ながら、昨今のコストの継続的な上昇に資金調達が追いつかない状態になり、この度、プログラムのスポンサーを個人や団体、企業の皆様から募ることとなりました。

皆様の協賛によるご支援があれば、シニアの方々に手頃な利用料で意義ある体験を提供し続けられます。2024財政年度にモミジセンターでは795人の利用者がSALCに50,000時間近く参加しました。

協賛による支援内容

- ・プログラムの実施と促進
- ・教育／健康のアクティビティ
- ・文化的／世代間の催し物
- ・プログラム供給品、参加者の交流
- ・手頃な利用料
- ・持続可能な事務の支援

SALCのパートナーになると

- ・シニアの方々の生活に有意義な違いをもたらします。
- ・社会的孤立化を減らし、健康なシニアライフを支援します。
- ・世代間の繋がりと文化継承を促進します。
- ・企業の社会的責任とコミュニティのリーダーシップを実践できます。
- ・モミジのシニアと家族の方々をはじめ介護者、ボランティア、コミュニティ支援者の方々から好意的な認知が得られます。



特別催し物 & 祝賀 会のスポンサー

スポンサー機会：
・敬老の日祝賀会
・世代間ホリデー祝賀会
・紅白歌合戦
・アジア継承祝賀会
・ひな祭り
・夏祭り

上記6つの機会



プログラムサポート スポンサー

スポンサー機会：
・朝のお茶会
・ジェイの日
・音楽とお茶
・特別な踊り
・特別な音楽の日のソーシャル

上記5つの機会



コミュニティフレ ンド・スポンサー

スポンサー機会：
・クラフト
・アートとお茶
・ジャパノロジー
・シニアのIT
・ビンゴ・ソーシャル
・その他

*多くの機会の中から、月ごとに1つのアクティビティを1社/1人のスポンサーが受け持つ

催し物 1 件につき
\$2,500

コミュニティへの影響
文化的祝賀会やコミュニティの催し物の支援は、シニアの方々の孤立化を減らし、世代間の絆を育む

認知

- ・催し物の標識や印刷物にスポンサー名やロゴを掲載
- ・催し物会場でスポンサーを紹介
- ・年2回のニュースレター・モミジマターズの1/3ページの記事または広告
- ・SNS上で認知
- ・デジタル版の寄付者芳名板に記載
- ・モミジマターズの寄付者リストに記載

各プログラム
\$1,000

コミュニティへの影響
プログラムは、人との交わり、健康維持、学びの機会を提供し、シニアの方々の生活の質を向上させる

認知

- ・プログラムの標識にスポンサー名やロゴを掲載
- ・プログラム会場でスポンサーを紹介
- ・年2回のニュースレター・モミジマターズの1/4の記事または広告
- ・SNS上で認知
- ・デジタル版の寄付者芳名板に記載
- ・モミジマターズの寄付者リストに記載

月ごとの各アクティビティ
\$250

コミュニティへの影響
全てのシニアの方々が手頃な利用料で、気軽に参加できるプログラムが維持できる

認知

- ・スポンサー名をアクティビティの標識に掲載
- ・アクティビティ会場でスポンサーを紹介
- ・デジタル版の寄付者芳名板に記載
- ・モミジマターズ寄付者リストに記載

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A REMARKABLE LIFE – HARUYUKI (HARRY) OKADA



By Brian Mahoney,
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Donor

One of the best perks of volunteering at Momiji is the chance to meet and share time with our residents. Recently I was asked to interview Haruyuki (Harry) Okada. On the morning, we met, Harry arrived right on time — full of energy and remarkable stories.

A map of Harry's travels in life would be a bit of a maze. Born in Shanghai, then to Nanjing, then on to Japan to live through some tough times in Nagasaki. Harry moved to Tokyo for work then eventually to Toronto for a new career as well as a new life.

Harry spoke candidly about losing his natural mother in Shanghai and being raised by his second mother in Nagasaki. He described the extreme hunger of post war Japan — going to school painfully hungry, a memory that still sits haunts him. Although his English is excellent, I was surprised when he wrote the name of his father's business in Chinese character so add communicating in three languages to Harry's long list of abilities. His father had worked in banking in Shanghai and later in Hankou, China. Harry and his older brothers were born in China; his two younger sisters were born in Japan.

Harry worked for an electronics accessory company in Tokyo. One day he was asked if he'd consider becoming their sales representative in Canada. When he told me this, he actually jumped in his chair as if reliving the moment, he leapt at the opportunity to come here. The company needed someone to establish Canadian distribution for their headphones, speakers, and other accessories.

His work took him from Mississauga to buyers across Southern Ontario and as far east as Montreal. He'd load up his station wagon and head out on the road, building relationships one visit at a time.

In the 1990s, another opportunity appeared. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries needed a technician/translator in Canada to support their new partnership with Bombardier. Once again, Harry jumped at the opportunity, even though he worried his English might not be strong enough. From our interview, it was obvious that Mitsubishi had chosen well.

Harry had hoped for children, but his wife did not share that wish, and the marriage eventually ended. He remained in Canada, with only occasional visits from nieces and nephews. Sadly, it has now been more than ten years since the last visit.

These days, Harry keeps himself busy studying the stock market — something he has followed for decades



Harry at Lug-a-Mug in 2024!
(Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

through newspapers and magazines. You can often find him in the atrium, reading the day's paper and keeping an eye on market trends. Thanks to his intelligence and skill as an investor, Momiji has benefited from a substantial gift that he arranged.

At the end of our interview, Harry told me he felt lucky to be at Momiji. As he said it, I found myself thinking about all the twists and turns in his life. There was lots of luck but also enormous skill and intelligence. When I told him that Momiji was lucky to have him as a resident, I meant it. ■

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Momiji is extremely grateful to Harry for making a significant gift that will enhance the lives of the Tenants, Staff and Volunteers in the coming years and for years to come. Thank you, Harry, for your generosity!

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