



Care Fund Newsletter

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Greetings from the President

Dear all,

In these strange and difficult times, my thoughts are with you and your families. I hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the generous support from various individuals, companies and organizations, as well as for the help of our many dedicated volunteers who made it possible for the Care Fund to celebrate its 20th anniversary last year.

With COVID-19, the future is more unpredictable than ever. Many people have built up mental and physical exhaustion or an overall sense of anxiety. However, particularly in this difficult time, we must keep the spirit of the Care Fund close by the mutual support, care, and a commitment for the betterment of our community.

I have been appointed as the new president of the Care Fund as of July 1, 2020. It is a great honor to take this position knowing the brilliant history of this organization. At the same time, I am aware of the responsibility that I am carrying. I will make every effort to continue the great work and dedication of our predecessors and aim to contribute to the growth of the Care Fund community. Your continuous support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Nobue Hamamoto
President

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Spring Event Calendar (Schedules are subject to change.)

	Date	Time	Event	Location
Aug	19 (Wed)	10:45-12:10	MD Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
	25 (Tue)	14:00-15:30	Senior Wellness Program	Online (ZOOM)
	28 (Fri)	13:00-14:30	Senior Wellness Program	Online (ZOOM)
Sep	1 (Tue)	10:10-10:50	VA Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
	16 (Wed)	10:45-12:10	MD Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
	22 (Tue)	14:00-15:30	Senior Wellness Program	Online (ZOOM)
	25 (Fri)	13:00-14:30	Senior Wellness Program	Online (ZOOM)
Oct	6 (Tue)	10:10-10:50	VA Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
	21 (Wed)	10:45-12:10	MD Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
	23 (Fri)	13:00-14:30	Senior Wellness Program	Online (ZOOM)
	27 (Tue)	14:00-15:30	Senior Wellness Program	Online (ZOOM)
Nov	3 (Tue)	10:10-10:50	VA Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
	18 (Wed)	10:45-12:10	MD Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
	24 (Sun)	14:00-15:30	Senior Wellness Program	Online (ZOOM)
	27 (Fri)	13:00-14:30	Senior Wellness Program	Online (ZOOM)
Dec	1 (Tue)	10:10-10:50	VA Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
	16 (Wed)	10:45-12:10	MD Children's Story Time	Online (ZOOM)
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Keiai no Tsudoi Cancelled

The JACF (Japanese Americans' Care Fund) has been hosting the Keiai no Tsudoi (Celebration for the Seniors), inviting people over 70 years old who live in the area. Regretfully, we are not able to host this important event this year due to the COVID-19 situation. We look forward to seeing you next year. Please stay safe and healthy.

Under the pandemic circumstance, the JACF fall programs and classes will be conducted with many restrictions. Following the social guidelines, many of the class will be held by online. We apologize for any inconvenience and would appreciate your understanding and cooperation. As we continue to monitor current events, we will try to make the best possible decision for the safety of our community.

Fall Class


How to Register

Contact the Care Fund MD office
240-705-4289 or mdllibrary@jacarefund.org



Important notice

1. Everyone wishing to take classes must register.
2. Fees must be paid before the first class (except *Jikyojutsu* class). Please make your check payable to the Japanese Americans' Care fund. Please drop off at the office or mail it to the office.
3. Fees are non-refundable.
4. Classes with less than 6 registered applicants are subject to cancellation.
5. In-person classes – Fall 2020
 - *The participant limit will be 7 or 8 to keep social distancing.
 - *Cloth face coverings are required to enter the building.
 - *Wash your hands before the class starts.
 - *Do not share your belongings with others.
 - *No eating and drinking except water or tea in a bottle.
6. In the case of inclement weather, we will notify the participants by 9 am if the in-person class is cancelled.


Online Classes by ZOOM

Class	Date	Time	Fee	Notes
Jikyojutsu Exercise -Noriko Iwase	Every Monday Every Tuesday	11:00-12:30 14:00-15:30 11:00-12:30	\$7 per class	Need a yoga mat or bath towel. 
Calligraphy Traditional Japanese Calligraphy -Suigetsu Matsumoto	1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3	10:30-12:00	\$56 (\$8x7)	Need calligraphy supplies and calligraphy paper 
Ikebana Japanese flower arrangement -Mitsuko Otani	1st Fridays of the month 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4	10:30-12:00 	\$32 (\$8x4)	Need Kenzan/flower holder, a flat vase, floral shears, a bucket, newspapers, and vinyl sheeting, writing tools
Calligraphy Traditional Japanese Calligraphy -Satomi China	2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 12/10	19:30-20:45	\$48 (\$8x6)	Need calligraphy supplies and calligraphy paper (Paper is available for purchase in class)
English speaking -Zeev Lahat	9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/23, 9/29	14:00-15:30	\$40 (\$8x5)	Beginner to intermediate level. Discuss the preassigned book at the class.

Class at the VA Library

Class	Date	Time	Fee	Notes
Sumie Traditional calligraphy painting -Yoshiko Oishi	2nd Fridays of the month 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11	10:30-12:00 	\$32 (\$8x4)	Bring Suzuri/ink stone, Sumi/ink, Fude/brushes, Washi/traditional paper (available for purchase in class).
Kimono Demonstration -Eiko Uchiyama	1st Fridays of the month 9/4, 10/2, 11/6	12:30-14:00	\$24 (\$8x3 回)	Instructor lead class on how to wear Otaiko, Furisode and Yukata. Used kimono available for purchase. 

Class at the MD Library

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(Setsuko Stanley, Miki Griffin)

Helpline Report

The Helpline is a free service provided by our friendly volunteers to anyone seeking assistance and advice in Japanese.

- Advice and assistance for daily needs: transportation, meal delivery, grocery shopping, etc.
- Advice and assistance for everyday issues such as family, legal, etc.
- Provide information regarding Japanese speaking professionals such as lawyers, physicians, translators/interpreters, social workers, etc.

In the midst of the corona virus pandemic, the Care Fund activities have been suspended since the end of March; however, our service has been open as usual through the email and phone. If you need any assistance in Japanese, please feel free to contact us at sodan@jacarefund.org. Tel: 703-256-5223

Care Call

Our volunteers will make friendly calls in Japanese on a monthly basis to check in with Care-Call participants. We recommend this service to seniors who live alone or wish to have some chitchat in Japanese. Currently, 12 volunteers are giving calls to 23 participants.

If you are interested in receiving care calls, please contact us at Tel: 703-256-5223.

(Eriko Kitzharber)

From the Libraries

●VA Library

The library was closed due to Covid-19 circumstances since early March, and we have reopened with limited service since August 11. We could not hold a used-book fair or a book-sale at the Sakura Festival, but our regular used-book sale will start after reopening the library. Since we continued receiving book donations while we were closed, we expect to have more books for checking out and for sale. The library volunteers handle many library tasks, such as sorting donated books, cataloguing, providing circulation services, and other administrative duties. We have a special collection featuring health, aging issues, etc. A "Honya Taisho" bestseller collection has been recently added, featuring best sellers from the past decade. Also, users can post book recommendations on the bulletin board. In addition, users can check out monthly "Bungei Shunju" magazines including the "Akutagawa Award" issues.

We are preparing to offer "Ehon no Yomikikase" (Story Time) for children on the first Tuesday of the month between 10:10 am and 10:50 am using Zoom from September. Volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Care Fund office if you are interested. Also, book donations are always welcome. We thank you for your continued support.

Current limited services: Tuesday and Thursday 11am to 1pm

Regular VA library hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 11am to 2 pm

Loan period: 4 weeks, maximum 10 books per person

From the Libraries (continued)

VA library collection: General books (approx. 6210), children & picture books (approx. 2110), manga (over 425), audio/video materials (approx. 234) including children's items. (Keiko Abrams)

●MD Library

MD Library opened April 2015 at the Derwood site. After one year, the library moved to the current location and this is now of 6th year. The number of the library patrons increased and reached 2,400 since July of the last year to March 9th of this year. The number of checked out books has increased every year and reached 11,200. The library is becoming a convenient location for our community which can access to the Japanese language books freely. However, in order to continue this activity and be available for the community, everyone's support is vital.

Despite the opening of this library is in everybody's mind, it is regrettable that we cannot open the library due to the COVID-19 circumstances. We, the library staff members, are making an effort and trying to prepare for the opening of the library this September considering for the safety of the patrons and volunteer members.

The library receives books donated by community. And we also purchase some within the budget to make the library a satisfying place. Last year 1467 books were newly put on the shelves including 538 general books, 584 children's books, and 345 comic books. Among the donated books, some books are sold and most provide enjoyment and satisfaction to our community.

The library work includes keeping records of book-checkout, book-return and shelving and rearrangement of books. So the library cannot work without volunteers. The MD library is still looking for serious volunteers. Please contact MD library office if you are interested in becoming a part of the MD library volunteer members.

Please refer to the JACF Weekly Newsletter for the use of MD library (books checkout and return).

MD Library is currently closed. The opening date is unknown.

Regular MD library hours: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday from 11am to 2 pm.

Loan period: 4 weeks, maximum 10 books per person.

MD Library collection: General reading books (approx. 5900), Children & picture books (approx. 3800), Manga (approx. 1900), Audio/video materials (136) including for children.

*Story Time for Children (MD library)

Past activities: 14 times during the period of July 2019 through March 2020.

259 parents and children were participated in the events.

2020 schedule: Every third Wednesday of each month from 10:45 am to 12:10 pm
(Open with ZOOM)

Dates: 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, and 12/16

(Keiko Nishihama)

Fundraising

*The Care Fund has been participating in the Japanese Street Festival at DC National Cherry Blossom Festival in the spring. However, the festival has been postponed this year due to the COVID-19. Our annual fundraising bazaar in the fall will also be cancelled. We wish the situation will be calm and hope to see you at the event next year.

*We would like to thank JCAW Foundation, Inc., S&R Foundation and Montgomery County again for their generous grant.

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Care Fund every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop via AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Care Fund.

How to use;

1. From the Care Fund Home Page

From the top page of www.jacarefund.org/, click "Go to smile.amazon.com". It is already set up so that your purchase will support the Care Fund automatically. If you have an Amazon account, sign in with your email and password. Or to create an account, follow the instruction.

2. From AmazonSmile Home Page

Go to smile.amazon.com. Sign in to your Amazon account in the same way as 1. In the section of "Or pick your own charitable organization", type "Japanese Americans' Care Fund" and search.

Senior Wellness Program

We will be hosting the Senior Wellness Program online through the ZOOM. Anyone who lives in DC Metropolitan area is welcome to join.

4th Tuesdays 14:00 – 15:30 (8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 12/22)

4th Fridays 13:00 – 14:30 (8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27)

Fee: Free

How to register : MD office mdlibrary@jacarefund.org

*Please register 3 days in advance if you are new to the program.

For question and inquiry, please contact the office.

(Michiko Masutani)

JACF 13th General Meeting

We are unable to host our 13th general meeting due to COVID-19 situation. We would appreciate your understanding that this Newsletter and the following data will replace the general meeting.

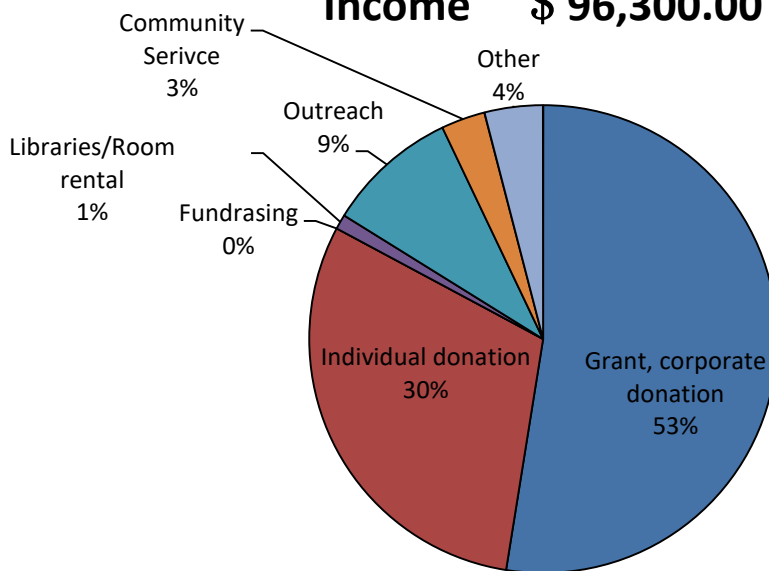
Current number of JACF members (free membership): 2076

Number of the volunteers in total during July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020: 216

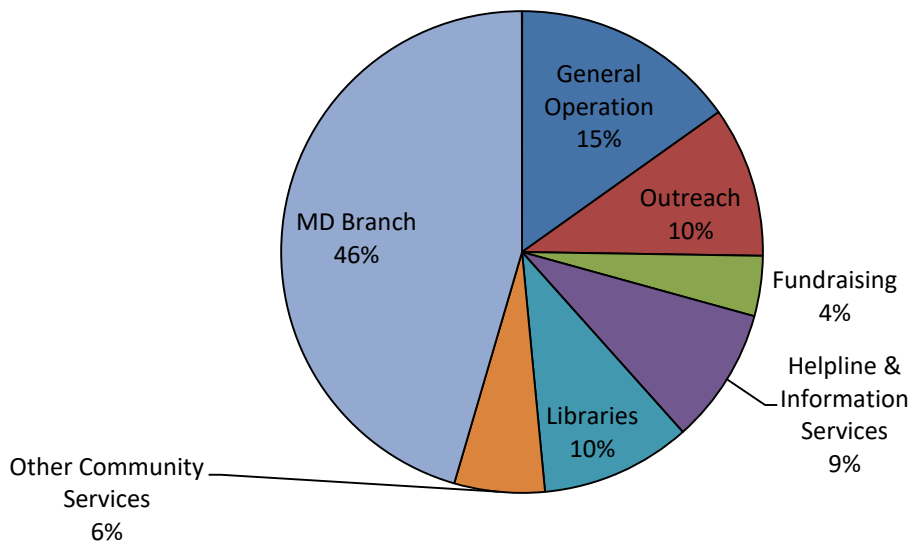
Number of the paid part-time staffs: 2

JACF FIY 2020 BUDGET

Income \$ 96,300.00



Expense \$ 96,300.00



Please contact the office if you have questions about the budget.

From the Care Fund Office

Thanks to your generous donations and the continuous support from volunteers, the Japanese Americans' Care Fund is able to continue our mission. During the past year, we had more than 200 volunteers.

We are always looking for volunteers/interns for various activities and events. Please contact us if you are interested in joining a dedicated group of Care Fund volunteers/interns.

MD Branch office open

A part-time staff member will be joining JACF Maryland branch from August 26, 2020. The office hour will be; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. MD Library remains closed.

Correct & Update Your Information

We apologize if we misspell or miss your names. Please inform the Care Fund office in either case. Also, please keep us updated with your contact information. If you no longer wish to receive our correspondence, or desire to cancel your membership, please let us know.

Wish Not To Be Included in Our Media?

We share our activities with members and the public by various means such as our newsletters and website. They sometimes carry photos taken at events such as the Senior Luncheon, the Area Luncheon, the Bazaar, seminars, and cultural classes. Please let us know in advance if you do not want to be included.

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Office Hours: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM on
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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