

# HEARTFULL FUKUSHIMA

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This (weekly) information leaflet is to be distributed at disaster volunteer centers around the prefecture to provide people with information about the activities run by relief volunteers who are assisting disaster victims and helping with the recovery efforts, as well as providing the reader with immediately useful information and relief coordination. Please send any thoughts or comments to the following address.

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#### Volunteer Report 1 Heart Net Fukushima (NPO)



▲On June 6th, we served lunch at Parse Isazaka in Fukushima City. The day's menu was "Bean sprout miso-soup." People put in requests saying that they wanted to eat real miso-soup, so along with people from the committee, we helped provide this meal.



▲The ingredients we use for cooking is sent from Miyazaki. We supported a farm that suffered financial damage because of a harmful rumor due to the eruption of the Shinmoedake volcano. This is where our relationship with the farm began.

#### Volunteer Report 2

##### The Temporary Keeping of Animal Victims

In this great earthquake, many volunteer organizations are helping out to try to meet the needs and requests of the people. One organization offers to keep people's pets. Hiroko Watanabe who lives in Fukushima City could not bear the thought of separating with her pet, which is like a member of her family. And so, after the earthquake, she registered herself with the "Volunteer of Temporal Keeping of Animal Victims." On the other hand, Shigeko Watanabe, who lived in Idate-mura which was chosen as one of the planned rescue areas, found out that she could not keep her pet in the place where she was told to move. The occasion that brought these two ladies together was the "Volunteer of Temporal Keeping of Animal Victims." When we asked Hiroko concerning how Shigeko's dog "Maru," (9 years old) was adjusting after living in Fukushima city since May 22nd, Hiroko said, "Maru is settling down quite well." We hope that Maru will be well taken care of until the day comes when it can live with Shigeko again.

Shigeko and her loved pet, "Maru" on the day Maru was to be taken to live with the volunteers. Communication and updates are continuing through phone calls and post cards.



▲Maru became friends with another dog, "Taro" who was here before Maru.

You are not alone. We are always here to help.  
We will continue to support you through valuing heart to heart connections.

"What is today's main dish?"  
"It's miso-soup." This kind of everyday communication is what gives joy to volunteering.



▲At the end of March, we cooked for people in Yotsukura, Iwaki City. When we made the call-out to people who needed food, many who could no longer travel by car and get access to food gathered and 700 meals were distributed immediately.

Heart Net Fukushima (NPO), an organization that is a part of the Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Liaison Council, was originally founded in 1995 during the Great Hanshin-Awaji earthquake. Heart Net Fukushima emerged from its parent organization, the Great Hanshin Earthquake Volunteer Dispatch Committee, which had sent out volunteers from Fukushima prefecture. Since then, Heart Net Fukushima includes both local social warfare interchange and nationwide disaster volunteers. They have continued their activities by cherishing heart to heart connections. After the Tohoku earthquake, they decided to help out with what was needed most, which was providing food for victims. Heart Net Fukushima received help from the Tochigi Volunteer Network (NPO) and the Disaster Emergency Rescue Alliance and started out running activities from a small shelter near Koriyama City which eventually spread out to Iwaki City and Nakadori as requested. Kimio Yoshida (chairman) shared this experience, "Everyone especially enjoyed hot food such as miso soup and stew." When visiting different shelters, one may notice the disparity in the meals provided. Mr. Yoshida said, "I made sure I gave some input so that each shelter would get equal amount and quality food." Concerning the temporary housing support, Mr. Yoshida said, "I think it is most important to provide security. That there is always someone who is looking out for them." You are not alone. We are always here to help you. This is the kind of support and attitude Mr. Yoshida would continually like to have.

#### Introducing Local Supporting Organizations

##### Junior Aizu Chamber, Council of Public Utility

The Junior Aizu Chamber developed a department for relief donation and relief supplies right after the earthquake disaster. Junior Aizu Chamber has been active in delivering relief supplies that come from all over the country and also provided food to victims through cooperation with Aizu-Wakamatsu City Council of Social Warfare. One of the projects included donating a small truck to Soma city Disaster Relief Volunteer Center. "It's probably impossible, but is there any way you could provide this for us?" Junior Aizu Chamber got the request which was sent to Aizu-Wakamatsu Disaster Volunteer Center; and wanting to fulfill their request, bought and delivered the truck right away. Koutaro Igarashi, the Senior Managing Director said, "In unity between our people, we will continue to support others." His voice was full of youthfulness and strength.



▲In front of the relief supplies that were sent from Mutsu JC. From the left: Mr. Nagamine, former managing director, Mr. Miyamori, managing director, Mutsu JC managing director and Mr. Igarashi, executive director.



▲May 14th, 2011, the small truck was donated to Soma City Disaster Volunteer Center.

##### Utsukushima NPO Network

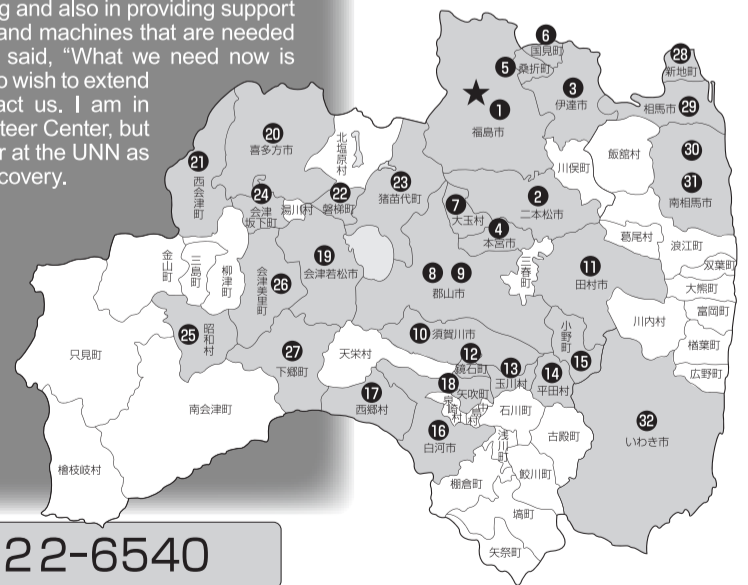
Right after the earthquake, the Utsukushima NPO Network (UNN) opened several relief supply delivery bases including, Kooriyama base, Aizu base and Iwaki Base. They have faithfully continued their life saving emergency support. They also sent their staff to the Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Center. They continue to be active in connecting people who are interested in volunteering and also in providing support through finding and delivering supplies and machines that are needed on the field. Kensuke Kurosawa (UNN) said, "What we need now is rebuilding activities. So we ask those who wish to extend a warm, helping hand to please contact us. I am in charge of the Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Center, but you can also send a request to volunteer at the UNN as well." Let's all strive hard for a speedy recovery.



▲Mr. Kensuke Kurosawa (UNN Local Community Activity Support Advisor)

#### Disaster Volunteer Centers Map

Placed at 32 locations, as of June 13th



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