

Momiji Matters

Spring / Summer 2025

THANK YOU, JAPANESE CANADIAN LEGACIES SOCIETY!

The Japanese Canadian Legacies Society (JCLS) is a British Columbia-based society set up to oversee the implementation of legacy initiatives that honour Japanese Canadians. Originally created under the umbrella of the National Association of Japanese Canadians BC Redress from 2020-2022, it was supplemented with four grant agreements signed with the Province of BC in 2022 and 2024. The historical wrongs framework was developed in conjunction with Japanese Canadian communities and based on six pillars: Monument; Education; Seniors Health & Wellness; Community & Culture; Heritage; and Anti-racism.

Momiji Health Care Society and Momiji Seniors Residence are beyond grateful to have received several grants from the JCLS which have already made, and will continue to make, an enormous difference to the seniors who live at Momiji and in the community.

COMMUNITY FUND: \$40,000 **Expansion of our Seniors** **Active Living Centre – GTA West**

Momiji has a long history of providing programs and services to seniors, primarily of Japanese Canadian descent. This support is provided primarily at our building in Scarborough although our monthly Community Congregate Dining (CCD) programs are held at various locations across the GTA and beyond. The waiting list for our Momiji Seniors Residence is extremely long so the need for programs and services outside of our walls is great. Based on a study of our applicants, a need was identified for programming in the west end of the Greater Toronto area. Thanks to this grant, we were able to expand our



Momiji's back garden, safely resurfaced, thanks to the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society. (Photos by Momiji Staff.)

Seniors Active Living Centre programs at various locations in the West end to address this growing demand.

This expansion has allowed us to provide a wide range of activities, programs, and support to the Japanese senior population residing in the west end. The four primary areas of expansion were: regular physical activity with fitness programs tailored for seniors and walking clubs; cognitive stimulation activities with educational workshops, games and puzzles, and book clubs; social and recreational events with arts and crafts sessions and holiday celebrations; and wellness and health promotion with guest lectures and volunteer opportunities.

CAPITAL PURCHASE: \$100,000 **Purchasing a RAM Promaster** **Van**

Thanks to funding, Momiji was able to purchase a 2023 Ram ProMaster 2500 and modify it to become a full-size Wheelchair Van that has a retractable wheelchair securement system and a 34" x 54" commercial lift with an 800 lb. capacity. Since there is no special licence required to operate this vehicle, our current drivers can drive it. The van can transport 1-3 wheelchairs or up to 10 passengers.

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We are still looking for feedback from our readers! As you read, please consider:

- Things you like
- Things you don't like
- Suggestions for improvements
- Articles you would like to see

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Thank you for helping us improve our newsletter!



Momiji's new van in use. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

MILESTONES AND PASSAGES

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to these Tenants who celebrated Milestone Birthdays between May 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025:

Momiji Seniors Residence

Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Adachi – 104th birthday
Mrs. Kimiko Rose Aihoshi – 102nd birthday
Mrs. Kiyo (Kay) Fukumoto – 102nd birthday
Mrs. Jean Goto – 100th birthday
Mrs. Claire Nakamura – 101st birthday
Mrs. Jean Miyoshi Nakasuji – 101st birthday
Mrs. Teruko Otani – 105th birthday
Mrs. Miyo Takata – 104th birthday
Mrs. Ichie Yamamoto – 101st birthday

PASSAGES

Sincere condolences are extended to the families of the following Tenants who passed away between May 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025:

Momiji Seniors Residence

Mr. Stephen (Eiroku) Chen (Fujita)
Mr. Hiromichi Roy Endo
Mr. John Shiro Fujimoto
Mrs. Mari Funasaka
Mrs. Miyo Ito
Mr. Mickey Kaneko
Mr. Shigeru Miyamoto
Mr. John Morry
Mrs. Sue (Sumiko) Nishiyama
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Castlevew-Wychwood Towers

Mrs. Nobuko Hagiwara
Mr. Teddy Yoneo Ohashi

Macassa Lodge

Mr. Hideo Butch Nishimura
Mrs. Susan Shizuko Sing

Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care

Mr. Yoshifumi Kitaura
Mrs. Sumiko Nakada



Staff visiting Jean Goto on her 100th birthday. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

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The vehicle supports our service to our Tenants and the community by providing an affordable alternative to private services; easier scheduling and timelier service than public services; delivering the service in the language they are most comfortable with; creating opportunities to interact with their peers; and assisting tenants who require caregiver escorts to medical appointments due to language barriers, frailty or cognitive impairment.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS: \$238,000

Reestablishing a Leveled Surface in the Garden Area – Awarded to Momiji Seniors Residence

Momiji Seniors Residence (MSR) was established 30 years ago as a supportive housing facility to provide aging Japanese Canadians with an ethno-culturally supported living environment. The physical complex encompasses an apartment building with 133 residential units, a Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC), an auditorium, activity spaces and an outdoor garden area with paving stones.

Wear and tear from use and harsh winter weather over the years caused settlement of the sand-based underlayer beneath the paving stones as well as the bulging of stones in places. As a result, the surface area of the garden had become uneven, becoming a potential safety hazard and accessibility barrier. The need for remedial intervention was intensifying as Tenants become increasingly frail with age and need to use mobility aids such as canes and walkers. In fact, there were several incident

reports of Tenants and volunteers falling on the patio due to uneven paving stones. Warning signs were installed however it was still dangerous as Momiji's Maintenance team was unable to keep up with levelling the 12,000 square feet garden area.

Thanks to the grant, MSR was able to hire contractors to re-establish a leveled surface in the garden area to optimize safety and enhance accessibility to outdoor amenities.

COMMUNITY FUND 2: \$20,000

Culinary Heritage, An Intergenerational Cooking Program with Grandparents and Parents

Culinary Heritage, an Intergenerational Cooking Program with Grandparents and Parents, presents a valuable opportunity to celebrate Japanese culinary tradition while fostering stronger relationships between generations. By empowering families to connect through cooking, we not only preserve important cultural practices but also ensure they are passed onto future generations. JCLS support will help create lasting memories and a vibrant community that cherishes its culinary heritage. This initiative seeks to bridge the generation gap while celebrating the rich culinary traditions of Japanese cuisine. By bringing together seniors, parents, and children in a collaborative cooking environment, the program will foster meaningful connections, promote cultural heritage, and cultivate essential life skills through cooking.

This program launched in May and will run twice a month until September. For more information, please visit our website.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS: \$500,000

Parking Garage Repair

Leakage is occurring in Momiji's underground parking garage. To assess the damage, consultants were hired to conduct a Parking Garage condition survey and create a Parking Garage Remedial Measures Action Plan.

Based on this review, several cracked and delaminated concrete areas along the walls and soffits of the garage slabs were found - obvious signs of water migration where failed membrane sections are located. The waterproofing membrane on the podium is underperforming based on the testing of underlying systems. Failure of the waterproofing membrane that is not properly bonded with the podium slab is creating tripping hazards due to asphalt deterioration, upturned and shifted interlocking stones – situations which can be dangerous for seniors.

The soffit of the podium was reviewed from the garage interior. Evidence of leakage indicates that certain areas of the podium membrane have failed. Several locations of delaminated concrete were noted during the reviews indicating that structural deterioration of the slab has commenced. It is essential to find the area to be remedied before it spreads further. There are also visible cracks leading to or around drains.

Based on this survey, it was evident that repairs need to be made to Momiji's Parking Garage – both Garage interior repairs and repairs to the Podium.

Thanks to the JCLS, Momiji can undertake this project which is expected to take several months to complete. Details will be provided to our community as soon as our plans become finalized. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we work to improve the building's infrastructure.

“We are so appreciative to have received these funds from the JCLS that will not only help improve the lives of Japanese Canadian Survivors, but all seniors,” said Eugene Kam, CEO, Momiji Health Care Society. “Without their generosity, these projects would not have been possible.” ■



The Garden floor before and during resurfacing. (Photos by Momiji Staff.)



FAREWELL & WELCOME!

Last June, the Community Services team bid farewell to Miyuki “Mimi” Terazono, the Community Program Worker-GTA West. During her two-years at Momiji, she was dedicated to enhancing programs and supporting seniors at the Community Congregate Dining program in the GTA West. Her contribution had a significant impact on our success, and we are grateful for her dedication and hard work.

Replacing Mimi is Misa Barlow, our new Community Program Worker-GTA West. She joined Momiji last August and is very passionate about social service and seniors’ care. She was born and grew up in Japan but has been living in Canada for 20 years. She was a clay art instructor and designs, plans, and runs events, manages, and plans activities and was previously a Program Coordinator in a language international school, working with teachers, students and coordinating between facilities.

Our Maintenance Team welcomed two new members: Shyam Silwal and Wai-Kit (Rick) Leung while saying goodbye to Bart Tanaka. Our Maintenance Team is responsible for

so many tasks including room set-up, cleaning, and preparing apartments for rent when they become available. This hard-working team has a team member available 24/7 on site.

Personal Support Workers (PSWs) play a vital role at Momiji, providing essential care and support to residents 24/7, 365 days a year. They are at the heart of our community, assisting with daily living activities. In addition to supporting residents at Momiji, some PSWs also visit community clients, ensuring seniors receive the care they need to live safely and comfortably. Their dedication and compassion are invaluable to the well-being of our community.



Momiji staff at the 2024 Staff Appreciation Lunch. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)



Momiji Board members thank staff at the 2024 Staff Appreciation Lunch. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

Our PSW Team has expanded too. Please join us in welcoming:

- Jemalyn Aguilar
- Donzee
- Yukiko Kasai
- Juan Na Ku
- Amer Jacob
- Kabita Dhakal Kharal
- Keito Jingdong Li
- Konomi Miyashita
- Tomoko Ogawa
- Manami Tomita

Thank you to the following PSWs who have moved on to new adventures:

- Kanako Hikawa
- Kanako Miyazaki
- Yukine Teraoka

We thank them for their past service and wish them well in the future. ■

A NEW FACE ON MOMIJI'S BOARD (AND A GOODBYE)

At our Annual General Meeting in September, we welcomed Cary Rothbart to our Board. He is an entrepreneur with over 30 years of experience in opening international markets with a focus on Japanese Food and Beverage channels. He has an in-depth knowledge of business culture in Japan and adapting sales and marketing and packaging to suit the Japanese market.

He has been involved with the Japanese Canadian Community for many years, including nine years of service on The Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Board and a previous nine-year stint on the Momiji Board. He also served seven years on the Momiji Foundation Board. Please join us in welcoming back Cary!

At the meeting, Dereck Oikawa's many years of service was acknowledged. Dereck is a Yonsei, with vast professional experience with Bell and Aeon. He has spent many years on the boards of both the JCCC and Momiji Health Care Society, assisting both with strategic planning and risk assessments. While on the board of Momiji, Dereck also assumed the role of Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. In this role, he oversaw the modernization of our reporting, policies, and procedures, as well as helping guide us through the financial challenges of the pandemic. We wish Dereck all the best and thank him for his years of support. ■



Cary volunteering at the 2016 Bazaar. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

ANOTHER FANTASTIC SUMMER WITH MOMIJI: SUMMER STUDENTS 2024

By Wen Ye, 2024 Summer Youth Employee

The beginning of summer at Momiji is marked by the arrival of the Summer students. Supported through the Canada Summer Jobs program, which provides opportunities for youth ages 15-30 to find summer work, seven young workers—Dhan, Winnie, Huda, Brittany, Thajaani, Jasmin, and Wen—enjoyed a summer filled with learning experiences and fun memories at Momiji. Each student had different experiences, thanks to the diverse positions available in each department.

Jasmin's work in the Client Intervention department was crucial to maintaining accurate and up-to-date applicant records. She dedicated her time to inputting annual survey data submitted by applicants on the waiting list for Momiji. On a day-to-day basis, Jasmin found joy in helping Tenants with technical issues and getting to know their unique personalities through one-on-one conversations. Reflecting on her overall experience, she said, "Coming to Momiji, I was nervous about having a bad experience at a new job, but I was welcomed by an amazing Manager and co-workers who were very open and made the environment comfortable." Jasmin appreciated the opportunity to occasionally engage in casual conversations about topics like family, and food in between work, which helped her bond with the staff around her.

Working in Client Services, Huda performed as an Administrative Assistant. She had the opportunity to closely follow her supervisor, helping various departments and supporting Tenants with difficult tasks. A common situation Huda lists is when tenants would have trouble communicating with their phone companies or banks on a

phone call. When she took the call for them, she noticed just how appreciative the Tenants were, which in turn, gave her fulfillment. Huda said, "The seniors at Momiji are wonderful and kind people willing to interact with students and build bonds. When I was given the opportunity to help organize Paint & Swiss night, I talked to different Tenants and had the chance to help them. I noticed many of the Tenants loved company and enjoyed the time spent together."

In the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC), Winnie and Brittany experienced what it was like to be Activity Assistants, helping Tenants with exercises and other programs to keep them entertained. The pair moved from task to task, including taking attendance, serving drinks at Coffee House, organizing Zoom meetings, and socializing with the Tenants. Although they were busy, they felt they made a difference at Momiji through the positive reactions they received from Tenants and staff. Winnie shared, "It's really satisfying to see the Tenants enjoying themselves and to know that my efforts are appreciated." Both Winnie and Brittany expressed that the seniors at Momiji are very friendly and warm. Winnie added, "I love spending time with them, chatting and listening to their life stories. Each conversation is a unique experience for me."

Dhan dedicated himself to his role as a Medical Clinic Assistant in Support Services. He joined Momiji to pursue a career in geriatrics. Through his role, he not only learned work-related skills but also how to interact with seniors during his workday. He commented, "I enjoyed hearing the life stories of each Tenant I have had the opportunity to speak to." Dhan lists the seniors and staff as his favorite parts of working at Momiji.

Thajaani, was responsible for researching community resources and organizing data for volunteers as part of Volunteer Services. When asked how she felt she made an impact at Momiji, she said, "I feel like I've made a contribution to Momiji by interacting with the Tenants." Although her work was not directly correlated to the Tenants, she felt satisfied knowing that her efforts positively impacted them. One of Thajaani's favourite memories took place during the monthly Ice Cream Social, when she was speaking to a group of Tenants. She reminisced, "They were

sewing little dolls, and we talked about our hobbies, how they learned to sew, stories from their time in Japan and more. The conversation was so lively, and they even offered to teach me how to sew!"



From left to right: Winnie, Thajaani, Jasmin, Huda, and Dhan at the Momiji Bazaar. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

Another unique role in Momiji is the Marketing Coordinator position. Here, Wen observed event marketing, the efforts of fundraising, and numerous tasks that are placed on the department. She says, "While I enjoy making posters and doing other computer-related tasks daily, what makes Momiji stand out is the sense of community I get from working here. I love being able to travel from floor to floor on Toriichi Bento Day or celebrate birthdays for Lug-a-mugs." Wen also admires the passion and dedication that her fellow co-workers have towards their work at Momiji. She ends off saying, "her department colleagues were some of the most hardworking people she knows, and it really was the support they gave me that allowed me to feel like a part of a team. So grateful for this opportunity!"

These young workers' contributions have left an impression on Momiji and its Tenants. Each student, through their unique role, has not only gained valuable skills but also forged meaningful connections with the seniors and staff.

From assisting with technical issues and organizing community events to engaging in heartfelt conversations and providing critical support, the Summer students became a part of the fabric that makes Momiji so special. As they move on to their next chapters, they carry with them the warmth, gratitude, and lessons from a summer well spent, knowing that their efforts have contributed to the well-being of a community that welcomed them with open arms.

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Momiji would like to thank the 2024 summer students for their work and wish them all the best on their future endeavours! ■



From left to right: Wen, Jasmin, Huda, and Brittany helping at Lug-a-Mug. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

MOMIJI'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS CO-CHAIR RECOGNIZED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER

On July 31, during a ceremony hosted by Matsunaga Takeshi, the Consul-General of Japan, the Foreign Minister's Commendation was presented to Momiji's Board of Directors Co-Chair, Ann Ashley.

Ann's service to the promotion of consular and migration affairs has contributed to the friendship and goodwill between Japan and the world. The Minister of Foreign Affairs awarded this commendation to express the Minister's profound respect for Ann's remarkable achievements.

Ann served as a Chair of Momiji's Board of Directors from 2001 to 2012 and since 2018 has served as Co-chair. Congratulations Ann on this well-deserved recognition and for all that you do for Momiji. ■



Ann with Momiji CEO Eugene Kam at the award presentation ceremony. (Photo provided by Ann Ashley.)



Ann with fellow co-chair of the Momiji Board, Jennifer Uyeno, volunteering at the Momiji Information Table during a fundraising event. (Photo by Brian Mahoney.)



From left to right: Momiji CEO Eugene, Board Co-chairs Jennifer and Ann, Momiji staff Ben and Sam, working at the Volunteer Appreciation event. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)



Momiji Education

MOMIJI'S EDUCATION PROGRAM RETURNS!

The Momiji Education Program first began in 1994 and offered a wide variety of courses and workshops for all ages and backgrounds for 25 years. Unfortunately, in Spring 2020, the pandemic forced Momiji to shut down the program for the safety of our seniors and guests.

In Fall 2024, Momiji quietly relaunched the Education Program with a small selection of courses. Many beloved instructors returned to teach at Momiji, as well as new ones with new knowledge to share. We are working on slowly growing the program each session, adding new weekly classes and workshops that will engage the community.

Momiji Education courses are open to seniors (60+) and adults. In some cases, there are workshops that kids are welcome to join (with guardian

supervision). Seniors pay a slightly reduced Registration Fee.

We run four sessions throughout the year:

- Fall – September to December
- Winter – January to March
- Spring – April to June
- Summer – July & August (limited classes)

Watch for information on our Summer Session – to be released in June! We are still looking to expand our program in the future so if you are a teacher and would like to join us as an Independent Contractor, please contact us.

The Education Program raises much needed funds for Momiji. After our instructors are paid, all money raised from Registration Fees is reinvested back into Momiji's programs and services, both here and in the community!

Special thanks to our returning instructors and returning participants

who helped, and continue to help, shape the Education program. Their input has been invaluable.

Check our website under the Education tab for updated information. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact us at education@momiji.on.ca.



Momiji Education instructors at the end of the Fall Session. Left to right: Lynda, Lauren, Anita, Irene, Hi-Sook, Mika, and Noriko. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

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- Safe and reliable transportation for seniors
- Wheelchair-accessible vehicles for easy travel
- Friendly, professional drivers you can count on
- A way for you to stay connected with your community

Momiji @ Home



MOMIJI@HOME PLUS LAUNCHING SOON!

By Miho Kimura, Assistant Manager,
Support Services

We are excited to introduce Momiji@Home PLUS, an enhanced addition to our Momiji@Home care services! Designed to support seniors in the community in maintaining their physical and mental well-being, this new service will offer two key features:

1. Outing Support by a PSW

Staying active can be challenging alone, and outings may feel daunting without support. With this service, a Personal Support Worker (PSW) will accompany clients for light exercise, walks, or visits to nearby stores.

*Minimum -1-hour weekly visit

2. Japanese-Speaking Nurse Consultation

A licensed nurse fluent in Japanese will be available for phone consultations to assist with health-related concerns, including:

- Prevention and health promotion
- Reviewing information for pre- and post-medical procedures
- Navigating Ontario's healthcare system

*30-minute weekly consultation

Important Notes:

Momiji@Home PLUS services require a monthly contract.

We are finalizing the details and will announce the official launch on our website and social media soon—stay tuned!

Our core Momiji@Home (home care) services continue to support seniors who wish to age safely and comfortably at home. If you or a loved one are considering PSW support, now is the perfect time to explore our services!

For inquiries about Momiji@Home or Momiji@Home PLUS, please contact us at 416-261-6683 or momiji_home@momiji.on.ca. ■

Client Intervention



MOMIJI SENIOR RESIDENCE (MSR) APPLICANTS – ANNUAL MANDATORY SURVEY

By Chie Takano Reeves, Client Intervention Worker (CIW)

Our annual Applicant Mandatory Survey was mailed out in mid-February to all the applicants on our waiting list. Since this survey became mandatory in 2023, this marks the 3rd year. This means, the applicants who did not submit their survey response in 2023-24 will be automatically removed from our waiting list IF they do not submit this year's response so, please make sure to submit it if you have not already done so.

Because of this policy change, we have

been calling those who did not respond in 2023-24. However, there are many cases where the auto-message says “the person is not accepting incoming calls” or there has been no response after leaving a voicemail. For many numbers, we do not even know if this still belongs to the applicant we are trying to reach, as the voicemail does not indicate a name.

Although we understand that these measures may be used for security purpose, it is the applicant's responsibility to make your phone available to receive calls from us, as well as to update your

contact information. We only invite you to the eligibility assessment phase by talking on the phone, which must come before any unit offer. If we do not get a response, we have no choice but to skip those who do not respond.

To request that the survey be resent or if you have any questions, please contact the Client Intervention Worker at ciw@momiji.on.ca or call 416.261.6683, ext. 249. We are experiencing a large volume of requests so it may take longer than usual for us to reply. We appreciate your understanding. ■



A LETTER FROM OUR SENIORS ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE TEAM

Dear Momiji Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Community,

Your Voice Matters

In February 2025, we reached out to you for FEEDBACK through our annual SALC satisfaction survey. We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming response! Whether you participated in person or online, your feedback is invaluable. Your insights help us shape the future of SALC programming and ensure that we continue offering programs that genuinely meet your needs.

What We Learned

From your responses, we learned:

- How you feel about the content and structure of the Momiji SALC programs.
- How much impact the Momiji SALC programs have had on your mental and physical health.

The survey also included an open section for free comments, where we received a wide range of thoughtful and constructive suggestions. Some examples of the NEEDS we received include:

- More frequent movie screenings and outings.
- New classes, such as flower arranging, art classes, Tai Chi, cooking, and more.
- Senior Day Care services.
- Weekend and evening programs.
- Transportation services to attend the Momiji SALC programs.

These are just some of the voices we heard, and with this valuable feedback, we are gradually—but surely—updating our programs to better serve you.

Thank You for Your Support

Our programs would not be possible without the generous support of our community. We want to take a moment to acknowledge the MANY individuals who contribute to SALC in several ways. Whether through financial, physical, or emotional support, your contributions are vital to our ongoing success. Events like the monthly birthday parties “Lug-A-Mug” and the bi-weekly “Aihoshi-Kato Ice Cream Social” have become beloved traditions, and we are deeply grateful for the ongoing support that makes these events possible.

With the tightening economy and limited resources, your contributions have made a tremendous difference, benefiting MANY within our community.

Get Involved – Volunteer with SALC

We are always looking for volunteers from both the Momiji residence and the broader community to help support SALC’s activities. If you are interested in contributing your time, skills, and energy, please reach out to any of the SALC staff (ext. 248/243) or Isabelle, our Volunteer Coordinator (ext. 224). We would love to have you join our team!

Thank You Again

Thank you all for being such an integral part of the SALC community! We remain committed to listening to YOUR VOICES and continuously improving our programs.

Last but certainly not least, we would like to emphasize that the programs we offer are open to ALL—not just to those living at Momiji, but to everyone in our community! To make things more accessible, some of our classes continue to be livestreamed online.

Whether online or in person, we look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,
The SALC Team – Naomi, Ben, and Yuki



SALC WEST EXPANSION PROGRAM TURNS ONE! A YEAR IN REVIEW

By Ben Sunahara-Levy, Senior Active Living Centre's Mobile Coordinator

In April 2024, Momiji Community Services was excited to launch a new Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) outreach program for the West region of the GTA. Japanese Canadian seniors, young and old, were invited to join activity days at community locations in North York, Mississauga, and Hamilton. The SALC West activity days, as they came to be known, will celebrate its first year of providing activities to seniors in the community soon, and looking back we have had an exciting year of events and activities!

Throughout the year, participants had a chance to learn the basics of popular Japanese artforms such as sumi-e, sashiko, and origami. Other crafts included painting terracotta pots, creating beaded eyeglass holders, and keychains! The unique and creative crafts offered at the SALC West activity days were all designed and prepared by talented volunteers, Irene Sakata, and Ellen Sunahara-Levy! Thank you, ladies, we cannot wait to see what you will think of next!

With support from the Community Fund of the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society as well as generous donors who support the efforts and benefits of Senior's Active Living programs, we are thankful



Participants learning sashiko embroidery at a SALC West Activity Day. (Photos by Momiji Staff.)

to be able to begin with a strong initial effort at building a new community in the West. As we look forward to another year of offering SALC West activity days, we are thankful to those who have joined us so far and made the year an enjoyable success! As the SALC West Coordinator, I am incredibly thankful to Momiji's Community Services Manager, Jovel, and my teammates Misa, Yuki, and Naomi for their continued support!

The community of participants who attend the SALC West activity days is always growing! We are excited to welcome you, if these activity days are something you, a friend, or a loved one may be interested in, please contact Ben at 416-407-0142, or by email: momijiwest@momiji.on.ca. ■



Beadwork dragonflies made at a SALC West Activity Day. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)



SALC West Activity Days participants enjoying craft workshops, including terracotta pot painting and Sumi-e. (Photos by Momiji Staff.)

SALC West Locations

Toronto Buddhist Temple
1011 Sheppard Avenue West
North York

West Toronto Community Christian Church
3560 Erindale Station Road
Mississauga

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton
45 Hempstead Drive
Hamilton



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Community Services

INTRODUCING... MOMIJI'S COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

By Jovel Patricio, Manager – Community Services

The Community Services team provides support and programs to seniors living in Momiji and in the community. As the population ages, creating a supportive environment for seniors becomes increasingly crucial. We help seniors enhance their quality of life by ensuring they remain engaged, healthy, and connected to their communities.

Community Services offers a wide variety of programs and services for seniors and for the community, both within and outside Momiji such as:

Congregate Dining Programs (CD): These programs provide seniors with the opportunity to enjoy meals provided by various Bento providers or Japanese restaurants in congregate setting at Momiji and at various locations in the community. These programs entail more than just having food - they foster social interaction, minimize loneliness, and facilitate connections among participants. Seniors can eat meals together, engage in conversation and participate in organized activities, contributing to their overall mental and emotional well-being.



Jovel (left) and Board Co-chair Ann Ashley presenting Kazumi (right) with a certificate thanking her for 5 years at Momiji. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

Our Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) are vital hubs that encourage seniors to stay physically active and socially engaged. Momiji's SALCs offer a variety of programs including exercise, crafts and workshops, social activities, and events. SALCs also serve as a gathering place for seniors to feel a sense of belonging within the community. SALC activities have recently expanded to the West of Toronto.



Ben and Naomi at the reception desk, welcoming guests to December Lug-a-Mug. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Transportation is often a significant barrier for seniors who wish to participate in community activities. Our Transportation service provides seniors with access to important resources such as health care or medical appointments, grocery stores and social events for a minimal fee. Reliable transportation enables seniors to maintain their independence and stay engaged in the community, reducing feelings of isolation and enhancing their overall quality of life.

Under our Friendly Visiting program, volunteers or staff visit seniors or engage with them through phone calls, providing companionships and conversation. This offers seniors a meaningful way of interacting with others, sharing their experience, and feeling valued by the community. Friendly visiting contributes to the emotional well-being of seniors and helps them maintain a positive outlook.



Shivonne and Muna at the Shiseido corporate volunteering visit in April 2024. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Momiji Community Program workers and volunteers support Japanese seniors in Long-term care at our partner sites: Castlview-Wychwood Towers, Macassa Lodge and Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care, supporting them through activities and friendly visits.

Momiji Community Services are essential for supporting the needs and well-being of seniors. By investing in these services, the community can foster a more inclusive and supportive environment for seniors, enhancing their overall quality of life and ensuring they do not navigate the difficulties of aging alone.

The Community Services Team: Jovel Patricio, Shivonne Modeste, Yuki Beasley, Ben Levy, Naomi Ono, Muna Salad, Kazumi Fukushima, Aika Kurashima, Misa Barlow, John Brooker, Darren Yokota, and Rick Leung – would be pleased to help you. Please contact us at communityservices@momiji.on.ca or call 416.261.6683, ext. 234. ■



Yuki preparing decorations for Lug-a-Mug. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



Our new Community Program Worker (GTA West), Misa Barlow. (Photo provided by Misa.)



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: CHANGES BROUGHT BY OUR MOMIJI CCD-EAST PROGRAM

By Aika Kurashima, Community Program Worker, CCD-East

The CCD-East lunch program provides a space for seniors in the community to reduce feelings of loneliness and foster meaningful connections with others.

At J-Town, the small-scale setting allows participants to exchange information with one another, and its convenient location in the Japanese Shopping Mall makes it easy for seniors to join. Meanwhile, at Donway Place, the program emphasizes entertainment, offering enjoyable activities that participants can look forward to.

Recently, a participant shared her heartfelt story about how her husband, who has dementia and had stopped smiling completely, was able to make new friends through this program. She

expressed her joy at seeing him smile again and mentioned how much they now look forward to the monthly activities. She even sends a thank-you email after each session, reflecting her gratitude.

At Yee Hong's Japanese Unit, we celebrate and preserve Japanese traditions and culture through activities such as Kirie (paper cutting), one of Japan's traditional crafts, and Otedama (Japanese beanbag) exercises. These programs are not merely activities but play a crucial role in warming people's hearts and energizing the entire community. We believe they contribute to creating a sense of belonging and joy for everyone involved.

Moving forward, we are committed to continuing these efforts to enrich the lives of even more people in the community. ■



Preparing food for the CCD-East Donway Place Halloween Party. (Photo provided by Aika Kurashima.)

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER THROUGH FOOD

By Shivonne Modeste, Assistant Manager, Community Services

At Momiji, food has always been more than just a meal—it is a way to connect, share, and build a sense of community. Our Congregate Dining Program continues to provide residents and the community with a space to enjoy delicious meals while socializing with friends and neighbours at Maru Sun Restaurant. If you are interested in learning more about the Dining Program, contact Muna at 416-261-6683 ext. 239.

For those who prefer to dine at home, our Momiji Bento Delivery Program

offers a convenient way to enjoy nutritious Japanese meals delivered right to your door. Please check Momiji's social media or contact Shivonne at 416.261.6683, ext. 261 for upcoming delivery dates!

We are also excited to introduce Momiji's Culinary Heritage – An Intergenerational Cooking Program, funded by the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society. This 10-week program is a unique initiative that aims to bring multi-generational families together to cook traditional Japanese meals, while sharing stories and cultural experiences.

...AND CCD-WEST!

By Misa Barlow, Community Program Worker, CCD-West

Hello from Momiji's Community Congregate Dining-West (CCD-West)! CCD-West offers luncheons at three locations: Mississauga (monthly), Oakville (bi-monthly), and Hamilton (quarterly) to connect Japanese and Japanese Canadian seniors (60+) living independently in these areas.

The program is designed to support the well-being of seniors in the community. Each gathering features a delicious Japanese bento lunch, refreshments, and a variety of engaging activities, including workshops, seminars, guest performances, sing-alongs, light exercises, games, and more!

These luncheons provide not only an opportunity to enjoy a meal together, but also meaningful moments for social connection, cultural enrichment, and mental stimulation! Anyone is welcome to participate at any CCD location. We invite you to join us! ■



A buffet meal provided by Maru Sun (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

It is a wonderful opportunity to gain experience, connect, and celebrate the rich culinary traditions that unite us. If you are interested in participating, please contact Shivonne at 416-261-6683 ext. 261.

Whether you are joining us in the dining room, enjoying a bento at home, or participating in our new cooking program, we hope you continue to find joy and connection through food at Momiji. ■



Volunteers

MOMIJI VOLUNTEER PROFILE: YUKIKO

By Isabelle Yamamoto, Coordinator,
Volunteer Management

Wanting to get a fresh perspective on volunteering during a time of change at Momiji, we conducted an interview with Yukiko – a dedicated Senior Active Living Centre (SALC) volunteer who joined the volunteer team in December of 2023. At the time, she was taking her next steps into the Canadian nursing field. She has since joined the hardworking PSW team at Momiji and continues to share her diligent work ethic and kindness with our seniors! Thank you, Yukiko!

Q: How has your experience been while being involved as a volunteer with SALC?

A: I really enjoyed my time volunteering at Momiji. I had a wonderful experience supporting active seniors in a new environment, while also applying the experience I gained from working with seniors in Japanese hospitals. It amazed me how well the seniors are doing at Momiji, and the experience was enjoyable, especially compared to the hospital setting. Not only did I gain valuable experience supporting seniors, but the seniors, staff, and many other volunteers I met at Momiji have become like family to me, which brings me great happiness.

Q: Has the time you spent brought any new or interesting experiences with the seniors?

A: Most of my previous experience involved working with hospitalized seniors in Japan, so being around active and energetic seniors here was both refreshing and energizing for me. Seeing tenants who were born and raised in Canada recall and hum along to old Japanese songs they learned long ago made me realize how long-lasting long-term memory can be. It was fascinating to witness this in a bilingual environment. Compared to seniors in Japan, Nikkei Canadian seniors are more active and livelier for their age. Many of them wear bright clothing and are eager to participate in activities, giving the impression that they are enjoying life no matter their age. Working with them gives me a strong sense of fulfillment.



Yukiko and fellow volunteer Natsuko helping in the kitchen during Lug-a-Mug. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



Yukiko spending time with Momiji seniors at SALC's Halloween Party. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



Yukiko with fellow volunteers Sandra and Grace preparing for the Summer Festival in August. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Q: What improvements would you suggest as someone coming in as a newer volunteer to help at Momiji? How can we better support volunteers in the future?

A: Honestly, my experience at Momiji has been incredibly positive. The staff has been supportive, and I feel fortunate to have been part of such a wonderful community!

Yuki Beasley, Momiji's SALC Coordinator, worked closely with Yukiko during her volunteer work. "Yukiko always brought a bright and proactive energy to SALC, and I am deeply grateful for her dedication. Her attentiveness to everything happening in the programs and her unwavering support — not only for the seniors but also for the fellow volunteers and staff at Momiji — have left a lasting impact. She was always there for everyone.

Although we may not be working as closely together in the programs anymore, I am glad we still see each other as fellow Momiji staff members. I have no doubt that Yukiko will continue moving forward with confidence to achieve her goals. I wish her nothing but the best for a bright and successful future!" ■

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for help in our outreach programs in the West and Central areas of the GTA. Particularly, we need urgent volunteer help with program assistance at Castleview Wychwood Towers. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with our community programs, please send us an email at volunteering@momiji.on.ca or call 416-261-6683 ext. 224. Opportunities are available in Mississauga, Hamilton, Donway Place, Castleview and at the Toronto Japanese Buddhist Church.

WRAPPING UP THE COMMUNITY SERVICES RECOVERY FUND (CSRF) GRANT & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

By Isabelle Yamamoto, Coordinator, Volunteer Management

The Community Services Recovery Fund grant wrapped up successfully in June 2024 with over 100 newly recruited volunteers to help supplement volunteer resignations that occurred during COVID. Materials for volunteers such as new name tags, equipment, promotional materials, and supplies were acquired thanks to this funding. A large portion of the funding went to the Volunteer Appreciation event which was hosted in June. At this event, we thanked the volunteers who helped us in 2023, recognized the winners of the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (OVSA) and thanked partner organizations who supported us during the year.

Thanks to the CSRF program, we identified and have since made permanent our Volunteer Coordinator who will assist with onboarding, training, orientation, scheduling, and the ongoing support of volunteers.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

New connections were made last summer with several enthusiastic Youth Volunteers. These volunteers were searching for connections within the Japanese culture and language as well as those generously wishing to give back to the seniors in the community. Thank you to the new volunteers and best of luck in the future! ■



CCD volunteers at the 2024 Volunteer Appreciation event. (Photo provided by Isabelle Yamamoto.)



Momiji staff and board members serving volunteers lunch at the Volunteer Appreciation event. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)



Volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation event collecting their desserts. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)



Volunteer Dawna and her granddaughter enjoying the Tanabata decorations at the Volunteer Appreciation event. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

Around the Building



CURRENT PROJECTS

By Carolina Yamashita, Manager, Seniors Residence & Environment

In addition to the projects that received JCLS Funding, there are several other projects that are underway at Momiji!

COOLING TOWER

With summer approaching, Momiji is taking proactive steps to ensure that our residents and the community can stay comfortable without any issues related to our cooling system. To achieve this, we have initiated a refurbishment of our original cooling tower. This essential project is currently underway and is expected to be completed mid-May, just in time for us to turn on the air conditioning for the season!

GARBAGE COMPACTOR

A new trash compactor has been installed in the building's garbage room to improve waste management efficiency. Over time, the base of the previous compactor had suffered significant corrosion, wear, and deterioration, compromising its functionality. To address these issues and ensure reliable operation, we have replaced the old unit with a brand-new compactor. This upgrade will enhance waste disposal efficiency, improve safety, and contribute to the overall maintenance of the building's waste management system.

AUDITORIUM LIGHTING

The current lighting in the auditorium is not bright enough, making it difficult to ensure optimal visibility. To enhance brightness and improve overall lighting quality, we will be replacing all existing fixtures with new energy-efficient LED lights to provide better illumination.

"We are delighted to see significant enhancements across multiple areas of our facility. The building's structure has been strengthened, our safety measures have been upgraded, and the overall aesthetic appeal has been improved." ■



Corporate Volunteering

SHISEIDO CANADA PARTNERS WITH MOMIJI FOR A HEARTWARMING DECEMBER OF VOLUNTEERISM

By Jovel Patricio, Manager – Community Services

In December 2024, Shiseido Canada embraced the spirit of giving through a remarkable partnership between Momiji and Shiseido volunteer employees focusing on seniors' engagement. The volunteer employees organized and participated in activities aimed at spreading joy. There were various activities including hand massages, makeovers, and holiday craft workshops, where seniors could express their creativity and make personalized paper lanterns decorations. Employees helped facilitate these workshops by teaching but also enjoying meaningful interactions with participants.

Another highlight was the sponsorship of a festive lunch buffet by Shiseido for the seniors, organized in collaboration with Momiji staff. Shiseido took pride in providing a delightful buffet experience for 130 seniors. The buffet featured a variety of Japanese and Chinese dishes catered from Maru Sun Restaurant. This event created a welcoming atmosphere where seniors could socialize and enjoy each other's company and get to know to their new friends - the Shiseido employee volunteers.

This partnership between Shiseido and Momiji not only benefited the seniors but also enriched the employee volunteers of Shiseido and Momiji staff. It fostered teamwork, enhanced camaraderie and instilled a strong sense of purpose among volunteers and staff. We recognize and acknowledge the collaboration.



Momiji seniors, PSWs, and Shiseido volunteers creating colourful paper snowflakes and plastic cup snowglobes at the December holiday celebration. (Photos by Harry Tonogai.)



The Shiseido Corporate Volunteer team in December after enjoying holiday crafting and luncheon with Momiji seniors. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



Showing off crafts in progress. (Photos by Harry Tonogai.)



A Shiseido volunteer and member of Momiji's Garden Club stamp down the dirt around a freshly planted bamboo plant. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



The Shiseido Corporate Volunteer team in April after helping with bamboo planting. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



Shiseido volunteers pampered the seniors with hand massages and mini makeovers. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)



The Shiseido volunteer team unpacking craft supplies, provided by Shiseido, before the December holiday event. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Through this effort, employee volunteers not only spread joy during the holiday season but also set a precedent for future initiatives aimed at uplifting and supporting our seniors. The success of the December collaboration and volunteer activities will continue, and plans are underway aiming to spread joy to our seniors in the coming months. Thank you, Antonio Andrade, President, Shiseido Canada; Asma Akbar and your outstanding team of employee volunteers for engaging with the seniors.

This was the second Shiseido Canada Volunteer Event in 2024 since in April, Shiseido's President and 20 employee volunteers helped plant 10 Bamboo that the company purchased for Momiji. In addition to the planting, seniors were given the opportunity to paint a terracotta pot and plant a succulent. After Shiseido staff toured Momiji, they enjoyed a Bento lunch with the seniors that Shiseido paid for – a wonderful opportunity for employee volunteers to engage with seniors.

Thanks not only go to Shiseido Canada, but to the Momiji Garden Club volunteers who helped and supported our corporate volunteers with the bamboo planting.

For more than 10 years Shiseido Canada volunteer employees and SALC have worked together to organize a very successful program at Momiji for our seniors. "Beauty Talk" discusses basic skin care, wellness, and recognizes the importance of looking after oneself regardless of age. ■



Fundraising Activities

MOMIJI'S 16TH FUNDRAISING BOWLATHON – A RECORD EVENT!

On Sunday, May 26th, 2024, Momiji welcomed 38 five-pin bowlers (at Parkway Bowl) and 107 ten-pin bowlers (at Kennedy Bowl) to our 16th Fundraising Bowlathon. Over 160 people enjoyed a delicious Bento and award ceremony at the Frank H. Hori Community Centre (Momiji Centre) after the bowling was finished.

Thanks to our bowlers and Corporate Sponsors, this year's event raised over \$60,000 – a new record. Corporate Sponsors raised \$9,000: \$5,000 from iA Private Wealth, \$1,000 from K. Shikaze Consulting and \$1,000 from the Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation; a \$1,000 donation from RBC Foundation and two \$500 sponsorships from Kriens-LaRose, LLP, Chartered Accountants and HUB. Thank you also to our Bowlathon Chair, Gayle Cali, and the Bowlathon Committee for their tireless efforts. ■

A COMMUNITY FAVOURITE – MOMIJI'S COMMUNITY BAZAAR

A few weeks later, on June 15th, Momiji hosted the Community Bazaar. The weather was perfect for the event that was held both inside Momiji and outside. The newly renovated Garden area was abuzz with activity. Favourites, like Manju and Chow Mein were in demand and great deals were to be had. Over 800 guests were welcomed and over \$42,000 (an increase from the previous year) was raised for the seniors, both here at Momiji and in the Community. This event would not be possible without the hundreds of volunteers who donate their time on the day of the event and in the weeks, and months, leading up to the day. Thanks to our two Co-Chairs, Danielle Atkinson and Catherine Oikawa and their Advisor Ruth Simpson; our Food Chair, Dawna Kobayashi as well as the Bazaar Committee and Leads.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7th, the date of his year's event! We hope to see you here! ■



Bazaar volunteers enjoying the shade in the Momiji garden.



Momiji seniors *also* enjoying the shade in the Momiji garden during the Bazaar!

Photos from the Momiji Bazaar and Japonica were taken by Brian Mahoney.



The sushi team at the Momiji Bazaar, before the rush!



Bazaar guests searching for deals in the clothing section.



Volunteers preparing freshly made food the day of the Bazaar.



Board member Sarah helping set up the Bazaar BBQ tent.



The book team all set up and ready to welcome Bazaar guests.



Saturday's Kimono Dressing Demonstration at Japonica.



Japanese books for sale at Japonica.

MOMIJI'S BLOWOUT YARD SALE EXTRAVAGANZA – DEALS GALORE!

Near the end of August, almost 500 individuals visited Momiji's Blowout Yard Sale and enjoyed great deals on items such as Electronics, Clothing and Shoes, Books, Toys, and Sporting Goods. As with all our events, there was delicious food – a BBQ and a Coffee Bar featuring home-baked goods. Fill-a-box also made its return, ensuring that customers received incredibly good deals. We are thankful to the volunteers who helped sort, set up and sell on the day of the event. Thanks to Dawna Kobayashi for Chairing this event. Over \$8,000 was raised.

This year's Blowout Yard Sale Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, July 5th. ■

JAPONICA LIVE – A TWO DAY EVENT!

On Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th, Japonica Live was held. This was the first time that this event, featuring all things Japanese, was held for two days.

There were stunning Kimono displays, an entire room dedicated to Tableware and Tea, and a separate room dedicated to Dolls and Games. Ikebana, Media, and Artwork was also for sale. This year, in addition to delicious snacks provided by the Momiji Café, food vendors filled the auditorium, offering our guests a wider variety of Japanese food to enjoy. Thanks to Mayumi Maemura and the Japonica team, over \$21,000 was raised for Momiji.

Mark your calendar since this year's event will be held on Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th. ■



Japonica guests exploring the Craft Room, full of beautiful Japanese dishes, lacquerware, and teaware for sale.



Sunday's Kimono Dressing Demonstration at Japonica.



The doll section of Japonica, looking their best for customers.

HOLIDAY MARKET – A GIFTGIVER'S DREAM!

In November, Momiji hosted their very first Holiday Market. Shoppers enjoyed a wide range of products, sold by over 40 vendors selling food, crafts, art, jewellery and more. The Market not only supports Momiji's seniors, but local artists, crafters, and businesses. Thanks to the generosity of our vendors, we were able to hold a raffle, helping to raise even more money for the seniors. A total of just over \$8,500 was raised.

We hope to see you at this year's Holiday Market – to be held on Saturday, November 22nd! ■

To stay up-to-date on upcoming fundraising events:



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BOWLATHON CORPORATE SPONSOR PROFILE – MARTY KOBAYASHI, iA PRIVATE WEALTH

Momiji's Bowlathon is one of our most successful fundraisers, raising over \$570,000 in its 16-year history. We rely not only on bowlers to solicit donations from their family and friends, but more recently, we rely on Corporate Sponsors to help maximize our fundraising.

One of these corporate sponsors is Marty Kobayashi of iA Private Wealth, the Bowlathon's 2024 Platinum Sponsor. Marty has a long, personal history with Momiji that compels him to continue his support. He was involved with the JCCC when Momiji used to hold their fundraising meetings at the JCCC before Momiji Centre was built. In fact, the JCCC was Momiji's "headquarters," and all mail and donation cheques came to the JCCC at 123 Wynford Drive.

Marty remembers when the land was purchased at 3555 Kingston Road. There was a small used car dealer nearby and the property was an empty lot except for some used cars. There were no townhouses to the east, just fields. His Mom's brother, Roy Matsui, was the principal architect at Matsui, Baer, Vanstone Architects and Marty watched with fascination as the building took shape, just like the scale model that was on display at the old JCCC. His Uncle Roy took him on a personally guided tour of the building while it was still under construction.

Marty has been aware of Momiji since it was just a dream, driven by passionate leaders and promoters, including Fred Sasaki and Fred Sunahara. He was inspired by their dedication to build Toronto's first dedicated seniors' residence for the Japanese Canadian Community. In addition to his Uncle Roy being the architect, his Mom Yone Kobayashi lived at Momiji for 4 1/2 years. He also knows many of the residents that have been friends for decades.

Momiji continues to be a family affair since his son-in-law Chris Kobayashi-Reid is Momiji's Director of Finance & Operations and Marty's daughter, Kristin, is a volunteer. It was Chris and Kristin, who asked Marty to be the lead



Momiji CEO Eugene Kam presenting Team iA Private Wealth with the Bowlathon trophy. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Bowlathon sponsor and enter a corporate team. Without hesitation, Marty said, "Absolutely, because Momiji is such a great place for seniors to live and enjoy."

Marty first entered a corporate Bowlathon team in 2019. Last year, his team won the CEO's Challenge and was presented with the Momiji Cup. They will be challenging other corporations on the alleys on May 31st, the date of our 17th Fundraising Bowlathon. "The Bowlathon is a great social event not only for the tenants, but for the staff and volunteers as well to all bowl and work together to raise funds for Momiji," Marty said.

In addition to being a Corporate Sponsor for the Bowlathon, Marty is a long-time volunteer who helps at the Bazaar and Yard Sale and any other activities that needs volunteers. He finds that "the Tenant's are always very welcoming and appreciative of the volunteers, and it makes the hard work extremely rewarding. There is great comradery and respect amongst the volunteers as well, bringing multi-generations together to work for a common goal. That is a very satisfying feeling."

At iA Private Wealth, Marty oversees of one of the dozens of offices which house well over 450 investment teams. His office is one of the top 25 iA Teams in Canada. He is a Branch Principal and a Senior Investment Advisor and supports three Investment Advisors in the office, including his daughter, Kristin. His team specializes in investment planning,

including Education Savings Plans and First Home Savings Accounts for young families, Retirement Savings Plans for those still working and Retirement Income Plans for retirees. They have investments that can be used for the plans mentioned above, but also for Tax Free Savings Accounts for individuals of all ages!

Marty encourages others to get involved with Momiji. "It is a wonderful place for seniors to live out their golden years. There are warm friendships that are started here or rekindled from internment days. So many of my friend's parents are living happily at Momiji, and they could always use more donors and supporters to help fund the many programs that keep the seniors active in mind and body. If you have not been to Momiji lately, come to one of their many events and experience the warmth and friendship of the tenants, staff, and volunteers." ■

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Thank you, Marty, for your generous support of Momiji over the years. We will see you at the alley for Momiji's 17th Annual Bowlathon on May 31st.

Momiji would also like to acknowledge the other Corporate Sponsors of the 2024 Bowlathon:

Silver Maple Sponsors: K. Shikaze Consulting, and Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation

Major Event Donor: RBC Foundation
Bronze Maple Sponsors: HUB, and Kriens-LaRose, LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants

IN GRATITUDE: THE MORITA'S LASTING IMPACT

By Wen Ye, 2024 Summer Youth Employee

Meet Molly Morita. Many Momiji Tenants and staff may have seen the picture and plaque hanging outside of the Craft Room recognizing her and her late husband, Hirokazu. The pair made a significant donation to Momiji, marking a milestone in their lifelong commitment to supporting the community.

Their donation was inspired by their love and appreciation for the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC), the cornerstone of activities and events for seniors at Momiji. Molly and Hirokazu always praised and recognized Momiji for its quality care, hardworking staff, wonderful environment, and tight-knit community.

Momiji Health Care Society extends its heartfelt gratitude for their remarkable support and unwavering commitment. Their gift to the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) embodies their deep dedication to our community and will have a long-lasting impact on the lives of our Tenants.

We are profoundly grateful for Molly and Hirokazu's generosity. This donation enables us to enhance our programs and services, enrich the lives of our seniors and foster a vibrant, supportive environment. We are inspired by Molly's kindness and compassion.



Molly celebrating her birthday at the January Lug-a-Mug this year. (Photo by Harry Tonogai.)

Momiji Health Care Society invites the community to join in supporting our mission. Whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about our programs, every contribution helps us continue to serve our Tenants. If you would like to donate to Momiji, please contact us at 416-261-6683, ext. 259 or by email at fundraising@momiji.on.ca.

DONOR LIST

Momiji gratefully acknowledges all donations received from March 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025. Due to space limitations, only donations of \$20 or more are listed.

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Terashita, Ms. Eiko	100
Thachuk, Mr. Peter	200
Thompson, Mrs. Amy (Seto)	100
Tomihiro, Mrs. Sheila	100
Toronto Kokugo Kyoshitsu	100
Towata, Mrs. Patricia Ayako	500
Tsuji, Mrs. Donna	100
Tsuji, Ms. Karen	
Tsuji, Ms. Patricia	400
Tsuji, Mrs. Yeriko	
Turnbull, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart & Elaine	100
Uchikura, Mr. Carl	100
Ueta, Ms. Ki Sook	
Veater, Ms. Barbara J.	200
Waintraub, Ms. Nicole	
Wakida, Mrs. Kikuye Gloria	
Wale, Ms. Kathy	100
Westergaard, Mrs. Yoneko	500
Williamson, Ms. Elizabeth (Liz)	50
Yakura, Ms. Umiko	50
Yoshida, Mr. Isao	

EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS**Holiday Market**

Kawahara-Ng, Ms. Amy Emi	34
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Holiday Treats

Miura, Mrs. Carolyn	30
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Kaz Shikaze's Facebook Birthday Fundraiser

Barr, Ms. Pauline	
Chalmers, Mrs. Janet	
Fujita, Ms. Linda	
Hoy, Mr. Peter	
Kagawa, Mr. Brian	
Kaneko, Mr. Dave	
Kobayashi, Mrs. Dawna	
Love, Mr. Kevin	
Mulcaster, Ms. Kay	
Nobuto, Ms. Jan	
Shikaze, Mr. Kaz	
Shikaze, Mr. Kim	
Tsuji, Ms. Janet	
Westergaard, Mrs. Yoneko	

1,266

Shiseido Volunteering Event

Shiseido Canada Inc.	3,748
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Tomorrow's Stars Today Concert

eventsMarion.ca	540
Kobayashi, Karen	100
Sato-Mound, Sora	100

Toriichi Bento Fundraiser

Iwata, Ms. Margaret	
MacLeod, Mr. Donald	

GIFTS IN KIND**Christmas Gifts for Tenants**

Uchikata, Dr. & Mrs. Paul & Susan	
Uchikata, Ms. Sharon	

Japonica

Allen, Mr. Gentry	
Anzai, Mrs. Betty	
Archer, Mrs. Joyce	
Clemens, Rae	
Ebata, Ms. Jessie	
Fukushima, Ms. Joy	
Hewson, Mrs. Geraldine (Gerry) Yumiko	
Ichiyen, Mr. Henry	
Kawaguchi, Ms. Lori A.	
Kirkby, Ms. Helen	
Masuda, Mrs. Louise M.	
Matsuba, Mrs. Gail	
Matsui, Ms. Naomi Carol	
Matsushige, Mrs. Dale	
Murakami, Mr. Michael	
Nishio, Ms. Robynn	
Okawara, Mrs. Kathryn	
Saito, Mr. Allan	
Sakata, Ms. Irene	
Sakata-Murphy, Mrs. Aiko	
Smith, Ms. Christine	
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Yabu, Mr. & Mrs. Hisao & Shizuko	
Yatabe, Ms. Susan	
Yokota, Rev. Stanley	

Momiji Café and Holiday Treats**Containers**

Kobayashi, Mrs. Dawna	
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Rolling Carts and Stanchions

Kobayashi, Mr. Martin	
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MAJOR GIFTS**Aihoshi-Kato Endowment Fund**

Aihoshi, Mrs. Kimiko Rose	489,702
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Christmas Campaign

Kobayashi, Mr. Martin	10,000
Nishikaze, Mr. Fumihiro	10,000
Sasaki, Mr. Paul	5,000

Momiji Community Wellness Fund

Estate Of Kayo Ota	6,331
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GENERAL**Momiji Health Care Society**

Edamura, Ms. Gwyneth	163
Fujimoto, Mr. Gordon	440
Gage, Mrs. Pamela	100
Hashimoto, Mr. Walter	
Inamoto, Mrs. Chiyo	50
Kaneko, Mr. Mickey	
Shimizu, Mr. David	160
Shiseido Employees	75
Takahashi, Ms. Susan	200
Wong, Mr. Peter	150
Yamashita, Mrs. Sue	

Community Congregate Dining - West

Ando, Mr. Masahiro	83
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Education Programs

Simpson, Ms. Ruth	35
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Membership Donations

Bakhtiari-Noroozi, Mr. Mohsen	50
Durocher, Mrs. Terralyn Gale	
Fukuma, Ms. Mika	20
Fukuma, Ms. Miyuki	20
Gage, Mr. & Mrs. Ian & Pamela	50
Hope, Mrs. Marion Tomoko	
Ikeda, Mrs. Marie	
Inamoto, Mrs. Chiyo	50
Isojima, Mrs. Shirley (Setsuko)	50
Ito, Mr. Lloyd T.	
Iwata, Ms. Margaret	
Iwata, Mr. Takashi (Tosh)	
Jablonsky, Ms. Margaret Peggy	200
Kanashiro, Mr. & Mrs. Nori & Blanche	20
Kobayashi, Mr. Jim & Ms. Kyoko Iwamura	100
Koyata, Mrs. Jane	80
Kubota, Mrs. Hiroko	
Kusano, Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Lily	70
Kuwahara, Mrs. Nellie	100
Lagan, Mrs. Eva	
Maemura, Mr. & Mrs. Koji & Hiroko	20
Maikawa, Mrs. Judy	
Masuda, Mrs. Louise M.	
McIlroy, Ms. Joan	80
Mitobe, Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Donna	
Mitsui, Mrs. Kieko (Kay)	30
Miura, Mr. Nobuyoshi & Ms. Yuka	
Takizawa	50
Miyazaki, Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Hatsumi	
Mori, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon & Ruth	20
Nakamura, Mrs. Miyo	20
Nakawatase, Mr. Satsuo	
Nakawatase, Mrs. Sumiko	100
Nishi, Mrs. Judy	
Oye, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald & Donna	20
Reynolds, Mr. John & Ms. Stella Dasko	20
Shikaze, Mr. & Mrs. Kaz & Ruby	
Shimizu, Mr. Ron & Ms. Edy Goto	270
Sora, Mr. & Mrs. Ray & Nancy	

Sunahara, Mrs. Yoshiko	
Tamaki, Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Naomi	100
Towata, Mrs. Patricia Ayako	40
Toyota, Dr. Jane & Mr. Richard Kenno	
Waintraub, Mr. & Mrs. Morris & Pam	
Williamson, Ms. Elizabeth (Liz)	50

Momiji Matters Newsletter

Hayakawa, Ms. Rika	250
Nakawatase, Mr. Satsuo	
Ogaki, Ms. Toyoko Betty	100
Ogura, Ms. Patricia	100
St-Germain, Ms. Linda	100
Takashima, Lindsay	500
Williamson, Ms. Elizabeth (Liz)	50

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Uyede, Ms. Sharon
Yoshida, Mr. Derek

Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC)

Clubine-Ito, Ms. Lori	500
Davis, Mr. Ken	120
Eto, Mr. & Mrs. Don & June	
Hirowatari, Mrs. Louise	
Ito, Mrs. Miyo	300
Lagan, Mrs. Eva	
Nagano, Mrs. Louise (Reiko)	
Nasu, Ms. Sandra	100
Shirafuji, Dr. Seiko	500
Simpson, Ms. Ruth	50
Sumida, Mr. & Mrs. Mas & Michiko	30
Tonogai, Mr. Harry	

SALC Aihoshi Ice Cream Social

Yokota, Rev. Stanley	100
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SALC Lug-A-Mug

Beaver, Mrs. Joan Hiroko	50
Hirowatari, Mrs. Louise	
Lepik Family	500
Maemura, Ms. Mayumi	550
McIlroy, Ms. Joan	300
Nagano, Mrs. Louise (Reiko)	
Oshare Craft Club	

Oyagi, Mr. Tad	100
Terashita, Ms. Eiko	100
Tsuji, Mrs. Yeriko	
Yamada, Mrs. Hiroko	200

IN HONOUR, CELEBRATION, or APPRECIATION

In Appreciation of IT volunteer Mitsuru Akaoka

Gravlin, Ms. Barbara Miiko	25
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In Appreciation of PSW Mrs. Midori Dale

Fujiwara, Ms. Denise	250
Wakabayashi, Ms. Lori	100

In Honour of Shirley (Setsuko) Isojima

Chihaya, Mrs. Mieko Julie	100
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In Honour of Ms. Maimu Molder

Molder, Ms. Maimu	50
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In Celebration of my 101st Birthday

Nakamura, Mrs. Claire	50
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In Honour of Sam Nishiyama and remembering Sumiko Nishiyama

Anonymous	187
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In Celebration of my 106th Birthday

Sato, Ms. Tayeko Tai	
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In Celebration of Ichie Yamamoto's 101st Birthday

Ito, Mrs. Cindy	101
Ito, Mrs. Miyo	101

In Appreciation of Mr. Darryn Yokota

Kayama, Mrs. Michiko	
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In Appreciation of Momiji Staff and Volunteers for all you do for Momiji Residents

Anonymous	187
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In Appreciation of the Momiji Staff who assisted Dad

Kaneko, Mr. Dave	200
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Thank you to the Staff for the wonderful care provided to my Mother

Yano, Ms. Dianne	540
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Thank you for your on-going assistance with our Father

Izukawa, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sandra	
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Thanks for all the great work you do in keeping our Mom safe and happy!

Hayward, Mrs. Joyce	100
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Thank you for being such a wonderful place for your residents and the community

Kelly, Ms. Rose	50
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Thank you to Momiji@Home, Support Services, SALC and Volunteers for your kindness, dedication and support of our Mother this year

Anonymous	500
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In Appreciation of the Momiji Maintenance Department

Makimoto, Ms. Margaret S.	
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In Appreciation of the Momiji PSW Department

Anonymous	300
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Eto, Mr. & Mrs. Don & June	
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In Recognition of the excellent programs at the Mississauga location (SALC West)

Nakamura, Mrs. Alice	50
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In Appreciation of Senior's Day

Hirowatari, Mrs. Louise	
Inamoto, Mrs. Chiyo	100

In Appreciation of Volunteers, especially for One-on-One IT class

Narimatsu, Ms. Hisako	50
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In Memory of Mr. Shigeru Aoki

Fukuda, Ms. Kay	35
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Ito, Mrs. Miyo	50
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Fujiwara, Ms. Denise	250
Hayashi, Sam & Sadayo	50

In Memory of Mrs. Tamae Fukunaga

Fukunaga, Ms. Margaret Mitsuko	100
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In Memory of Mr. Clayton Gytoku

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In Memory of Mrs. Satoko Hama

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Beaver, Mrs. Joan Hiroko	50
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In Memory of Mrs. Toshie Yokota

Beaver, Mrs. Joan Hiroko	50
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日系レガシー・ソサエティ 補助金に感謝します

ブリティッシュ・コロンビア (BC) 州に拠点を持つ日系レガシー・ソサエティ (JCLS) は、全カナダ日系人協会のBCリドレス・プロジェクト (2020~2022) のもとで設立された組織で、2022年と2024年にBC州政府との間で合意された4つの補償の実施を統括してきました。BCリドレス・プロジェクトは日系カナダ人に対する歴史的誤りについて1. 記念碑の設置、2. 教育、3. シニアのヘルス/ウェルネス、4. コミュニティと文化、5. 文化継承、6. 人種差別反対主義という6つの柱に基づいた継承イニシアチブを提示しました。

モミジ・ヘルスケア・ソサエティとシニアレジデンスはJCLSのコミュニティ基金から以下の幾つかのプロジェクトにおいて補助金を受給できたことに感謝しています。補助金はモミジ居住者及び地域で暮らす日系シニアの方々の生活に大きな変化をもたらします。

シニア・アクティブ・ リビングセンター GTA西部に活動を展開 補助額 \$40,000

モミジは主に日系シニアの方々に対象に長年、スカーボロのモミジセンターを中心にプログラム/サービスを提供しています。会食プログラムはGTA及び広域で毎月、開催されていますが、シニアレジデンスの入居待ちの方が非常に多いため、他のプログラム/サービスもモミジ以外の場所でのニーズが増えています。入居申請者を対象とした調査ではGTAの西部に需要が示されていたため、今回の補助金がSALCのプログラムを西部に展開する上で大きな援助となりました。

その結果、現在、西部に住む日系シニアの方々にアクティビティやプログラムが提供されています。身体機能の促進にはシニアに適したフィットネスやウォーキング。認知機能の促進には教育的ワークショップやゲーム/パズル、読書クラブ。交流や娯楽としてアート/工芸のクラスやホリデー祝賀会。ヘルス/ウェルネスとして講演会やボランティアの機会があります。

車椅子で乗車可能なバン購入 補助額 \$100,000

モミジは補助金で車椅子で乗車可能な2023 Ram Promaster 2500を購入しました。このバンは車椅子用リフトを格納しています (34x54インチ、許容重量800ポンド)。運転には特殊免許を必要とせず、モミジのドライバーが運転できます。車椅子1~3台または乗客10人まで送迎できます。

このバンはモミジ居住者及び地域で暮らすシニアの方々の送迎をサポートします。手頃な価格で、公共交通機関よりも予約が容易。時間もより正確です。使い慣れた言語で利用できて、友人との交流の機会にもなります。居住者で言葉がわかりにくい方や体力・認知機能の衰えた方が介護者に付き添われて医療診察に行く際のサポートになります。

建物の整備 庭園の敷石面の修繕 補助額 \$238,000

モミジ・シニアレジデンスは30年前、日系人高齢者のために文化的背景を配慮した支援付き居住施設として設立しました。建物は居住施設 (133戸)、シニア・アクティブ・リビングセンター (SALC)、オーディトリウム、活動用の幾つかのルーム、庭園で構成されています。

庭園は長年の使用や厳しい冬の気候で敷石の下地が沈下・隆起し地面が平坦でなくなり、庭園を歩く人の困難や安全が懸念されていました。杖や歩行器を使う利用者が増加する中、修繕の必要性が迫られていました。

実際、敷石に段差のあるパティオで居住者やボランティアの方々の転倒が何件か報告されました。警告の標識は設置していますが、広い庭園をモミジ職員が平坦にすることはできないため懸念がありました。

今回の補助金でモミジは業者を雇い庭園の地面を平坦に修繕し、安全性を最適化して庭園を利用しやすくしました。

伝統料理の継承 世界の料理のプログラム 補助額 \$20,000

Culinary Heritage (伝統的な料理の継承) は、祖父母や父母の世代

が参加する世界の料理のプログラムで、日本料理の伝統を楽しみながら世代間の絆をより深める貴重な機会です。家族が一緒に料理をすることで大切な文化が守られ次世代へと継承される。JCLSの支援で、思い出が永遠に残され、伝統料理の継承を大切にするコミュニティができるでしょう。このイニシアチブは日本料理の豊かな伝統を称賛しながら世代間の橋渡しができることを願っています。プログラムを通して祖父母、父母、子供の世代と一緒に料理をして大切な繋がりが育まれ、文化継承が推進され、生活に必要な料理の技術が習得できることでしょう。

プログラムは5月に開始され、月2回、9月まで続きます。詳細はモミジのウェブサイトです。

建物の整備 地下駐車場の修繕 補助額 \$500,000

モミジは地下駐車場の水漏れについて業者と修繕計画を立てました。業者の調べでは壁や軒のコンクリートに数カ所のひび割れと表面の剥離が見つかり、水漏れの跡を示していました。床下の検査では基壇の防水膜の機能が標準以下でした。防水膜が基壇に固着していないと、アスファルトの劣化やインターロッキング面の凸凹が生じて、シニアの方がつまずく危険があります。調査で駐車場の内装及び基壇の防水層の修繕が示されました。

JCLSの基金からの補助金でモミジは修繕工事を実施します。数ヶ月を要する工事の詳細はわかり次第お知らせします。建物の整備について皆さまのご理解とご協力をお願い申し上げます。

モミジ・ヘルスケア・ソサエティのCEOユージン・カム氏は「日系レガシー・ソサエティからの基金により日系生存者及び全てのシニアの方々の生活が改善されるのを心より感謝しています。寛大な補助がない限り、このようなプロジェクトは実現できませんでした」と述べています。

モミジ@ホーム・プラス サービスの強化

「モミジ@ホーム・プラス」はこれまでの「モミジ@ホーム」のケアサービスをさらに強化したもので、地域で暮らすシニアの方々の身体的・精神的な健康の維持をサポートします。新たに加わるのは2つのサービスです。

1. PSWによる外出のサポート

一人暮らしで外出が困難な方のためにパーソナル・サポートワーカー (PSW) が軽い運動や散歩、近所の買い物をサポートします。この訪問は少なくとも毎週1回1時間です。

2. 日本語を話す看護師による相談

日本語の流暢な有資格の看護師が電話で以下の健康に関する相談をお受けします。

- ・予防と健康の促進
- ・医療の治療前と治療後に関する内容の確認
- ・オンタリオの医療制度についての案内

相談の時間は毎週30分です。

注) モミジ@ホーム・プラスのサービスは1ヶ月の契約が必要です。

現在、サービスは準備の最終段階で、開始の正式な発表は間もなくウェブサイトとソーシャル・メディアでお知らせします。あなたや家族がPSWのサポートを考慮中でしたら、この機会にモミジ@ホーム・プラスにお問い合わせください。Tel: 416-261-6683 またはmomiji_home@momiji.on.ca.

モミジ入居申請者の皆さまへ： 年次質問票(回答必須)

回答必須の2025年の年次質問票が、すべてのモミジ入居申請者の方々に向け2月中旬に郵送されました。2023年にこの質問票が回答必須となってから3年を迎えます。つまり、2023-24年に提出していなかった方々は、今年提出をしないと、お名前をウェイトリングリストより外させていただきますこととなります。提出がまだでリストに残ることを希望される場合は、必ず回答済みの質問票を提出してください。

この規約変更にて、2023-24に回答提出をしていなかった方々へ何度かお電話やメールでのアプローチを試みてきました。しかし「この番号は着信電話を受けていません」という自動メッセージに遭遇したり、留守番電話に何度残しても返事を頂けなかったりということが多く発生しています。多くの番号が本人の名前を言わないため、メッセージを残してもこの電話番号がまだ本人のものなのかすらも不明です。詐欺などから身を守るための手法として取り入れている方もいると思いますが、モミジからの電話を受けられるように、また最新の連絡先を私どもへお知らせいただくのは、申請者の皆さんの責任です。ユニットのオファーの前に必ず通らないといけない「入居資格確認ステージ」への招待は、基本電話で行われます。そのたびに、連絡がとれない方を飛ばしていくしかないということになります。

年次質問票の再発行をご希望の方、またはご質問は、クライアント・インターベンション・ワーカーまでご連絡ください。連絡が大変集中しているため、お返事には時間を要することがありますので、どうぞご了承ください。ご理解ありがとうございます。

シニア・アクティブ・ リビングセンター (SALC) チームからのメッセージ

SALCのコミュニティの皆さまへ
皆さまのご意見を大切にします

2025年2月、毎年行われるSALC満足度調査では多くの方々から貴重なご意見をいただき、ありがとうございました。ご意見はSALCの今後のプログラムに反映され、皆さまのニーズに適切に応えるために役立たせていただきます。

調査で明らかになったこと

- 以下の点で回答が示されました
- ・ SALCプログラムの内容と構成についての印象
- ・ SALCプログラムが精神と身体の健康に及ぼしている影響

また、建設的で考慮のあるご意見を沢山いただきました。以下はニーズとして示された例です

- ・ 映画や外出の機会を増やす
- ・ 生け花、アート、太極拳、料理などのクラスの開設
- ・ シニアのデイケアサービス
- ・ 週末と夜のプログラム
- ・ SALCプログラムに参加するための送迎サービス

ほかにも多くの貴重なご意見に感謝すると共にプログラムの向上に邁進します。

皆さまのご支援に感謝します

SALCのプログラムはコミュニティの多くの皆さまの寛大なご支援なしでは運営が困難になります。資金の援助をはじめ身体的・精神的なサポートでプログラムの成功に貢献していただき心よりお礼を申し上げます。おかげさまで「毎月の誕生会」「午後のお茶会」「アイホシ/カトウのアイスクリーム・ソーシャル」といった人気の催し物が長きに渡って続けられています。

不況の折、資金も限られている中で、皆さまのご支援がコミュニティにおいて大きな違いをもたらしています。

SALCボランティア募集

SALCはモミジレジデンス及び広い地域においてアクティビティの援助をしてくださる方を募集しています。あなたの時間や活力、特技をSALCに役立ててみませんか。関心のある方はSALC職員 (内線248/243) またはボランティア・コーディネーター (内線224)まで。ご参加をお待ちしています。

日頃のご支援に感謝します

SALCのコミュニティに関わる皆さまに感謝し、貴重なご意見をもとに今後もプログラム向上に励みます。

最後になりましたが大切なことは、SALCのプログラムがモミジ居住者及び地域で暮らす全てのシニアの皆さまを対象にしていることです。参加が容易なオンラインのクラスも継続しています。

皆さまと会える機会を楽しみにしています。

SALCチーム (ナオミ、ベン、ユキ)

SALC:GTA西部に展開 一周年を迎える

2024年4月、モミジのコミュニティ・サービス部はシニア・アクティブ・リビングセンター (SALC) の地域社会連携プログラムを新たにGTA西部で開始しました。ノースヨーク、ミシサウガ、ハミルトンで日系シニアの方々はどなたでもアクティビティに参加できます。一周年記念を祝う企画もあります。この一年間、楽しい催し物やアクティビティを実施できました。

一年を通して参加者の方々は伝統的な墨絵、刺し子、折り紙のほか、テラコッタ・ポットのデコレーションやビーズのメガネホルダー、キーチェーンを作って楽しみました。SALCウェストのために創作的なアイデアと準備を全て担ったボランティアの方々と、イレーヌ・サカタさんとエレン・スナハラ・レビーさんに感謝しています。来年も楽しみにしています。

GTAの西部に新たなコミュニティの基盤を確実に開始できたことを、日系レガシー・ソサエティのコミュニティ基金からの補助金ならびにSALC支援者の皆さまの寛大な寄付に感謝しています。また、この一年間の成功を参加者の皆さまに感謝しています。SALC・GTAウエストのコーディネーターを務める私は、コミュニティ・サービス部マネージャーのジョベルさんとGTAウェスト・チームのミサさん、ユキさん、ナオミさんに感謝しています。

SALC・GTAウエストのアクティビティの参加者が増えています。あなたや家族・友人で関心のある方は、ぜひベンまで。Tel:416-407-0142または momijiwest@momiji.on.ca.

コミュニティ・サービス部 活動内容の紹介

コミュニティ・サービス部のチームはモミジ居住者及び地域で暮らすシニアの方々にサポートサービス/プログラムを提供します。高齢化が進む中、シニアをサポートする環境作りはこれまで以上に重要になっています。モミジはシニアの方々が孤立することなく、健康で、コミュニティとの繋がりを持てるような状態で生活の質を向上できるように援助します。

コミュニティ・サービス部は以下のような多岐にわたるプログラム/サービスをモミジ居住者及び地域で暮らすシニアの方々に提供しています。

「会食プログラム」は、モミジセンターをはじめGTA及び近郊地域で開催されます。会食という設定で和食のお弁当を楽しみながら人と交流することでシニアの方々の孤独感が和らぎ、参加者同士の繋がりができます。食事を共にして会話やアクティビティ楽しむことは精神的・感情的な健康に良いでしょう。

「シニア・アクティブ・リビングセンター」(SALC) はシニアの方々が身体を動かして人と交流できる中核的な場所です。運動だけでなく、工芸/ワークショップ、交流のアクティビティ、催し物などもあります。また、SALCはシニアの方々がコミュニティに帰属意識を持てるような集いの場を提供します。SALCのアクティビティはトロントの西部に展開しています。

交通機関の利用はモミジのプログラムに参加したいシニアの方々の大きな障壁になっています。「送迎サービス」はシニアの方々が医療診察や食料品の買い出し、交流の催し物などに出かける手段を低価格で提供しています。信頼できる送迎サービスで自立した生活やコミュニティとの繋がりが維持され、孤独感が軽減され、生活の質が豊かになります。

「フレンドリー訪問」では、職員やボランティアが訪問あるいは電話をしてシニアの方々に付き添い会話を交わします。人と交流し、経験を共有し、コミュニティで自己の価値を実感できる意味のある機会を提供します。フレンドリー訪問はシニアの方々の感情的な健康に貢献し、前向きな気持ちを持てるように役立っています。

モミジの「地域社会連携プログラム」では、提携する長期ケア施設のキャッスルビュー・ウィッチウッドタワー、マカサロッジ、イーホン老人ケアセンターで職員とボランティアがフレンドリー訪問やアクティビティで日系シニアの方々にサポートしています。

モミジのコミュニティ・サービスはシニアの方々のニーズと元気な生活をサポートする上で不可欠なものです。コミュニティがこのようなサービスに投資すれば、より多くのシニア

の方々にサポートする環境が培われ、シニアの方々の全体的な生活の質が向上し、一人暮らしの困難がなくなるでしょう。

コミュニティ・サービス部のチームが皆さまのお手伝いをします。communityservices@momiji.on.ca またはTel:416.261.6683 内線234まで。ジョベル・パトリシオ、シヴォンヌ・モデステ、ユキ・ビーズリー、ベン・レビー、ナオミ・オノ、ムナ・サラダ、カズミ・フクシマ、アイカ・クラシマ、ミサ・バーロウ、ジョン・ブルツカー、ダレン・ヨコタ、リック・リヨン

地域社会連携プログラム GTAイースト 変化をもたらす

「地域社会連携GTAイースト」の会食プログラムは地域で暮らすシニアの方々が寂しさを忘れ、人と意義のある繋がりを持てるような機会を提供します。

「タウンでの集いは日系店舗が並ぶ建物内で参加しやすく、小規模な環境で交流ができます。一方、ドンウェイ・プレイスでの会食では、娯楽やアクティビティが楽しめます。

参加者の一人の方は「認知症になって笑わなくなった夫に会食プログラムを通して新しい友人ができ、夫は再び笑うようになった」と喜びを語ってくれました。毎月のアクティビティをととても楽しみにしていると、毎回、メールで感謝の気持ちを伝えてくださります。

イーホンセンターの日系人のフロアーでは切り絵やお手玉などをして日本の伝統文化を楽しみます。このプログラムは人々の心を和らげコミュニティを活気づける大切な役割を担い、参加者の帰属意識や時間を共有する喜びに貢献します。

モミジは今後もコミュニティでより多くの人々の生活が豊かになるように邁進します。

地域社会連携・会食プログラム GTAウエスト

「会食プログラム-GTAウエスト」はミシサウガ (月1回)、オークビル (2ヶ月に1回)、ハミルトン (3ヶ月に1回) の3カ所で昼食会を開催し、西部

地域で自立生活をされる日本人・日系カナダ人のシニアの方々（60歳以上）と繋がりを維持しています。

このプログラムは西部地域に暮らすシニアの方々のより元気な生活をサポートします。会食では和食のお弁当と飲食物をはじめワークショップ、セミナー、講演、歌、軽体操、ゲームなどのアクティビティが楽しめます。

会食は人と一緒に食事をする機会にとどまらず、人と交流し、豊かな文化に触れ、心の刺激を受ける機会です。どなたでも歓迎します。ぜひ、参加してください。

詳細は会食プログラムGTAウェスト担当のミサまで。ccdwest@momiji.on.ca またはTel:416-991-3448

その他の会食プログラムはコミュニティ・サービス部まで。communityservices@momiji.on.ca または Tel: 416 -261 6683 内線234

地域サービス回復支援金とボランティア感謝会

2024年6月にはコミュニティサービス回復基金からの補助金でコロナ禍のボランティア減少後に新たに加わった100人以上のボランティアの名札や用具、広報資料、供給品を購入できました。補助金の多くは6月のボランティア感謝会の費用に回され、当日はオンタリオ・ボランティア賞の受賞者を称え、2023年に活動したボランティアの方々及び提携組織の支援に感謝の意を示すことができました。

コミュニティサービス回復基金のプログラムを通してモミジは新しいボランティア・コーディネーターを採用。ボランティアの新人研修や継続的支援、スケジュール管理を担当します。

ボランティア募集

モミジはGTAの西部・中部において地域社会連携プログラムを援助するボランティアを募集しています。特にキャスルビュー・ウィッチウッドタワーで急募中ですが、そのほかにミシサウガ、ハミルトン、ドンウェイ・ブレイス、キャスルビュー、トロント仏教会でも募集中です。あなたや知人

で関心のある方はvolunteering@momiji.on.ca またはTel. 416-261-6683 内線 224 まで。

第16回ボウラソン 記録的なイベント

2024年5月26日、ファンドレイジングの第16回ボウラソンが開催されました。参加者は5ピン（於：パークウェイ・ボウル）が38人、10ピン（於：ケネディ・ボウル）が107人。ボウリング終了後、フランク・H・ホリ・コミュニティセンター（モミジセンター）には160人以上が授賞式に集まり、お弁当と共に祝いました。

ボウリング参加者と企業スポンサーのご支援で \$60,000以上の資金が集まりました。企業から \$9,000（iA プライベート・ウェルスから \$5,000、K・シカゼ・コンサルティング、イーホン・コミュニティ・ウェルス基金、RBC銀行基金から各 \$1000、クリーンズ・ラローズ公認会計事務所、HUB保険ブローカー社から各 \$500）。ボウラソン委員長のゲイル・カリさん及び委員会の皆さまのご尽力に感謝しています。

コミュニティ・バザー モミジの人気イベント

昨年、6月15日に開催されたモミジ・コミュニティ・バザーは天候にも恵まれ館内だけでなく修繕された庭園でも大盛況となりました。当日は800人以上の人々が訪れ、お馴染みのまんじゅうやチャウメンをはじめ、お買い得品が並び、売り上げは昨年を超える \$4,200以上でした。収益はモミジ居住者と地域で暮らすシニアの方々のために役立てられます。この成功は沢山のボランティアの方々が何ヶ月前から準備し、当日も参加してくださったおかげで達成できました。バザー委員会の共同委員長ダニエル・アトキンソンさんとキャサリン・オイカワさん、顧問のルース・シンプソンさん、食べ物を統括したドーナ・コバヤシさん、バザー委員会の皆さまに感謝しています。

今年のバザーは6月7日（土）に開催予定。

モミジのヤードセール 沢山の掘り出し物

8月末に開催されたヤードセールには500人近くの人々が訪れ、電気製品、衣服・靴、書籍、オモチャ、スポーツ用品やお買い得の箱詰めを購入し、BBQやカフェ・バーの手作り焼き菓子を楽しみました。収益は \$8,000。ヤードセールを統括したドーナ・コバヤシさんに感謝しています。

今年のヤードセールは7月5日（土）に開催予定。

ジャポニカ、連日の開催

日本の伝統的な物品を販売するジャポニカ・ライブは昨年10月19日・20日の週末、初めて連日の開催を試みました。

見事な着物の展示をはじめ、食器とお茶が1つの専用ルームで、人形やゲーム、生け花、メディア、アートが別のルームで販売されました。モミジカフェとオーディトリウムでは、スナックや日本の食べ物が販売され、訪れた人々を楽しませました。売り上げは \$21,000以上。マユミ・マエムラさんをはじめジャポニカチームの皆さまに感謝しています。

今年のジャポニカ・ライブは10月18日・19日の週末に開催予定。

ホリデーマーケット

11月には初のホリデーマーケットが開催され、40以上のベンダーによるクラフト、アート、ジュエリー、食品などの商品が出店され会場が買い物客で賑わいました。このイベントはモミジのシニア支援だけでなく、地域のアーティストやビジネスも支援します。ベンダーの協力のもとで行われたラッフルは、さらにシニア支援の資金となりました。収益は \$8,500以上。

今年は11月22日（土）に開催予定。

A RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO AKI

By Chris Kobayashi-Reid,
Director, Finance & Operations

After an incredible 27+ years of service, Wei “Aki” Yang is bidding farewell to a remarkable career, marking the end of an era. Aki’s journey with Momiji began as a Personal Support Worker, where she demonstrated exceptional care, compassion, and commitment. Through hard work, determination, and a continuous drive to learn, Aki steadily advanced in her career, eventually rising to the role of Manager in Payroll and Accounting. Along the way, she took on new challenges, mastered new skills, and proved herself repeatedly as a dedicated leader and trusted team member. Her ability to adapt and grow in various roles is a testament to her resilience and passion for both Momiji and the people she worked with.



Aki delivering cash boxes at the 2016 Momiji Community Bazaar. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)



Aki cutting one of two cakes at her retirement party. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

Whether she was providing compassionate support as a Personal Support Worker or leading the payroll and accounting team with expertise and precision, all have felt Aki’s positive influence. Her kindness, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence have made the workplace a better, more enjoyable environment for everyone. Countless seniors have passed through the doors of Momiji during her career, and Aki was available for each of them, whether it was to help understand their rent payment or just listen to them talk about their day.

“I want to thank Aki for all the years of dedication to Momiji. She led by example and showed all of us that this job is never just the job, there are things we can do to impact the lives of our co-workers and our clients, which are beyond our normal duties, but make others lives better. It will not be the same without Aki.”

As she steps into retirement, we wish her all the best in this exciting new chapter of life, filled with relaxation, adventure, being a Bachan and hopefully making an appearance at Momiji events.

Congratulations on an outstanding 27-year career, Omedeto Gozaimasu Aki-san! ■



Aki with Board Co-chair Ann Ashley, being presented with a certificate thanking her for 25 years service. (Photo by Momiji Staff.)

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