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Message from Mitchell. August 2021

Welcome to the summer edition of the newsletter. ようこそ

During heatwaves, check on seniors who live alone or other vulnerable family members or neighbours. They may need assistance to get relief or enough hydration. Let's take care of one another.

We are planning to re-open August 1, 2021. CJCC of Hamilton has been closed since the beginning of the pandemic with only a spattering of short-term re-openings for a few months under very limited and strict health and safety guidelines to ensure safe operations. Some programs have continued to run virtually so please take a look at our website. Linda Hartley, with technical assistance from Tak Yano has been offering Ikebana lessons which are broadcast from the Cultural Centre. Japanese Language and Hatha Yoga are also running virtual classes. Odori was meeting on Fridays for zoom obon practices and held a virtual zoom Bon Odori on July 10th. Your Board of Directors have been meeting by zoom regularly.

During the lockdown we have been supported by various financial grants. We remain grateful to the continuing support of the Frank Hori Foundation. Through grants we have been able to upgrade the building as well as introduce new health and safety measures to keep us all safe when we meet in person. We have installed indoor one way signs, hand sanitizer stations and new safety protocols. We are currently working on installing a new kitchenette for the Euchre/Seniors Craft room. Thank you also to Norm Kitamura who helped CJCC find a new snow removal and lawn care service. We have connected with the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund and will apply as an organization.

CJCC recently acknowledged and celebrated our two centenarians. Mrs. Chiyoko Izumi and Mr. Stony Nakano. We presented them with gifts and a special

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BC Redress update

On May 5, 2021 the BC government announced an initial \$ 2 million contribution toward the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund, as an initial gesture of seriousness and commitment to reaching a full BC Redress package with Japanese Canadians.

The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund will look at related issues including intergenerational trauma and mental and physical health, with programs, activities, and services that will directly benefit the health and wellness of Japanese Canadian survivors

The other areas that will be negotiated on by the NAJC with the BC government are

Education

Monument

Community and Culture

Heritage Preservation

Anti Racism and Acknowledgment

With the **Health and Wellness** component these six areas are the foundation pillars of the negotiations. They were identified in the cross country community consultations held in 2019. Hamilton Chapter NAJC was one of the first communities to hold a community consultation with funds provided by the NAJC community renewal fund. We were lucky to have Judge Maryka Omatsu as our facilitator.

At its core, BC Redress is about justice for nearly 22,000 Japanese Canadians who were forcibly uprooted, interned, dispossessed and dispersed, approximately 6600 of whom are still with us today. For most survivors, a full and formal BC Government acknowledgement and accounting of what was taken, and what was lost, combined with a permanent monument to the Japanese Canadian experience, are essential elements for *community healing*. To ensure

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Message from Mitchell cont.

Bento box from Toronto's famous Ginko Japanese Restaurant owned by the famous chef, Kimura-sensei (Kendo). The bento boxes were donated by CJCC of Hamilton Kendo. Thank you to Kendo for supporting our seniors.

The board of directors wishes to acknowledge Mr. Scott Duvall and congratulate him on his retirement as MP of Hamilton Mountain. We also wish former consul general Ms. Takako Ito well on her appointment to Ethiopia as Japanese Ambassador.

Although we have essentially been closed since March 2020, we have been quite active in helping to maintain and prepare for our future re-opening. We are encouraging everyone to get vaccinated to stop the spread of the virus. If you need any help arranging to get the vaccine please call any board member who will be happy to help you. The vaccine is the best way to keep our community safe.

CJCC is proud to introduce a new Japanese Program this September. It will be Japanese Tea Ceremony with Sensei Keiko Kimeda. She obtained certification in Japan. We are accepting CJCC memberships and class registrations now for this new program.

Please come out and support your Culture Centre. We will be implementing strict health and safety protocols.

Thank you! よろしくおねがいします

Mitchell Kawasaki

CJCC of Hamilton President.

In Memoriam

The CJCC and Hamilton NAJC wish to express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following community members who passed away during 2021.

Helen S, Eagan (March 17)
Tom Yoshimasa Kawamoto (April 7)
Timothy Kazuo Urabe (April 10)
Lillian Yuriko Tsuji (April 28)
Shizuko Kondo (May 7)
Takeshi Hatanaka (May 9)
Aileen Yokota (May 19)
Leonardo Rincon Ribero of Columbia
Masako Honda (June 14)
Tim Clarke (June 27)
Wanda Honda (July 3)
Tomoe Fujino (July 18)
Joan Browning (July 26) former Hamilton NAJC president

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November 21, 2021

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Meeting begins at 1 pm

Details to follow

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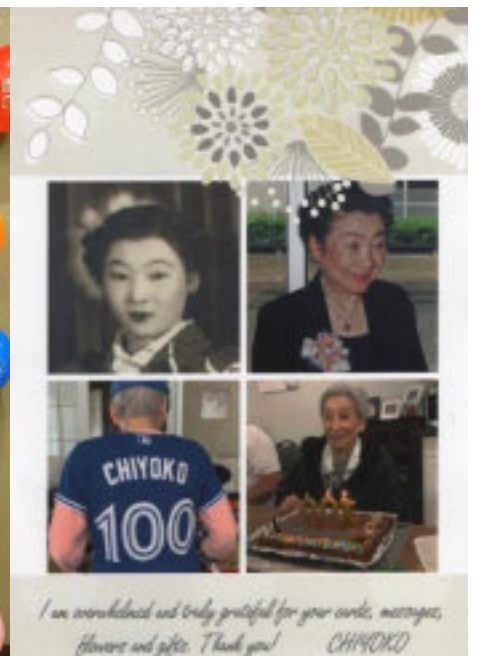
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In Memory of Mrs. Masako Honda and her son James

Joyce Kenno, Bob and Ron Ishibashi

In Memory of Rhea Gemus

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Program Updates

We at CJCC are very grateful for the continued support of the Frank Hori foundation and we wish to acknowledge a new donation from the Hori Foundation during these unprecedented times.

CJCC has set up online e-transfers to collect memberships and class fees. Please send e-transfers directly to hamcjcc@gmail.com

To join our zoom classes you will need to be a member of CJCC and pay the class fees.

Japanese Language is now running online classes.

Please contact us to join in the fun at hamcjcc@gmail.com

The Ikebana class of Linda Hartley has been running via zoom with the technical assistance of Tak Yano. If you are interested in learning this interesting Japanese art, zoom lessons are available. Please contact hamcjcc@gmail.com to let us know you are interested.

The Wednesday evening Hatha Yoga classes are still continuing via zoom. Please contact hamcjcc@gmail.com

If any program not running wishes to try zoom programming we can help you with any technical difficulties you may encounter. Please contact any member of the board of directors and they will do their best to help you.

Zoom programming running now!

August 2021

Aikido, Jiu Jitsu, Judo and Kendo will be resuming classes. Contact the instructors for times.

September 2021:

The following instruction will be available for members in September. Please register now. You can email hamcjcc@gmail.com to register.

Japanese Language

Iaido

Karate

Zen Meditation

Chado: Japanese Tea Ceremony

Suzuran Odori

Members of Suzuran Odori participated in the recent virtual obon odori 2021 on July 10th. There were 10 dances including audience participation dances. We had practises via zoom from April until July 9th every Friday evening. We all learned in our cramped areas and tried our best.

During the pandemic we have also been participating virtually in the annual Burlington Sakura Festival. We hope to perform in person when we can all meet again to practise.

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Office Hours

Mary Sutton, our Office Manager will be in the Office Wednesdays from 10 am to 2pm

their experience is never again repeated, most survivors also wish to see *strengthened education and public awareness, including through mandatory curriculum, maintenance and restoration of historical places, and stronger anti-racism initiatives in BC. In a time of elevated racism, these initiatives are more urgent and important than ever.*

And while Japanese Canadians survivors think of others when asked about BC Redress initiatives, it is fundamental to justice that remaining survivors are able to live out their lives in dignity and wellness. *Health and wellness funding* is therefore an equally essential pillar of BC Redress, including provision of culturally-competent care and housing options, especially in instances of hardship, alongside significant investment in mental health programming and outreach, to support the hard work of addressing *first-hand and intergenerational trauma.*

Investing in *community healing* is ultimately a hopeful act, and BC Redress is about looking to the future of our community, as much as it is about acknowledging and commemorating our past. *The loss of Japanese Canadian identity that occurred as a result of historic government actions has continued into the current day,* and there is much work to be done. Our community remains deeply resilient and proud of our history and culture. BC Redress is an opportunity to rebuild Japanese Canadian community infrastructure.

By investing in physical and cultural spaces, community-strengthening education, and programming focused on intergenerational dialogue, learning and healing, BC Redress can help enable cultural continuation and help to secure a legacy of a strong and vibrant Japanese Canadian culture and community, now and for future generations.

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Koyukai 60+

Koyukai continues to meet monthly with phone-in get togethers. It is a complicated procedure but we hope that you can all get through to chat together. **We continue to welcome new members.** Our membership fee remains at \$15.00 per year. We have waived membership fees for 2020 and 2021. We are hoping that we can start again soon.

To join Koyukai 60+ please contact our secretary Marlene Frazer. She will ask for your birthday so we can celebrate with you. We will collect membership dues next year so please join now while it is a bargain. (free)

The Koyukai bank balance on May 31, 2021 was \$627.82. We are hoping that we can begin to have activities together and hope that all of our members were able to get their vaccines. If you need help with registering for your vaccine please call 905.574.7381 (Patti) for help. We are looking forward to seeing the renovations in our meeting room at CJCC when they are complete.

Phone in instructions

On the Second Monday of every month at 1 pm

Step 1: Please call in at 1 pm

Step 2: Phone number 1-647-374-4685

Step 3: When asked to enter Meeting ID 858 6221 5996 #

Step 4: When asked to enter Passcode 542420

CJCC mourns the loss of Senior Sensei Tim Clarke (hachidan JiuJits, Karate)



Tim Clarke passed away suddenly, at his home, on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at the age of 77. Beloved husband of Lynda for 55 years. Cherished father of Adele and her husband Cody Prince, Jason and his wife Gillian, Tyler and his wife Elizabeth. Devoted grandfather of Kyla, Owen, Liam, Maxx, Evan and Noah. Dear brother-in-law of

Wayne and his wife Trish, Elaine and her husband Adam, Sharon and her husband Eddie. Will also be missed by his many nieces, nephews, and cousins in Australia, England and Canada. Tim had an absolute love for his family. He enjoyed devoting his time to Martial Arts and was a proud 8th Dan in Jujitsu and Karate. Tim could also be found playing golf or spending his days at the club with the boys.

Bryce Kanbara wins Governor General's Award



Bryce in front of his exhibit 2019 'kanji' vintage works by Bryce Kanbara, featuring calligraphic entries by his father, Tameo Kanbara

by Karen Uchida May 2021

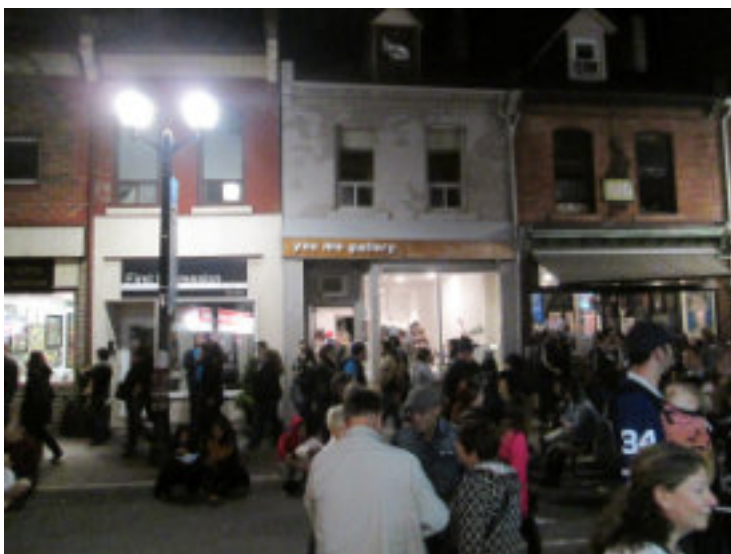
There is good news to share during the Covid-19 pandemic. On Feb 23, dedicated Hamilton visual artist, curator, gallery owner and community activist, Sansei, Bryce Kanbara of Hamilton, was awarded the Canadian Council for the Arts annual Governor General's Award for Visual and Media Art, in the category of Outstanding Contribution. The award is attributed to significant vital contributions Kanbara has made to the City of Hamilton's art community and to the City of Hamilton itself.

Kanbara was born in 1947 in Hamilton to nisei parents Tameo and Fumiko Kanbara both born in BC. A younger sister Carlene, arrived one year later. His father Tameo, was a Japanese language teacher in Vancouver. He was also one of the community organizers and founders of NMEG, the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group that in 1942 protested the breakup of Japanese Canadian families. As a result, he was imprisoned at the Prisoner of War camp in Angler Ontario. Tameo worked for 30 years at International Harvester's foundry, one of the few companies that would hire Japanese Canadians. Bryce Kanbara grew up on Queen St. South, and graduated from McMaster University in 1970 with a BA in English Literature and Art History. Going against the grain, Bryce embarked on a life as a visual artist, maintaining deep ties to the Hamilton Arts community and his hometown city of Hamilton. His cultural identity as a Japanese Canadian

played an evolving growing role in his art practice and curatorial projects.

Producing an incredible prolific body of work spanning over five decades, as both artist and curator, two key events from Kanbara's life led to the GG award. The first milestone event occurred in 1975 where along with a small group of local Hamilton artists, young Kanbara helped found one of the first artist-run co-ops in Canada called Hamilton Artists' Co-op (which became Hamilton Artists Inc.) in downtown Hamilton on James Street North. The non-profit co-op was created on the need for young artists to have an exhibit space as public and commercial art galleries were not supportive. From 1975-1981 Bryce was one of the first administrators and directors. "We realized, very early on, that we wanted to play a role in promoting art to the general public through public participation shows such as The Lunch Bucket Show and the Hamilton Post Card Show. We learned through trial and error the complexities of organizations and organizing. My relatives were always supportive; there was always my mother's and aunts' sushi at openings in those days." Today the registered non-profit artist-run centre Hamilton Inc. has evolved and expanded with programming and is thriving with over 300 members in their own accessible significantly larger building built in 2011 and located on the corner of James St. North and Cannon (just across the street from the original location).

During the 1980's and 1990's Kanbara, held a number of notable full-time positions as curator at regional public art galleries, most notably the Burlington Arts



The YouMe Gallery during Supercrawl 2017



The YouMe Gallery Whirlygig group exhibit during Supercrawl 2017

Centre for six years, as well as the Art Gallery of Hamilton and the Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant. His experience with the public art system fueled him on to his next bold move, and the second key milestone event. Purchasing the building first, in May 2003, Kanbara opened his own art gallery, the YouMe Gallery on James St. North. Kanbara's aim was to "exhibit the works of Hamilton artists and JC artists, many of whom deserved wider recognition; and to create a kind of free-wheeling program that contributed vibrantly and responsively to the cultural life of the community." It was bold and risky venture, as back in 2003 the street was a fading commercial district and crime was a concern. It seemed the unlikeliest neighbourhood for an art gallery to succeed and prosper. Yet, Kanbara's You Me Gallery did so much more than succeed. The gallery served as a catalyst and spring board, attracting others art galleries to open on the same street, followed by the development of supporting retail businesses and restaurants. Toronto artists migrated and relocated to Hamilton. In 2005 Kanbara helped organize with his neighbouring gallery owners, the James St. North Art Crawl, held every second Friday of the month, to invite visitors and the public to visit the art galleries. It was a huge success and attracted visitors and art lovers from both within and outside Hamilton. By 2006 a new art district was born with James St. North revitalized and the Hamilton Arts Community thriving and expanding to other neighbourhoods as well.

In 2009, inspired by the success of the James St. North Art Crawl, a group of young artists and Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton

musicians, organized Hamilton's non-profit premiere annual Supercrawl Arts and Music festival, a three day weekend event. In 2019, the last pre-pandemic Supercrawl, it was estimated there were 250,000 attendees and the event garnered 20 million dollars of revenue for the city of Hamilton. Some big named Canadian musicians and bands have performed at this festival from 'The Social Scene' to 'Tamara Lightfoot'. And Kanbara's You Me gallery a participant of the event, collaborates by holding the popular Whirlygig group exhibit, a unique kinetic art exhibit that delights every visitor from all walks of life and of all ages.

What the Governor General award may not recognize is that Kanbara has fostered Japanese Canadian artists for decades and contributed significantly to the Japanese Canadian community. He was curator at the Toronto Japanese Cultural Centre art gallery and held leadership roles at the NAJC. Kanbara was an ardent social activist and organizer in the redress campaign. In the late 1970's after the Centennial celebration of 1977, Kanbara along with others, began to organize and attend grassroots meetings in Toronto. Bryce not only attended the bus protest rally to Ottawa in the spring of 1988 but he was on the key NAJC Redress Strategy Team started in 1984. As an JC artist moved by the redress movement in 1986, Kanbara organized 'Shikata Ga Nai' a sponsored group art exhibit of ten Japanese Canadian artists, including his own work. The very first group exhibit of Japanese Canadian artists from across the country. Kanbara has since organized and curated many solo and group exhibits of Japanese Canadian artists and continues to make and exhibit his own art. His most recent notable co-curated exhibit was in 2018 at the ROM, the Royal Ontario Museum, called 'Being Japanese Canadian, Reflections on a broken world'. Eight Japanese Canadians artists exhibited works related to internment.

Kanbara resides in Hamilton with his partner of 20 years Lisa Dale. And he is the very proud uncle of his two highly successful, classical musician nieces, cellist Rachel Mercer and violinist Akemi Mercer-Niewohner

NAJC Community News

Welcome to the 2021 summer edition of Community News from Hamilton Chapter NAJC. We are happy to let you know about the news from our community. We meet and work on the unceded and unsundered traditional territory of the Neutral, Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabeg people who have cared for this land since time immemorial. During the pandemic we have been working with Landscapes of Injustice as a co-applicant and partner for the next grant proposal: Past Wrongs, Future Choices. We are also continuing to support the National NAJC with members participating on NAJC committees.

Hamilton Chapter NAJC is a member of the working group of the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund. We are assisting the organizers in locating survivors who were directly affected by the racist actions of the government of BC during World War 2. Hamilton Chapter NAJC would like to help these survivors improve their quality of life, health and wellness. The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund will directly benefit the surviving seniors, support programs, education, equipment, and activities to improve quality of life and the health and wellness of survivors. If you were born before April 1, 1949 in Canada and directly affected by the uprooting and dispossession of Japanese Canadians or you know someone who was and who would like help applying for the fund -please contact us.

We still have many books of interest to Japanese Canadians. Please consider us when you are looking for gifts. We have cookbooks, craft books and stories. Please consider On Being Yukiko. It is a wonderful addition to your library or as a gift.

Congratulations to Bryce Kanbara! "For his gallery success, and arts contribution dating back to the 1970's, Bryce has won the 2021 Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts. He is a gifted artist, a bold mark maker, a sorcerer at making bits of drywall into thoughtful sculpture, Kanbara's art is open and confident."

Congratulations to Nathan Hirayama, a rugby sevens player who will carry the flag for Canada at the Tokyo Olympics.

Save the Date! August 14, 2022! Do you miss our special hotdogs and suika? We plan to have our annual community NAJC/CJCC picnic again in 2022. Details will Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton

follow. If you or someone you know would like to help us please let us know. This event was supported by a one time grant from the NAJC Community Renewal Fund in 2018.

Mochi Cafe 2021! December 26, 2021. Do you miss home made mochi with all the toppings? We hold our annual Mochi Cafe every year on the last Sunday of the year. Save the date! Volunteers are always welcome! This event was supported by a special one time grant from the NAJC Community Renewal Fund and we are able to continue every year thanks to the one time grant which allowed us to purchase equipment.

Community Miso is coming! March 2020 was supposed to be the first community miso tsuki event but a week before we could start we had to postpone! We plan to hold this event when the weather is cooler so please stay tuned to details. Organic homemade miso and samples of foods made with this special miso will be on the menu. Learn new techniques and help make a batch of community miso to prepare for a special miso opening event after the miso has ripened to perfection. This event is supported by a grant from the NAJC Community Renewal Fund.

Seniors Japanese Monthly lunches at Macassa Lodge. In association with Momiji Health Care and volunteers from CJCC, Hamilton Chapter NAJC and Hamilton Japanese United Church UCW. These lunches are a fun way to spend an afternoon with friends. Coordinators Ms. Doreen Morita and Mr. Kiyoshi Dembo will help you register. Call Doreen at 905-389-5216 and leave a message with your name and phone number. There is a small fee for a delicious lunch.

Seniors Tai So Exercises at Macassa Lodge will continue with leaders Kiyoshi Dembo, Kay Naganobu and Doreen Morita. We plan to begin to meet when it is safe to do so.

Bring Our Children Home. Hamilton Chapter NAJC and the National Association of Japanese Canadians mourn the children who never returned from residential schools. Cowessess First Nation announced the discovery of 751 unmarked graves at a cemetery near the former Marieval Indian Residential School. We stand with all the survivors and the families of all children who were in residential schools. We need to heed the Calls to Action from the Truth & Reconciliation Commission. The Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line 1-866-925-4419 is available 24-hours a day for anyone experiencing pain or distress as a result of their

Residential School experience.

Anglican Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians affected by the actions of GG Nakayama. Since 2014 the Japanese Canadian Working Group (JCWG) has been working to seek justice for the many survivors of abuse by Gordon Goichi Nakayama. While the Anglican Church gave an official apology in 2015 and his abuse became more widely known, the JCWG has recently joined with the NAJC to seek restitution for Nakayama's clergy sexual abuse and the decades-long hiding of that abuse. Hamilton Chapter NAJC sponsored a learning and healing workshop with members of the JCWG task force and local Anglican clergy who came to Hamilton on April 22, 2018 to talk about their work. It was an interesting afternoon with a Japanese lunch provided. The Diocese of Calgary guarantees free counselling for those who have been harmed by Mr. Nakayama. For more information please contact us at jcworkinggroup@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Mike Murakami who received an NAJC endowment fund grant to help preserve Japanese Canadian history at the U of T Fisher Library. Please consider donating your photos, and old programs, phone books and other documents of interest to Japanese Canadian history to the U of T Thomas Fisher Rare Book library. He is especially interested in any artefacts related to Japanese Canadian Redress. There is a lot of history in the Hamilton Japanese Canadian population. We should do our best to preserve it to remember our history and help researchers who are interested in our history. Please take time to save your artefacts and consider donating them to Mike Murakami who will ensure that they are safely stored at the Rare Book Library.

Hamilton Chapter NAJC is working with Dana Oikawa to preserve our community photos. He recently worked on preserving the photos of Rose Uchida, Mary Saruwatari and Stony Nakano. He is experienced in scanning

photos to preserve them digitally. If you would like your photos preserved please let Hamilton NAJC know and we can help you.

New additions to our community:

Great grandparent: Stony Nakano
Grandparents: Marlene and Bruce Frazer
Parents: Karen and Leigh and big brother Nikko
Baby: Riyo

Great grandparent: Fumi Hashimoto
Grandparents: Kevin and Debbie Hashimoto
Parents and brother: Erin, Rob, Declan
New babies names: Eamonn and Barrett

Grandparents: Darlene Tamiko and Carey French
Parents: Kiyomi and Ben
Baby: Kobe

Great Grandparents: Shirley and Sam Sonoda
Grandparents: Brian and Sharon
Parents: Dezerai and Jason Sonoda
Baby Ava
Parents: Adam and Melo Sonoda
Baby Aidan

Grandparent: Jan Uchida
Parents Jaclyn and Gary
Baby : Jaxon (2 years)

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Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund

<http://jcwellness.org/>

OVERVIEW

The Province of BC has provided Nikkei Seniors Health Care and Housing Society (Nikkei Seniors) with \$2 million as part of their commitment to honour seniors who lived through the traumatic uprooting and displacement of almost 22,000 Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. The Province of BC is acknowledging the role they played in the historical wrongs committed against the Japanese Canadian community during the period between 1942 and April 1, 1949. The grant came out of the efforts of the National Association of Japanese Canadians' (NAJC) BC Redress initiative.

PURPOSE

Nikkei Seniors has designated the \$2 million for the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund (Fund). The purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to enhance programs, activities, and services that will directly benefit the health and/or wellness of these living survivors. The Fund will offer three categories of grants: Organizations, Small Groups, and Underserved.

What is a Survivor? - a living person of Japanese descent who was directly impacted (uprooted and displaced) by the BC Government actions between 1942 and April 1, 1949 and is living in Canada. This includes impacted seniors who were not displaced but were living in BC and seniors whose families left BC but were born during this period of time.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Organization - Any JC organization with JC survivors and/or an organization that has JC-related health and/or wellness activities serving JC survivors but is not a JC organization.

Small Group - Any small or informal group serving JC survivors with health and/or wellness activities.

Underserved - An underserved JC survivor who will not directly benefit from another Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund grant application.

Underserved Japanese Canadian Survivors are survivors provided with inadequate service. This could refer to a survivor living under any one of the following conditions:

1. is frail
2. is facing financial hardship
3. is lacking connections or is no longer able to be involved with organizations or small groups
4. is living in a geographical area that is remote
5. is living in a geographical area that has very few survivors.

Preference will be given for the creation of seniors' activities and services to assist and maintain the health and/or wellness of frail or isolated JC survivors, even if the survivors are not members of your organization or small group. Preference will be given to organizations and small groups that have a five-year history of serving JC seniors and survivors in health and/or wellness. Preference will be given to organizations and small groups with a history of JC community involvement. Preference will be given to organizations and small groups with a larger number of survivors. If the needs exceed the funds available in the underserved category, preference will be given to applicants who satisfy more conditions as stated in the underserved definition above.

Organizations may apply for up to two grants, including those combined with other organizations. If multiple grants are submitted by an organization, they must prioritize the applications. An organization may NOT apply for the same Project twice. Small groups and the underserved may apply for one grant only

Maximum award for the organization category is up to \$10,000 per application. Maximum award for small group applications is up to \$3,000. Maximum award for underserved applications is up to \$750

The grant application should be a stand-alone project and should not be dependent on other funding. Projects should be completed by December 31, 2022. Projects can benefit other individuals but must have a direct benefit to survivors.

Application deadline: October 31, 2021, 11:59 PST

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