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MOMIJI'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Other than being the beginning of a new decade, 2020 began just like any other year – full of possibilities and new beginnings. Little did we realize how different this year would be.

It was mid-January when the Wuhan Novel “Coronavirus” (as it was first called) came to Momiji’s attention. Since this new health issue was of particular concern to seniors who might be vulnerable, Management sprang into action in order to keep tenants and their families, staff and community partners updated as information became available. A new Staff Management Committee was set up – the Pandemic Response Coordinating Committee. Weekly meetings were held to discuss the events as they unfolded and make decisions.

We immediately took stock of our pandemic supplies: Surgical and N95 masks, face shields, isolation gowns, latex gloves (in small, medium and large sizes), safety glasses, thermometers and of course hand sanitizer and tried to order what was needed to enhance our supply. The ordering proved to be a challenge since everyone tried to order at the same

time and supplies were limited.

In early March, as we drew closer to our annual Community Bazaar, where over 1,000 people would be welcomed into our building, it became apparent that it would not be safe. So the decision was made to postpone this event. Next came multiple cancellations including our Spring Festival, all Seniors Active Living Centre programs and Education classes, Momiji Café, Pastoral Care visits, non-urgent medical appointments, group excursions including weekly shopping trips to Metro, group physiotherapy and the closure of the hair salon. In addition to the cancellations, changes were made to our dining programs. Instead of being served in the Zero Sun Restaurant, meals were

delivered to tenants’ apartments as were Western Lunches. And Friendly Visits became phone visits rather than in-person.

Several infection control measures were put in place regarding staffing. The number of staff working on site each day was reduced to minimize the risk. If Momiji had a case of the coronavirus, the staff working on site at the time would have to self-quarantine but the other

half of the staff would still be able to work. So work from home “WFH” (two days per week) became the norm.

Staff, particularly those who were available because their jobs had been affected by the COVID cancellations or changes, were redeployed to tackle new tasks including Lobby Screening, Grocery shopping for the tenants and Lunch and Dinner Sorting. Staff also helped Support Service and Maintenance with current, albeit greatly enhanced tasks. Daily Health Checks were conducted by those who worked from home, and staff on site helped with increased sanitization.

At first, our PSWs who were at greatest risk were the only ones to wear masks
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Mickey Kaneko

RESPONSE (cont'd)

but as the threat of the virus increased and as health advice evolved, it became necessary for all staff and tenants to wear masks. Our usual “Open Door” policy was changed to “No Mask, No Entry” all in an effort to keep our tenants and staff safe. We are thankful to the hundreds of Momiji and community volunteers who stepped up and made masks for non-front line staff and tenants so that the medical masks could be saved for staff who were at threat the most. These handmade masks also helped keep our costs of the PPE under control. We have been very fortunate to receive some government funding to help with these additional costs of the PPE and to provide a pandemic pay top-up to Momiji employees.

In addition to our mask makers helping Momiji, some other wonderful things happened. We received words of encouragement from local school children. We started receiving unsolicited donations from our family of supporters to help with these unexpected costs, usually in appreciation of our PSWs. A Momiji couple and their family took this a step further and started their own PPEs for Momiji PSWs Campaign. Volunteers baked treats for our tenants, who were confined to their apartments. As well, a local bowling pro shop with a history of supporting Momiji held a raffle for Momiji to help with the cost of PPE.

Knowing how important it was for many of our frail tenants to have some social interaction and some exercise, our



Elissa, one of our Lobby Screeners
Photo by: Caitlin Kaneko

Senior Active Living Centre staff started a one-to-one Walk and Chat program in May. This allowed our tenants to safely come out of their apartments under the watchful eye of trained staff.

In June, it became apparent that postponing our events in the hopes of holding them this Fall was not a viable option so our Board of Directors and staff made the difficult decision to officially cancel all Momiji fundraising events for 2020. This cancellation means a loss of \$120,000. This is in addition to the cancellation of the volunteer run Momiji Café which provides almost \$14,000 per year to our Seniors Active Living Program. This will be a huge hit for our tightly run organization.

Things started looking a little brighter in July. Following public health's recommendations, we were slowly able to start opening things up. The hair salon, under

strict infection control measures, was able to reopen, much to the delight of many of our tenants. And foot care / physiotherapy services began to be delivered on a one-to-one basis. We were also fortunate to have staff from the Scarborough Health Network come to Momiji to test tenants and staff for COVID-19. Over 180 tests were conducted and we are pleased to say that Momiji was COVID free.

As for the future, as you will read, we are preparing for a “New Normal”. We will continue to follow public health guidance as we open up our building a little more and we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely.

Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping our seniors safe. We look forward to the day when we can safely welcome the community back into our building.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: The Executive Director's Musings



The World Health Organization (WHO) defines a “Pandemic” as “The worldwide spread of a new disease for which most people do not have immunity.”

In 1968, an estimated 1 million people died worldwide from an outbreak of the H3N2 virus.

In 2002, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 8,098 people became infected with the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in 26 countries and 774 died.

In 2009, the H1N1 Swine Flu killed an estimated 151,700 to 575,400 people across the globe.

One would have thought that with these experiences gained over roughly 50 years, we would have prepared and planned better to cope with the next pandemic. Yet, the COVID-19 Coronavirus having emerged in late 2019 seemed to have caught us all flat-footed once

again.

In response to the COVID pandemic, governments imposed emergency restrictions on all aspects of life, crisis-managed a teetering economy and mobilized massive financial resources to stave off the frightful impact of many people losing their livelihood from public health driven curtailment of work activities. Businesses big and small shuttered ostensibly temporarily not knowing when they could reopen. Otherwise taken for granted public services got suspended. Those who have had to continue working often do so wary of the heightened risk of catching the disease as interacting with large numbers of people remains unavoidable. “Working from Home” instead of “Going into the proverbial office” has become the norm rather than the exception for many.

Freedom of access to public spaces and to social gatherings even in private settings with friends and family got curtailed by government decree for the sake of preventing infection spread. Individuals have had to change their daily habits as to where they can go; who they can socialize with; and if they can go to a

movie, attend a concert or eat out – things that many people have always taken for granted.

In the space of 5 months between March and August 2020 life as most of us had known it has been turned upside down in almost all respects on account of pandemic fear.

The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic seems to have eased off a bit in Canada, Ontario and Toronto at least for the time being. Government imposed restrictions are gradually being lifted. What is widely called a “New Normal” is taking shape. In the minds of many, until an effective vaccine can be developed and made available, there is still every expectation that COVID infection spread will reassert itself in time and disrupt lives again.

People are habitual beings. Changing our ways is difficult even when necessary. Yet, in the face of this pandemic we have surprisingly changed and adapted many of our ways – perhaps more than we thought we could. We may well not have been happy having to change, but we have shown that we are resilient through these trying times.

Eric Hong

Fundraising Events



Government funding does not cover all operating costs so Momiji continues to rely on the generosity of donors and the community for help. Donations received from memorial and general gifts and the annual Christmas Campaign, as well as funds raised at events like the Bazaar and Bowlathon are critical to sustaining programs and services.



Thanks to our donors, volunteers and buyers, our 2019 Holiday Season fundraising activities were a great success.

The Christmas Campaign focused on two new activities that required funding: Momiji's production of informational and instructional videos in Japanese and English and Virtual Reality technology. Over \$40,000 was received, thanks to our generous donors.

For the sixth year in a row, Momiji participated in the **Vandermeer Winter Fundraising Program**. Over \$850 was raised, the highest amount ever and over \$300 more than last year. Thanks to Cathy Tanaka-Ishii who took orders from her Bowling League and to Chris Reid for delivering the plants to the alley.

Linda Oikawa and her "elves" out did themselves this year in the annual **Holiday Treats Campaign**, baking well over 7,000 cookies! This incredible effort raised almost \$4,000, doubling the total amount raised last year.

Money raised from Vandermeer and Holiday Treats was designated to the **Seniors Active Living Centre**, specifically to provide funding to two very popular programs. Dance! Dance! Dance! with the National Ballet and Momiji Singers were new programs that started thanks to funding from the Alzheimers



June & Marion



Society. This funding ended at the end of December, putting these two programs in jeopardy. But thanks to our volunteer bakers and buyers, the programs will continue.

Vandermeer plants



Fundraising Events

THANKS 900 BOWLING PRO SHOP!

900 Bowling Pro Shop held a raffle for Momiji in order to help cover the extra costs that we are incurring during COVID-19. As a small organization that is very careful of our expenses to begin with, these extra costs will be a big burden on our organization. We are SO thankful for their generosity and for continuing to be a great supporter of our seniors. Thank you Alan and your incredible team!

Holding a raffle and donating the proceeds to Momiji is just one of the many ways that you can help us raise much needed funds. These third party events allow donors to combine their passion and interests all for a good cause. The

choices are almost endless – from garage and bake sales to car washes, BBQs, fashion shows and family golf tournaments (like the Scottie Amemori Memorial Golf Tournament), just to name a few.

For more information contact fundraising@momiji.on.ca or call 416.261.6683, ext. 259. We are here to help and upon approval of your idea, we can provide you with our logo for your printed material and we can promote your event on our website and Facebook.



Around The Building

By Carolina Yamashita

Two maintenance staff have been hired for Momiji Senior Residence - Cong Ye and Tomoe Shimizu.

Cong Ye is a mechanical engineering student at Seneca College and he worked full-time at Momiji during his summer break to help us keep Momiji safe. Tomoe Shimizu was previously working at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre as maintenance staff and he is very into Japanese culture!

We also have a highly skilled summer student, Cameron Wright, as part of our maintenance team for this summer. We are fortunate that he has agreed to con-



tinue to work for Momiji part-time.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I did not have the opportunity to formally introduce myself. I wish to take a few moments to introduce myself as one of the newest members of Momiji Seniors Residence. Working for this organization as a Manager of Seniors Residence is a dream come true and it is with utmost happiness that I step into this world.

Thank you for accepting me as part of the Momiji Community and I look forward to meeting with all of you in person soon!

L to R: Carolina Yamashita
and Yoneko Westergaard

MOMIJI FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED!

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers to join this Committee which meets six to eight times a year on weekday evenings between 6pm and 8pm.

The Finance Committee's purpose is to oversee the financial affairs of Momiji Health Care Society on behalf of the Board of Directors.

If you are curious about Momiji's finances and are interested in joining this committee, please send an email to the Chair of the Finance Committee, Dereck Oikawa at: financecommittee2020@momiji.on.ca.



MAKING A LASTING IMPACT



Roy & Mary Matsui

Momiji has recently received two very generous donations from Estates.

The first was from the Estate of Peter Shizuma Ito. Mr. Ito was involved with Momiji for over two decades, participating in the Karaoke Club and teaching Sumi-e. He was a member, donor and a volunteer.

The more recent gift was from the Estates of Roy & Mary Matsui and was

designated to our Preserve the Legacy Campaign. Mr. Matsui was the main architect for the Momiji Centre project. His daughter Naomi describes it as his 'swan song' - the culmination and the final project of his career. She said, "It meant so much to him to work on it, and what he put into it was no less than his heart and soul. In it he combined the influences of Japanese architecture, awareness of and care for the needs of the elders who would be living there, as well as his innate sense of design and function. His was a detail-oriented approach, and he spent endless hours attending to every detail."

The Matsuis attended many events at Momiji over the years and were long time supporters. They also held many family events in our building including their Anniversary and birthday celebrations.

We are truly appreciative of these donations and are thankful to these donors for their forethought.

MAKING A BEQUEST

Some people may not be able to make a donation to Momiji Health Care Society during their lifetime, but no matter how big or small, a bequest gift can be the easiest way to make a lasting impact.

A bequest will give you a great deal of satisfaction since you will know that your future gift will live on and make a difference. Bequests are well planned and tax-preferred gifts. You can leave a percentage gift, residual gift or a specific gift in your will.

For more information on how to make a bequest, please contact Sheri-Lynn Armstrong at fundraising@momiji.on.ca or by phone at 416.261.6683, ext. 259.

WINTER WALKING TIPS

Although it is not quite Fall, Winter will be here before we know it! With that in mind, here are some Winter walking tips from Alberta Health Services.

Falls can be serious. Falling can cause bruises, sprains, or more serious injuries like broken bones or concussions.

Melting snow can freeze overnight, forming a thin layer of ice that is hard to see. The ground can then become very slippery in the morning when the ice starts to melt. In months where the ground is frozen, ground frost and ice can make it slippery for walking. No matter how well the snow is removed from parking lots or sidewalks, there will still be slippery places.

What you wear on your feet can help lower your risk of falling. Boots or shoes that fit well and have a good grip are the best choice. Special items like shoe grips

or ice cleats can give you extra traction when you're walking on snowy or icy surfaces. You can buy these items from places like department or sporting goods stores. Always take off these grips or cleats when walking inside because they can make you slip on indoor flooring.

How can I avoid slipping and falling on snow or ice?

- Find a path around snow or ice when you can.
- Learn how to Walk Like a Penguin — walk slowly, take small steps, and point your toes out slightly to be more stable on icy paths.
- Keep your head up and don't lean forward.
- Keep your hands out of your pockets to help keep your balance.
- If you use a cane, you can buy an ice pick for the cane.

More tips for winter walking

- Plan ahead to make sure you have enough time to get where you're going.

- Assume that all wet, dark areas on the pavement may be slippery or icy. If you can, walk around them.

- Walk on cleared walkways—avoid shortcuts that haven't been cleared.

- Download a local weather app on your phone (such as Government of Canada Weather Alerts) so you know what the weather is like before you go outside.

- Don't text or talk on your phone and walk at the same time.

- Use handrails on stairs and ramps. If you're walking on a slope where there are no handrails, be extra careful.

- Spread sand or grit on your steps and walkways. You could also try carrying a small container of sand or grit to sprinkle on icy or sloped surfaces that you can't walk around.

- Try not to carry heavy things that can make you lose your balance, or large things that could block your view. If possible, use a backpack to keep your hands free.



Volunteers

MOMIJI'S ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS



OVSA winners L to R: Akio, Midori, Glen & Leo

The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards recognize individual volunteers for continuous years of commitment and dedicated service to an organization. Volunteers are recognized for five years to 65 years of constant service. We are proud to announce that six Momiji volunteers were honoured in 2019. Please join us in congratulating Leo O'Donnell for his 5 years of service; Midori Fukuma,

Glen Prince and Miyako Tomita for their 10 years of services; Jacqueline Ohora for 15 years of service and Akio Ikebata for 25 years of service.

HOMEMADE MASKS – a Labour of Love

Momiji staff were overwhelmed and touched by the generosity of the hundreds

of volunteers who answered the call to help keep Momiji tenants and staff safe by sewing and donating over 1,500 hand-made masks! While some masks were made by Momiji volunteers, community volunteers from the GTA and beyond (including Mississauga, Brampton, Whitby, Vaughan and Newmarket) also pitched in. Several groups stepped up and answered our call to help including Sews Canada-Markham, the Sewing Army, Stouffville Grace Baptist Church, Toronto Japanese Gospel Church and The Golden Age Village for the Elderly. We were astounded by this incredible act of generosity and can-

not thank you all enough.

“Thank you for inspiring us with your kindness. Thank you for fueling us with optimism in the midst of the Pandemic. You are selfless. Your help has impacted us while staying safe. Volunteers, you are our heroes!” said Jovel, our Manager of Volunteer Services.

Special thanks to Jovel for leading this project so successfully!



Seniors Active Living Centre

OPEN SESAME... SLOWLY!

by Yuki Beasley

First of all, let's pat ourselves on the back for a job well done for collectively fighting against this unprecedented pandemic. We have kept COVID-19 free up to this point at Momiji! With this great news, the Senior Active Living Centre (SALC) is finally on its way to reopening the doors, and we're working hard to offer you some regular 'in-person' programs.

In early September, some of the SALC activities resumed with COVID-19

precautions in place so that we provide members with meaningful and safe programming in an environment where Momiji tenants can live their life as they wish, in a 'New-Normal' way.

The new SALC schedule looks a lot different than the one from five months ago. To begin with, physical and mental stimulation as well as some social interaction will be our focus areas, such as Morning Exercise, Seated Exercise, crafts, games and brain teasers. Each session will be a lot shorter but offered more frequently during the week so that there are more slots to choose from, and you can join the programs that suit your pref-

erence and own routine. In the meantime, some of the one-on-one programs that started during the pandemic will continue to better meet the needs of the individuals.

Moreover, some popular pre-COVID SALC classes will continue to be offered online (via ZOOM)—i.e. Falls Prevention, Seated Exercise, and the Dance Program. If interested, please stop by to chat with the SALC staff about it. We'll be happy to assist you.

As you can see, a lot is happening and changing (by the hour!) so stay tuned!

We are looking forward to having you back as we "Open Sesame" with big smiles behind our masks.

Calendar of Events



SEPTEMBER

Fridays

Online Slow Movement Exercise Program: Fridays at 11 am – Contact Keiko at 416.261.6683, ext. 249 or at ciw@momiji.on.ca

23rd

Online Will and POA Seminar: 2 pm to 3 pm. Contact Keiko at 416.261.6683, ext. 249 or at ciw@momiji.on.ca

OCTOBER

3rd – 22nd

Toronto Japanese Film Festival-: Presented by The Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre – Contact www.torontojff.com for more information or to register.

4th

Understanding Dementia & Guidelines for Care During COVID-19: Presented by Yuka Okada. Contact Kiyoshi at 416.261.6683, ext. 244 or at outreach@momiji.on.ca

14th & 28th

Online Dance! Dance! Dance! Program. Contact Yuki at 416.261.6683 ext. 248 or at salc@momiji.on.ca for more information or to register.

NOVEMBER

11th & 25th

Online Dance! Dance! Dance! Program. Contact Yuki at 416.261.6683 ext. 248 or at salc@momiji.on.ca for more information or to register.

Please visit our website (momiji.on.ca) or follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/momijihealthcaresociety) for information on these events and many more.

DONOR LIST

Momiji gratefully acknowledges all donations received from September 1, 2019 to August 15, 2020. Due to space limitations, only donations of \$20 or more are listed.

CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Abe, Mr. Gene	2,000	Bremner-Ikeno, Mrs. Patricia	40	Hagino, Mrs. Kanaye (Barbara)	50
Aihoshi, Ms. Betty	50	Burrows, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon & Sumie	25	Hama, Mr. Henry	100
Aihoshi, Mrs. Kimiko Rose	200	Durocher, Mrs. Terralyn Gale		Hama, Mr. & Mrs. Roy	100
Aimone, Mrs. Elaine		Ebata, Ms. Jessie		Harada, Ms. Laurie	50
Akiyoshi, Mrs. Aiko	100	El-Jisri, Ms. Chieko	25	Hidaka, Mrs. Susan	300
Allen, Mrs. Anita		Eto, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Isamu & Savitri	100	Hirae, Mrs. Joyce	100
Asae, Mr. Noboru	100	Fleck, Mr. Robin & Ms. Wendy Otsu	250	Hirae, Mrs. Masayo	25
Ashley, Mrs. Ann	50	Fujimoto, Mr. & Mrs. John		Hirowatari, Mrs. Louise	
Baba, Mrs. Marie		Fujita, Mrs. Mitsue Kay		Hirowatari, Mr. Mark	100
Bakhtiari-Noroozi, Mr. Mohsen	50	Fujiwara, Mr. & Mrs. John		Hope, Mrs. Marion	
Biro, Mr. Frederick	80	Fukuzawa, Mrs. Bonnie		Hori, Mr. Genichi Victor	
Boutique A1	100	Furukawa, Mr. & Mrs. Larry	100	Hori, Ms. Marie M.	
		Gage, Mrs. Pamela	100	Ichien, Mrs. Christine	100
		Gratton, Mr. Bernard	100	Ikeda, Mr. Edgar	
		Gyotoku, Mr. Clayton	100	Ikeda, Mr. & Mrs. Sid	

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Ito, Mr. Lloyd		Oyama, Ms. Keiko		The Mitsui Canada Foundation	5,000
Ito, Mrs. Miyo	2,000	Oye, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald		Nelson Arthur Hyland Foundation	10,000
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Jomori, Mr. Ernest	300	Saegusa, Mr. & Mrs. Yoichi	50	Golf Tournament	1,200
Jomori, Ms. Joyce		Saito, Mr. Allan	1,000	Momiji Bridge Club	3,000
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Kagayama, Mrs. Betty	50	Sakamoto, Mrs. Madeleine Madoka		GENERAL	
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Kawaguchi, Dr. John	200	Sasaki, Mr. Paul	2,000	Atzmueeller, Ms. Mary	200
Kawaguchi, Mr. Tohru		Sato, Mr. Kazumi	30	Azuma, Mr. David	
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Kikuta, Mr. & Mrs. Herb & Chris	30	Seki, Mrs. Jean	150	Baird, Mr. David E.	50
Kitagawa, Mrs. Sueko (Sue)		Seko, Ms. Amy	100	Bakhtiari-Noroozi, Mr. Mohsen	20
Kitamura, Ms. Connie	50	Shigeishi, Mr. & Mrs. Toshiaki & Miyo	25	Benevity Community Impact Fund	30
Kitamura, Ms. Gail	100	Shigetomi, Mrs. Lily	65	Brooks, Mrs. Betty Naomi	100
Kitamura, Mr. Harry	40	Shikaze, Mr. & Mrs. Kaz		Brzezinski, Mr. Art & Ms. Cindy Fukakusa	100
Kitamura, Mr. & Mrs. John & Ki		Shin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	300	Byrnes, Mr. Michael	100
Kondo, Ms. Haruko	100	Shirafuji, Dr. Seiko	100	Cali, Mrs. Gayle	50
Kouchi, Mr. Eiichiro	100	Suga, Mr. & Mrs. Harge	300	Cash, Ms. Patricia	180
Kumamoto, Ms. Fumie		Sugiyama, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Cynthia	100	Chiba, Ms. Aileen	
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Kuramoto, Mrs. Kimiye	200	Sumida, Mr. & Mrs. M.		Doi, Mrs. Keiko (Kay)	100
Langdon, Mrs. Susan Keiko	100	Suzuki, Mr. & Mrs. Isamu	100	Doi, Ms. Lauren	500
Lee-Cheng, Mrs. Yen Che (Pearl)	100	Tanaka, Mr. & Mrs. Robert M.		Doi, Justice Michael	1,000
Maejima, Mr. Takahiro	100	Tonogai, Mr. Harry		Endo, Mr. Hiromichi Roy	100
Maemura, Mr. Andrew	100	Towata, Mrs. Patricia Ayako	2,000	Filosa, Mr. Michael	1,500
Matsuda, Mrs. Ruth	50	Tsuji, Mrs. Betty		Floegel, Ms. Christel	35
Matsumoto, Mr. James Shinichiro	1,000	Tsuji, Ms. Karen		Forde, Ms. Anne	25
Matsumoto, Mrs. Katharine (Kay)	50	Tsuji, Mrs. Yuriko		Fujimoto, Mr. & Mrs. John	
McIlroy, Ms. Joan	100	Ueda, Mr. Frank		Fujimoto, Mrs. Shizuko	50
Meehan, Mr. & Mrs. John	100	Ueta, Ms. Ki Sook	50	Fujino, Mr. & Mrs. Nobby	100
Megow, Mrs. Dee	25	Ura, Mrs. Betty	200	Fukuma, Mr. & Mrs. Kojiro	100
Mehta, Mr. & Mrs. Surendra	100	Uyenaka, Mrs. Fumiko	100	Fukushima, Mrs. Sanae	50
Merrick, Mrs. Sheila	200	Watanabe, Mrs. Eiko		Gibson, Mr. Robert	25
Mitobe, Mr. & Mrs. Robert		Yamashita, Mrs. Sue	150	Godo, Mrs. Masumi	122
Mitsuki, Mrs. Kay	100	Yamazaki, Mr. George	100	Goto, Mrs. Jean	80
Miyada, Mrs. Sachiko	50	Yano, Ms. Amy	100	Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC	400
Miyazaki, Mr. Jim		Yoshida, Ms. Marina	100	Hama, Mr. & Mrs. Henry	50
Morita, Mr. & Mrs. Hirokazu		Yoshida, Mrs. Masako		Hamade, Mr. & Mrs. Herb	500
Moritsugu, Mr. & Mrs. Frank	50	Yoshida, Mrs. Trudy		Hamamoto, Mr. Akira	100
Moritsugu, Mr. & Mrs. Tadashi (Ted)		Yoshioka, Mrs. Eiko	50	Hanada-Nagahara, Mrs. Amy	
Muramatsu, Mr. & Mrs. Tsuneo	3,000	EVENTS			
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Nagai, Mrs. Aguri	50	Asano, Mrs. Joanne	100	Hirae, Mrs. Masayo	100
Nagano, Mrs. Louise (Reiko)		Bayview United Church		Hirano, Mrs. Kiyomi	200
Nagasuye, Mr. David		Iwata, Ms. Margaret		Hope, Mrs. Marion	
Nagata, Mr. & Mrs. Harry	50	Kobayashi, Mrs. Dawna		Howard, Mr. John Lawrence (Jack)	500
Nakagawa, Mr. Roy	25	Okawara, Mrs. Christine		Hrivnak, Mr. & Mrs. Leo & Colleen	100
Nakamura, Mrs. Miyo	300	Sanaye Inouye Family	564	Hudson, Ms. Cathie	30
Nakao, Mrs. Kimie	500	Simpson, Mrs. Ruth	40	Ichikawa, Mr. Henry Phillip	
Nakasuji, Mrs. Jean Miyoshi	200	St. Andrews Japanese Anglican Church	120	Ichiyen, Mr. Henry	500
Nakatsu, Ms. Christine	200	The Prime Timers	135	Iguchi, Mr. & Mrs. Katsu	
Nakawatase, Mr. Satsuo		Japonica		Ikebuchi, Ms. Sueko	20
Nakawatase, Mrs. Sumiko	100	Hirowatari, Mr. Mark	50	Ikeda, Mr. Edgar	
Nasu, Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Elsi	100	Nagano, Mrs. Louise (Reiko)		Inamoto, Mrs. Chiyo	50
Nasu, Mrs. Yuriko Lily	100	Nikkei Books	231	Inouye, Ms. Kikuye	200
Niiya, Mrs. Hisaye	1,000	Takahashi, Ms. Joy Reiko	160	Ioi, Mr. Gary	150
Nishi, Mrs. Judy		Uyeno, Ms. Jennifer	963	Ioi, Mr. Hideyuki	
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Nishiyama, Mr. & Mrs. Sam	100	Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC	20,000	Ishizuki, Mrs. Kazuko	50
Noda, Mrs. Miyoko	100	The Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation	25,000	Iwasa, Ms. Joanne	50
Noguchi, Mr. Vincent	200	Estate of Peter Shizuma Ito		Iwata, Ms. Margaret	
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Ode, Mr. & Mrs. Yukio	500			Kagayama, Mrs. Betty	30
Ogaki, Mr. Ken	250			Kaneko, Mr. Ronald	30
Ogaki, Mr. & Mrs. Tame	50			Katsumi, Ms. Debbie	200
Oka, Mr. Eizo	50			Kawaguchi, Ms. Lori	120
Okada, Mrs. Naoko Nana	70				
Onishi, Mrs. Florence	100				
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Isojima, Mrs. Shirley (Setsuko)	30	Kuramoto, Mrs. Kimiye	35	Inouye, Mrs. Joni	500
Matsui, Mrs. Shizuye Sheila	50	Minakata, Mr. & Mrs. Koichi & Naomi	30	In Memory of Mrs. Kikumi Yoshida for Momiji Support Staff	
Nakawatase, Mr. Satsuo		Mitsuki, Mr. Shig		Inouye, Mrs. Joni	1,000
In Memory of Mr. Kenji Alfred Tamaki		Miyazaki, Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Hatsumi		In memory of Baroness Issi Vitek, Hedy Arai, Sergeant Kiyo Ise, Joyce Jomori, Karen Akagi	
Tamaki, Mr. Michael	50	Morita, Mrs. Shirley		Ode, Mr. & Mrs. Yukio & Faye	500
In Memory of Mrs. Harumi Tamoto		Nakamura, Ms. Yumi	30	Other donors wishing to remain anonymous	
Gosney, Ms. Deborah	50	Nakanishi, Ms. Sumiko	200		
In Memory of Mr. Tadao Tanabe		Nasu, Mrs. Yuriko Lily	25		
Imai, Mr. Jeffrey	50	Nishikawa, Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Joanne			
Seki, Mrs. Jean	25	Oyagi, Mrs. Doreen	100		
Tanabe, Mrs. Sachiko (Betty)	100	Oyagi, Mr. & Mrs. Tad	50		
In Memory of Mrs. Keiko K. Tanaka		Sakamoto, Mrs. Madeleine Madoka			
Kuramoto, Mrs. Kimiye	25	Shiga Ken Jinkai	30		
Morita, Mrs. Mary M.	50	Toki, Mrs. Amy (Emiko)	500		
Nishiyama, Mr. & Mrs. Sam	50	Yamashita, Mr. Mas	70		
Shimoda Moore, Ms. Joyce		In Memory of Mrs. Ayako Tonogai			
Tanaka, Mr. & Mrs. Robert M.		Cali, Mr. & Mrs. Dominic & Family	100		
Tsuji, Mrs. Yeriko		Carter, Mrs. Diane	50		
In Memory of Mr. Yoshiharu Tanino		Davis, Ms. Donna			
Armstrong, Karen & Suma, Linda and Laura	50	Hayashi, Mrs. Kay	100		
Baba, Mrs. Marie		Kondo, Mrs. Sally	50		
		Nakamura, Mrs. Margaret	100		
		Nishimura, Mrs. May			
		Okawara, Mrs. Christine			
		Ono, Mrs. Carole	50		
		Saisho, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce			
		Shigetomi, Mrs. Keiko	100		
		Shikaze, Mr. & Mrs. Kaz			
		Smith, Ms. Marion			
		Sugamori, Mr. Harvey	75		
		Sugamori, Mr. Ken & Ms. Carole Aida	75		

新型コロナウイルス モミジの対応

2020年の始まりを可能性に満ちた新しい年として迎えた私達は、その先に大きな変化が待ち受けていることを想像すらしませんでした。

1月半ば、武漢で発生した新型コロナウイルスがシニアの方々の健康に及ぼす影響を懸念したモミジは、直ちに居住者と家族、職員、コミュニティ提携機関の間で最新情報が共有できる体制を築きました。新たに「パンデミック対策委員会」が設置され、刻々と状況が変化する中で、毎週、討議と策定が行われました。

まずは感染対策用品の確保。サージカルマスク、N95マスク、フェイスシールド、防護ガウン、ゴム手袋、ゴーグル、体温計、手指消毒剤など、供給制限のある中で、必要な数の調達が困難でした。

3月上旬、毎年1,000人以上を集客するコミュニティバザーが安全上の理由で延期されました。その後、春祭りをはじめ、シニア・アクティブリビングセンターのプログラムや、生涯教育コース、モミジカフェ、牧師訪問、不急の医療診察、Metroへの買い物を含む外出、グループのフィジオセラピーができなくなり、美容室も休業。さらに、ゼロサン・レストランでの会食や洋食ランチは各自の居室ですることになり、フレンドリー訪問も電話だけになりました。

職場はリスクを最小限にするために、モミジの建物内で勤務する職員の数が削減されました。仮にモミジで感染者が出て、現場の職員らが自己隔離となった時に、残り半分の職員が交代できる仕組みです。こうして職員の週二日の在宅勤務が始まりました。

新型コロナウイルスによるキャンセルや変更で業務の減った職員は、ロビーの検査、居住者のための買い物、食事の仕分け、サポートサービスやメンテナンスの援助を担当するようになりました。毎日の安全確認は在宅勤務の職員がしています。現場の職員はさらに厳しくなった衛生管理を援助しています。

当初、パーソナル・サポートワーカー (PSW) のみに必要だったマスクは、全ての職員・居住者にも必要になりました。また、居住者・職員の安全のために、モミジの入館者にマスク着用が義務付けられました。沢山の布マスクを作り寄付したモミジ・日系社会のボランティアの皆様に感謝しています。そのおかげで、医療マスクを最も必要とする職員に供給でき、個人用防護具 (PPE) にかかる費用も削減できました。また、幸いなことに、政府の特別援助金により、PPEの補充と職員への特別支給が可能になっています。

そのほか、地域の子ども達からはモミジに励ましのメッセージが届き、モミジ支援者からは想定外のコストを援助する寄付が届き始めました。PSWに感謝の気持ちを示す二人の居住者と家族の方が「PPE for Momiji PSWs」という募金運動をスタートさせました。ボランティアの方々が室内で自粛する居住者にクッキーを作りました。地元のボウリングストアはラッフルをしてPPEの購入を援助しました。

身体の弱い居住者にとって社会的交流と適度の運動は大切です。そこでシニア・アクティブ・リビングセンター (SALC) の職員は5月に個別対応の歩行 & 会話プログラムを開始。居住者が安全に居室を出られるように介助しています。

6月になると、理事会と職員は秋に延期された催事の開催が難しいと判断し、2020年のファンドレイジングを全て中止しました。これによる損失は12万ドル。さらに、SALCプログラムを支えるモミジカフェの年間売り上げ約1万4,000ドルも見込めなくなりました。厳しい運営下のモミジにとっては大きな打撃です。

しかし、7月には明るい兆しが見え始めました。公衆衛生局の勧告に従った厳しい感染対策のもと、個別対応による美容室、足先ケア、フィジオセラピーが再開しました。スカーボロ・ヘルスネットワークの協力により、モミジに於いて居住者と職員の新型コロナウイルス検査が可能になり、これまで180回以上の検査で、モミジには感染者が出ていません。

モミジは「新しい日常」の準備をしています。今後、公衆衛生局のガイダンスに従って建物を徐々に開放しながら、感染状況を監視し続けます。

シニアの方々の安全を守る上で皆様のご協力に感謝しています。モミジセンターで皆様に歓迎できる日を楽しみにしています。

変遷する時代 所長の所感

世界保健機構 (WHO) はパンデミックを「ほとんどの人が免疫を持たない新しい感染症の世界的流行」としています。

1968年の香港かぜ (H3N2) では世界の推定死亡数が約100万人。

2002年の重症急性呼吸器症候群 (SARS) では米疾病対策センターによると26の国々で8,098人が感染し、774人が死亡。

2009年の新型インフルエンザ (H1N1) では世界の推定死亡数が15万1,700~57万5,400人。

次のパンデミックでは、この約50年間の経験をもとに対処できると誰もが思っていたかもしれませんが。しかし、2019年末に発生した新型コロナウイルスで私達は再び不意をつかれました。

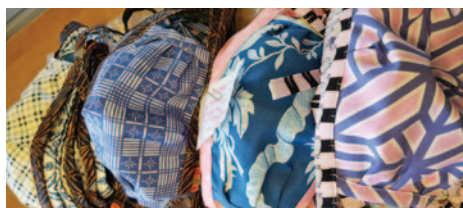
政府は緊急対策として市民生活を規制し、瀬戸際に瀕した経済の危機回避に努め、巨額の財政資源を動員して、やむなく生計手段を失った人々に緊急救済補助金を給付しました。多くのビジネスが再開の目処の付かないまま休業。公共サービスも一時停止。その一方で、仕事に出なくてはならない人々は、人との接触による感染リスクに不安を感じながら働き続け、残る多くの人々は在宅勤務になりました。

政府の緊急宣言で集会や友人・家族の集いが規制され、市民の行動習慣が変わり、映画やコンサートなどの外出や社交が日常ではなくなりました。2020年3月から8月の5ヶ月間、パンデミックの脅威で人々の生活が一変しました。

カナダ、オンタリオ州、そしてトロ

ントにおいて感染状況は今のところ落ち着いています。政府の規制も徐々に解除されています。しかし、効果的なワクチンの開発・普及までは感染拡大の波が続くことでしょう。「新しい日常」ができつつあります。

生活習慣を変えるのは難しいことですが、私達は今回のパンデミックで驚くほど変化に適応し、試練に対する回復力の強さを示していると思います。



心のこもった手作りマスク

モミジの居住者・職員の安全のために多くの方々が手製の布マスクを寄付しました。その数は1,500枚以上。モミジのボランティアをはじめ、GTAやその他の地域のボランティアによるものです。参加団体は以下の通り。Sews Canada-Markham, Sewing Army, Stouffville Grace Baptist Church, Toronto Japanese Gospel Church, The Golden Age Village for Elderly. この驚くべき奉仕活動に心より感謝しています。

ボランティアサービス・マネージャーのジョヴェル職員は「皆様の親切がコロナ禍で私達に前向きな気持ちを与えてくれました。無償の奉仕がモミジの安全を支えています。ボランティアの皆さんはヒーローです」と述べています。

認定までの道

モミジ・ヘルスケア・ソサエティは Accreditation Canada による認定の申請を決議しました。18ヶ月間の自主的プロジェクトが理事会、職員、一部の居住者の協力で進められます。

Accreditation Canadaはヘルスケア組織を評価する認定機関です。審査は、ヘルスケアとソーシャルサービスの向上を目的に Health Standards Organization (HSO) が開発した100以上の基準に基づいて行われます。これ

らの基準は、「患者・コミュニティ・家族・ヘルスサービス提供者・臨床医・政策立案者の意見」(1) をもとに開発されています。

認定によりモミジの組織の良い点と改善点が明らかになります。また認定の過程を通して組織は「資源の効果的な活用、効率性の向上、質と安全性の強化、リスク削減について理解できます。認定はヘルス・ソーシャルサービス組織に、第三者機関による評価を提供します。これは世界中の類似組織による最良の実践で実証された基準に基づく評価です」(2)

調査結果では、認定により組織の全体的なケアの質が向上し、優れたケアが維持されることが示されています。

認定の過程は支援的で一貫性と客観性があります。審査で基準の順守が明らかになれば認定されます。モミジの場合は、指針に関する文書の評価と2021年11月の施設調査で決まります。

現在、モミジ職員が指針の作成中で、年末の承認・完成を目指しています。これは「プライマー・プリペアドネス」という認定過程の一段階です。今後の進展をモミジ・マターズで報告します。

(文中の 1と2はAccreditation Canadaのホームページより引用)

SALC徐々に再開

ユキ・ビースリー

モミジでは、幸いにこれまで新型コロナウイルスの感染者が出ていません。前代未聞のパンデミックに皆で戦ってきたことを称え合ひましょう。シニア・アクティブ・リビングセンター (SALC) も、ようやく再開へと前進し始めました。通常のプログラムを一部提供できるように努力をしています。

9月始めにはSALCの一部のアクティビティが感染予防措置のもとで再開されました。「新しい日常」を通して、居住者の方々が望まれる生活環境で、生きがいを感じられる安全なプログラムを提供したいと願っています。

SALCの新しい予定表は5ヶ月前と

は異なっています。まず、心身の刺激や社会的交流を中心とした、朝の体操・椅子に座った体操・クラフト・ゲーム・頭の体操が始まります。時間は短縮されますが、頻繁に実施されるので、都合に合った時間が選びやすいです。パンデミックを機会に始まった個別対応のプログラムもニーズを考慮して一部、継続されます。

転倒予防・椅子に座った体操・ダンスなどの人気クラスはオンライン (Zoom) で継続されます。興味のある方は、SALCの職員にお尋ねください。喜んでお手伝いします。

多くの変更がありますので、お知らせに注意してください。マスク着用でも皆様の笑顔が見られるのを楽しみにしています。

モミジ入居の新しい指針

2020年6月から「モミジ・シニアレジデンス (MSR) 入居」の新しい指針が有効になりました。この指針は、モミジのサポートサービスにおいて居住者のケアのニーズが安全に満たされる上での共通の理解を確実にするために作成されました。これまでMSRの入居・待ちリスト申請者の適格性を決定する条件が幾つか開発されてきました。入居・居住委員会 (ATC) は新しい指針を堅実に実施し、必要場合は入居申請者の適格性と入居を決定する責任を担います。この指針についての通知が8月半ばに全ての申請者に郵送されました。

提携関係40周年を祝う

昨年11月、キャッスルビュー・ウィッチウッド・タワーズ (CWT) で開催された提携関係40周年の祝賀会にアン・アッシュリー共同議長、エリック・ホン所長、モミジ職員が出席しました。

提携関係の始まりは1979年。CWTがモミジ・ヘルスケア・ソサエティを通して日系人のために長期ケアのベッド40床を割り当て、モミジのボランティアが直ちにCWTの支援を開始しました。1986年、モミジは日系のコーディネーターをパートタイムで採用しました。

入居者の介護とプログラムはCWTによるものですが、文化を配慮した日英両語のプログラムはモミジとボランティアにより提供されています。例えば、クラフト・歌の会・フレンドリー訪問・生け花・紳士のクラブ・最近の出来事を話す会。モミジなどへの外出や特別催し物への参加もあります。毎週水曜日はボランティアが和食を作ります。

祝賀会ではCWT関係者を代表してバハ・カリミ施設長が次のように挨拶。「私共には日系社会との特別な繋がりがありません。この関係は、モミジの居住者と家族、職員、ボランティアの皆さんの40年間に及ぶ強い支援により発展し、質の高い多様性と活力のある長期ケア・ホームを維持しています」。

年間8,000時間以上も活動するボランティアの方々は提携関係に不可欠な存在です。祝賀会では長年の活動をしてきた23人のボランティアが表彰されました。CWTの全てのボランティアの皆様に感謝しています。

遺贈

この度、モミジは二件の遺贈を拝受しました。

一件は、ピーター・シズマ・イトウ氏からの遺贈です。イトウ氏は、モミジとの20年以上の繋がりを通して、寄付やボランティア活動のほか、カラオケクラブを楽しみ、墨絵を教えました。

ロイ&メアリー・マツイ夫妻からは、モミジの「レガシー保存キャンペーン」に遺贈がありました。建築士だったマツイ氏はモミジセンター建築プロジェクトの中心者でした。娘のナオミさんは、それが氏の建築士としての最後を飾るものだったと述べています。「父はこのプロジェクトをこの上もなく大切な仕事だと受け止め魂を込めて全力を注ぎました。建物は日本の建築様式を反映し、高齢の居住者のニーズを配慮した設計で、デザインや機能性には父の持ち前のセンスが出ていました。細部に気を配る父は、終わりが無いほどの時間をかけて取り組みました」。

マツイ家の方々はモミジの長年の支援者で、多くの催し物に参加し、家族の記念日や誕生日をモミジで祝いました。

モミジへの遺贈に心より感謝いたします。

日々の生活でモミジへの寄付が難しいとお考えの場合に、遺贈は額に関係なくお気持ちを残すことのできる方法です。

将来の贈り物が有意義な形で生かされると思えることで安らぎを感じられるでしょう。遺贈は計画性と税優遇のある寄付です。遺言書に財産の一部や残留分の寄付提示、あるいは特記ができます。

PSWの個人用保護具

新型コロナウイルスの感染拡大の時期、居住者のビル & アディ・コバヤシ夫妻が家族と一緒に「PPE for Momiji PSWs」という募金活動をスタートさせ、PSWと必要不可欠な職務に従事する職員の安全を願って2,500ドルを寄付しました。さらに何人かの友人に協力を求め、現在、3,000ドルが集まっています。

この寄付は2019年2月にオタワで亡くなった息子のノーム・コバヤシ氏を追悼して贈られました。

コバヤシ夫妻からの言葉。「私達はモミジのPSWが居住者の健康と安全のために一生懸命働く姿を毎日見えています。コロナ禍で彼らは大きなリスクを負いながら居住者と接しています。私達は個人用防護具の供給が減少していることを知り、補給が急務だと思いました。この危機的な時期に献身的に働くモミジのPSWや必要不可欠な職務に従事する職員の皆様に感謝しています」。

モミジのPSWの仕事の重要性を理解し寄付されたビル & アディ・コバヤシ夫妻と家族・友人の方々に感謝しています。この基金に皆様のご寄付をお願い申し上げます。チェックに「PPE for Momiji PSWs」と記入の上、お送りください。宛先: Momiji Health Care Society, 3555 Kingston Road, Scarborough, ON, M1M 3W4.

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
2019年10月1日～2020年8月30日

モミジ・シニアレジデンス

チズ（パトリシア）・イオイさん（101歳）

キミエ・クラモトさん（101歳）

キミ・ミヤイさん（100歳）

テルコ・オオタニさん（101歳）

タエコ・タイ・サトウさん（101歳）

シゲオ・セコさん（103歳）

ミヨ・タカタさん（100歳）

ノリコ・タテミチさん（101歳）

カズコ・ウメモトさん（106歳）

マカサロッジ

マサコ・ホンダさん（104歳）

おくやみ

ご遺族と友人の皆様へ心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。

（2019年10月1日～ 2020年8月30日にご逝去）

モミジ・シニア・レジデンス

- ・ キヨ・イセさん
- ・ トモジ・イシクラさん
- ・ イサム・ノムラさん
- ・ ジーン・オカザキさん
- ・ アリス・サカグチさん
- ・ ジーン・トガワさん
- ・ ヨシアキ・リック・トキさん
- ・ スミエ・ルース・ウツノミヤさん

キャッスルビュー・

ウィッチウッドタワーズ

- ・ カズオ・ミヤハラさん

マカサロッジ

- ・ マイク・ホンダさん
- ・ アヤコ・トノガイさん

イーホン老人ケアセンター

- ・ ミツエ・アイダさん
- ・ ミツエ・ハヤシさん
- ・ ノーマン・イブキさん
- ・ メアリー・イチカワさん
- ・ セイコ・イナモトさん
- ・ ノブコ・ワタナベさん
- ・ カズコ・ワカバヤシさん



Accreditation

Momiji Health Care Society has recently declared our intent to seek accreditation with Accreditation Canada. This is an 18-month, voluntary project that will involve most of our staff as well as our Board of Directors and even some tenants.

Accreditation Canada is an accreditation organization that specializes in health care. Their program assesses organizations against more than 100 health standards that were created by the Health Standards Organization (HSO). HSO created these standards to improve health care and social services. These standards have been developed through a process in which “the voices of patients, community members, families, health service providers, clinicians and policy makers

are heard.”¹

Accreditation allows organizations, like Momiji, to identify what is being done well and what needs to be improved. It is an ongoing process which also allows organizations to “understand how to make better use of their resources, increase efficiency, enhance quality and safety, and reduce risk. Accreditation provides health and social services organizations an independent, third-party assessment of their organization using standards built upon best practices used and validated by similar organizations around the world.”²

Studies have shown that accreditation improves the overall quality of care and ensures that consistent, excellent care is maintained throughout the organization.

The process is supportive, consistent and objective. Accreditation is only awarded after successful documentation of compliance with the standards. Compliance is determined by the evaluation of our written documents (policies) and on-site survey. In our case, we are expecting an on-site survey in November 2021.

Currently, staff are busy drafting policies that will be approved and completed by year end. This is just one of the many steps that all form the Primer Preparedness process. In the next few editions of Momiji Matters, we will share our progress with you.

¹ & ² – From Accreditation Canada’s website



Outreach

CELEBRATING A 40 YEAR PARTNERSHIP!

In November, Momiji’s Board Co-Chair, Ann Ashley and staff including our Executive Director, Eric Hong were proud to participate in an event at Castlevue Wychwood Towers (CWT) recognizing a 40 year partnership between the two organizations.

The partnership began in 1979 when CWT allocated 40 long-term care beds to Momiji Health Care Society for a Japanese Canadian unit. Momiji volunteers immediately started supporting this unit and in 1986, Momiji hired a part-time Japanese Canadian Coordinator.

The direct core care and programs for these residents is provided by CWT however, Momiji and its volunteers provide various culturally sensitive bilingual programs including crafts, sing a longs, friendly visiting, flower arranging, Men’s Club and current event discussions. In addition, occasional outings, sometimes to Momiji, or other special events are also organized. Volunteers also prepare a homemade Japanese meal each Wednesday.

“On behalf of everyone who lives, works and visits Castlevue Wychwood Towers, we feel a special connection here with the Japanese community. This has been fostered over 40 years through

strong support from Momiji Health Care Society, the residents and families, staff and volunteers, who enhance quality of life, in this diverse and vibrant long-term care home” said Bahar Karimi, Castlevue Wychwood Towers Administrator.

Volunteers are clearly an integral part of the partnership and in the past few

years, annually contributed over 8,000 hours. At the ceremony, 23 volunteers were recognized for their long-time service. We would like to thank these volunteers as well as all of our volunteers and to Castlevue Wychwood Towers for being great partners!



L to R: Kiyoshi Dembo (Momiji Community Programs Coordinator); Eric Hong (Momiji Executive Director); Bahar Karimi (Castlevue Wychwood Towers Administrator); Ann Ashley (Momiji Board Co-Chair); Nelson Ribeiro (City of Toronto Director Long Term Care Homes) and Vija Mallia (Former City of Toronto Director to Long-Term Care Homes)

Caregiver Programs



NEW MOMIJI ADMISSION AND TENANCY POLICY by Keiko Hoshi

Our new “Tenancy in Momiji Seniors Residence (MSR)” policy has been in effect since June 2020. The policy was established to ensure that there is shared understanding about tenants’ care needs that can be met in a safe manner within the extent of Support Services provided by Momiji. A number of criteria has been developed to determine whether an applicant is eligible to reside in MSR and remain as an applicant on the MSR waiting list. The Admission and Tenancy Committee (ATC) is responsible for ensuring consistent implementation of the new policy, and making decisions regarding the eligibility of MSR applicants and admission to MSR when it is necessary. A letter announcing this policy was sent to all applicants in the middle of August. If you wish to review the policy, please visit:

<https://momiji.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/publications/en/policy-TenancyinMSR.pdf>

ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS AND CAREGIVERS

Online Slow Movement Exercise Program

You are invited to join the “Slow Movement” exercise program every Friday at



Tokiko

11 am. Tokiko, a Yoga instructor, teaches 30 minutes of gentle exercise on the zoom platform. If you cannot catch the program at this time, a video of the program is posted on our YouTube channel and on our Facebook page the following week.

Online Will and POA Seminar

Wednesday, September 23rd - 2 pm - 3 pm
Speaker: Nozomi Smith, Lawyer

Momiji and JSS would like to invite you to the “Will and POA” Seminar. Do you have someone you can trust with

your finances when you become unable to take care of yourself? In Ontario, there is a system where you can appoint your representative legally WHILE you are healthy and well. Please join us to learn about this system - Powers of Attorney (POA). The session also talks about Wills - why it is important, what will happen if you don't have a Will, and how you make one properly.

Please contact Keiko at: ciw@momiji.on.ca or 416.261.6683 ext. 249 for registration or if you have any questions regarding the above policy and programs.

We would like to introduce our Caregivers to The Ontario Caregiver Organization (OCO). It supports 3.3 million caregivers in Ontario and was established in the Spring of 2018. This organization works with caregivers, health care providers and other organizations to provide information regarding various resources, education opportunities and existing support programs to caregivers, regardless of age, disease, diagnosis or location. They offer an OCO Peer Mentor Program, 24/7 Telephone Helpline and a COVID-19 Caregiving Resource Centre, as well as ways to stay connected within the caregiving community.

For more information, please visit their website: <https://ontariocaregiver.ca/>.

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YONEKO WESTERGAARD RETIRES!

After almost 29 years of dedicated service, Yoneko Westergaard, our Director of Seniors Residence, retired from Momiji at the end of March. Her Retirement party was held in February (pre-COVID) and was attended by many tenants, donors, staff and some of Yoneko’s family.

Yoneko was one of Momiji’s first employees and was hired even before Momiji Centre was built. She helped recruit many of the first tenants and of course, was on site to welcome them as they moved in.

We cannot thank Yoneko enough for all of her help in building Momiji into the organization that it is today. She is missed but we all wish her a very happy and well deserved Retirement!

L to R: Hong Ming, Momiji Residence’s Supervisor and Yoneko





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Bill & Addie Kobayashi in Momiji's garden with 13 of their 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, following the celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary (Aug. 2019)

PPE FOR MOMIJI PSWs

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Momiji tenants Bill & Addie Kobayashi approached us with a gift. Along with their families and grandchildren, they started a fundraising campaign – PPE for Momiji PSWs - to help ensure the safety of our PSWs and essential

workers. Together they donated \$2,500 to purchase much needed personal protective equipment. But they did not stop there. They approached several friends to join the campaign. To date \$3,000 has been raised.

The donation was made in loving

memory of their son Norm Kobayashi, who died of cancer in February 2019, in Ottawa.

Bill & Addie wrote, “As residents, we have become intimately aware of how hard Momiji PSWs work to ensure the health and safety of its residents. During the COVID-19 pandemic they continue to have contact with residents at great risk to themselves. We are also aware of the dwindling supply of protective equipment on hand, and the urgent need to replenish it. We are grateful to Momiji's PSWs, essential workers and staff for their compassionate care and unrelenting hard work during this crisis.”

We are grateful to Bill & Addie Kobayashi, their families, and friends for this gift, and for acknowledging the important work that our PSWs do. They invite Momiji families and friends to support this fund by sending donations to: Momiji Health Care Society, 3555 Kingston Road, Scarborough, ON, M1M 3W4. Please note on the cheque PPE for Momiji PSWs.

MOMIJI'S ROSE GARDEN by Eiko Watanabe

What do some Momiji tenants do during a pandemic? They garden of course, while maintaining proper social distancing and mask use.

Thank you to these individuals for their valuable contribution in making Momiji even more beautiful!

One night, a few of us who sit and socialize around the Momiji Garden decided to plant more rose plants. Louise Nagano spearheaded this project and several of us contributed towards the purchase of eight new rose plants (Roy Fukuzawa, Louise Hirowatari, Amy Kunihiro, Tad Oyagi, Louise Nagano and Eiko Watanabe).

These plants were planted by Roy Fukuzawa this spring. Roy faithfully collects banana peels, dries them, chops them up and fertilizes each plant regularly.

At the beginning none of us had any knowledge about roses, but we have learned and enjoy seeing them grow so beautifully.

A special thanks to Tina Ichiyen for her expertise and knowledge of roses and

to Nancy and Ray Sora who help Louise and Eiko weed the garden.

Louise Nagano patiently maintains all the rose plants regularly, clipping and spraying insecticide on the plants and weeding the garden. One resident, Terez

Hyodo, walked by and noticed Louise clipping the wilted roses and called her the “Rose Surgeon” which Louise is now fondly known as.



L to R: Ray, Tad, Roy, Louise N., Louise H., Eiko, Nancy and Amy

Photo by Caitlin Kaneko



ARIGATO, ONE THOUSAND TIMES!

by Lillian Blakey, Sansei Artist

Why arigato... thank you? Why one thousand times?

Let me begin from the beginning.

Over a year ago, I was approached by Logan Bales, the curator of the Old Town Hall Gallery in Newmarket, Ontario, to exhibit my artwork which tells the heart-wrenching story of my family's forced removal from B.C. along with 22,000 other Japanese Canadians.

Newmarket is a town which believes in welcoming all people who make their homes here. But it is a difficult task to make people comfortable enough to share their own struggles of fitting into a culture so different from their own. So many of the new communities come here for a better life, away from oppression, away from fear. Perhaps Logan felt that my candid story... a voice speaking for generations of Canadians of Japanese ancestry... would be an invitation for new communities to begin to share their own stories. An invitation to belong. Perhaps she felt that the Japanese Canadian story made us stronger and take our rightful place as citizens of Canada, with pride and dignity.

I was honoured to be approached for a solo exhibition, but I felt that the exhibit needed to be more than telling a story of past injustice. It needed to reach out to Newmarket's newest Canadians. As a result, I suggested that the exhibition be a joint partnership with Bryce Kanbara - a remarkable artist, curator, gallery owner, social activist. In 1988, Bryce had been a member of the NAJC Redress Strategy Committee. In 2018 he was awarded the NAJC Art Miki Community Leadership Award.

Bryce had worked, over a period of years, to make isolated communities in Hamilton feel part of Hamilton. In *IKI:breath*, he presents three exhibits through photography: "55/58" an installation of portraits of 55 Hamilton artists and 58 Muslims; "Our Place", diverse people at the dinner table; and "Tesataw-iat" Come In, an exploration of Indigenous challenges and lives.

Bryce wrote: "My work explores "breathing out", reaching out to communities living in isolation - a reminder of

my own people's isolation in the forced removal of Japanese Canadians in WWII. I want to make all people feel that they belong in the new communities they have chosen to call home."

My part of *IKI:breath* explores the repercussions of the traumatic past, "breathing in" and holding my breath for most of my life.

This leads me to arigato, one thousand times. I needed to create an installation which would be a transition between the past and the present and tie



Cranes

Photo credit: Lillian Blakey

in two very different artistic approaches stemming from our collective past. My proposal for a Community Reflection Garden, based on a zen rock garden was supported enthusiastically by Logan and Newmarket Community Manager, Janis Luttrell. Our collaboration produced the model for an inclusive garden which we hope will become an actual garden in the future.

One crucial addition to the model of the garden was an installation of Japanese cranes, to tie in with the premise of our exhibition which stemmed from the Japanese Canadian experience. I realized that the people at the Momiji Health Care Society knew of its symbolic

importance at the core of being Japanese. The crane is the "bird of happiness". The wings of the crane were believed to carry souls up to paradise. ...

Traditionally, it was believed that if one folded 1,000 origami cranes, one's wish would come true. It has also become a symbol of hope and healing during challenging times. In Japan, the crane or *tsuru*, is a national treasure. It is the symbol of longevity and good luck because it was thought to have a life span of a thousand years.

I approached Momiji Health Care Society, to see if some of the residents or volunteers would be willing to make cranes for our exhibition. A few agreed to help.

When the opening of the exhibition drew near, I went to the Momiji Centre to pick up the cranes. I was stunned. Only four dedicated women had worked feverishly to produce ONE THOUSAND cranes! I had never expected one thousand cranes, let alone made by a mere four women with various physical challenges. Three women in the team were *Jenny Oyagi*, *Kazuko Hosogoe* and *Takako Morosawa*. Their leader was *Rose Aihoshi*, an accomplished and informed woman, a strong and determined example of what a woman should aspire to be. Rose chose only those who were perfectionists and could rise to the challenge.

As I looked at the women sitting around the table, it struck me that they were living examples of the core of what it means to be Japanese. To perform every task, no matter how seemingly small, with dignity and pride, knowing they had done their very best. They taught me that every single fold was done with a spirituality we seldom see in the modern world of technology and speed. They taught me that hope and healing was an integral part of each tiny bird. They taught me what it means to be Japanese, something which I am ashamed to have abandoned for most of my life. They taught me that we have to persevere, above pain and discomfort. They gave me the gift of being Japanese.

So why Arigato One Thousand times? Because thank you one thousand times can never express adequately my gratitude to these four women.



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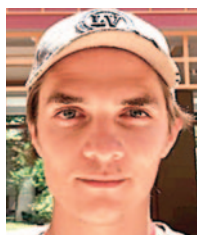
THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER STUDENTS!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Canada Summer Jobs Program, Momiji was able to hire six summer students.



Caitlin

• Caitlin helped the EDDR Manager support the Fundraising and Japonica Committees. Her main project was to develop an online catalogue of cultural items for the Japonica Committee and create processes and procedures. We look forward to unveiling this new website in the near future. Stay tuned!

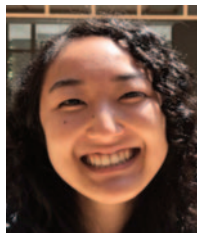


Cameron

• Cameron worked with the Maintenance Team on backyard safety projects, unit repairs and helped with administrative duties.

• Two students assisted Community Services.

Elissa and Mathusha worked one-on-one



Elissa



Mathusha

with frail tenants, helped prepare for the Senior Active Living Centre's re-opening and planned a "virtual" Seniors Day celebration.



Paige

• The HR department was supported by Paige who set up HR Downloads and worked on policy writing in preparation of accreditation

• Renee assisted the Client Intervention Worker and Support Services staff. She supported Momiji residents with requests related to technology or government help; called clients, updated their files and



Renee

delivered notices to tenant apartments. She also drafted and mailed a letter to all Momiji Seniors Residence applicants to update them on Momiji's new admission policy.

Momiji is most appreciative to have had these additional hands especially as we prepare for "the New Normal". We wish all of the students the very best of luck in their studies and look forward to welcoming them back at Momiji in the future.

Photo credit – Caitlin Kaneko



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MILESTONES & PASSAGES

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to these tenants who have celebrated milestone birthdays between **October 1, 2019 and August 30, 2020.**

Mrs. Chizu (Patricia) Ioi – 101st birthday
Mrs. Kimiye Kuramoto – 101st birthday
Mrs. Kimi Miyai – 100th birthday
Mrs. Teruko Otani – 101st birthday
Ms. Tayeko Tai Sato – 101st birthday
Mr. Shigeo Seko – 103rd birthday
Mrs. Miyo Takata – 100th birthday
Mrs. Noriko Tatemichi – 101st birthday
Mrs. Kazuko Umemoto – 106th birthday

PASSAGES

Sincere condolences are extended to the families of the following residents who passed away between **October 1, 2019 and August 30, 2020:**

Momiji Seniors Residence

Mr. Kiyo Ise
Mr. Tomoji Ishikura
Mr. Isamu Nomura
Mrs. Jean Okazaki
Mrs. Alice Sakaguchi
Mrs. Jean Togawa
Mr. Yoshiaki Rick Toki
Mrs. Sumiye Ruth Utsunomiya

Castlevue Wychwood Towers

Mr. Kazuo Miyahara

Macassa Lodge

Mr. Mike Honda
Mrs. Ayako Tonogai

Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care

Mrs. Mitsue Aida
Mrs. Mitsue Hayashi
Mr. Norman Ibuki
Mrs. Mary Ichikawa
Ms. Seiko Inamoto
Ms. Nobuko Watanabe
Mrs. Kazuko Wakabayashi

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