



Fundraising for “Rainbow House”: Healing Center for Children Who Lost Parents in the 3.11 Disaster

Ashinaga, named for the 1912 American novel *Daddy-Long-Legs*, is a nonprofit organization based in Tokyo, Japan, which for over 40 years has been providing financial and emotional support to children who have a parent/guardian with a serious disability, or who have lost one or both parents/guardians due to illness, accident, disaster, or suicide. Each year Ashinaga provides financial support to more than 6,000 students in need; total academic loans and scholarships disbursed exceed US\$22 million annually.

Ashinaga’s Emergency Support for Children Affected by the Recent Earthquake and Tsunami

As in any emergency, children are among the most vulnerable. Ashinaga is now working vigorously to provide financial and emotional support to children affected by the March 11, 2011, earthquake/tsunami. Ashinaga’s efforts include the following measures for children who have lost parents/guardians due to the disaster, or who have a parent/guardian with a severe disability resulting from the disaster: (1) Establishment of one-time relief payments; (2) scholarships; and (3) psychosocial support. Ashinaga has 16 years of experience and know-how accumulated through its psychosocial care activities at the Kobe “Rainbow House,” which was established subsequent to the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. Today both Kobe and Tokyo feature Rainbow Houses: places of healing where children—accompanied by trained staff—can play and share their feelings with other children from similar backgrounds. On April 11, Ashinaga established an office in Sendai to focus on serving children in the Tohoku region and is now putting the effort to raise \$37,500,000 for a Rainbow House in northeastern Japan.



Kobe Rainbow House

Ashinaga welcomes donations for the Tohoku Rainbow House; details are listed below.

◆ Donate online via credit card

Visit our Web site to donate directly:

<https://kifuform.ashinaga.org/en/>

◆ Donate via bank (personal) check

Checks should be made payable to “Ashinaga Ikueikai” and sent to the postal address below.

◆ Donate via bank transfer

*Please **e-mail** us your name, address, and amount of donation, so we can identify the transaction and issue a receipt (specify if you need a receipt denominated in your local currency). **E-mail:** contact@ashinaga.org

◆ Donate via international postal money order

In the U.S., your donation may be sent using a pink International Postal Money Order (Form MP1). In other countries, please contact your postal service for details and availability. As with checks, money orders should be made payable to “Ashinaga Ikueikai” and sent to the postal address below.

Bank name: Mizuho Bank

Name on account: ASHINAGA IKUEIKAI

Account type: Ordinary savings

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Notes

1. Donations may be made in either foreign currency or Japanese yen.
2. Donations without specified targets/uses will be used for children affected by the 2011 earthquake/tsunami.

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