

● 2015 Yearly Activities Report

We provide support for teenage girls in Japan to fulfill our motto: to create a society in which every girl has food, clothing, shelter and somebody she can trust, and in which no girl becomes a victim of violence or exploitation.

● Our Mission

When I was in high school, I was a “refugee high schooler,” spending 25 days a month on the streets in Shibuya. I had a bad relationship with my family and wasn’t close with any adults at school, so, as a wanderer of the streets, I had it in my mind that no matter where I went, I wouldn’t find a place to call home. There were many other people like me on the streets as well; we spent the nights in fast food joints, in manga cafes, in *izakaya* pubs, in karaoke booths, and sometimes even on the rooftops, lying on top of pieces of cardboard. My friends and I were “refugees” in that we had no homes, schools, or any other places to go to in life.

Young people as such are incredibly vulnerable when they have no adults to watch over them. When they’re physically and mentally at risk, they are easily dragged into lives of illegal, exploitive work, of child prostitution, of violence, and of unplanned pregnancies and abortions, just to name a few horrific realities many of them face. While many people may want to close their eyes at such realities, we are facing them with our eyes wide open. We have also lost many friends along the way, unable to help them.

When I dropped out of high school, I knew I couldn’t maintain my life like that, but I didn’t know what to do; there was no adult in my life whom I could rely on or consult—only adults who tried to coerce me into prostitution or other dangerous work. Apart from that, I also felt that there was no adult who sincerely cared about me.

It’s been 10 years since then. I am now 26—an adult. Even now the status quo still persists; most of the people reaching out to the young girls and boys on the street or on the internet are not adults looking to give them a helping hand.

“Adults just don’t get it.” “I can’t trust the adults.” Don’t statements like these really mean something more like “No one’s willing to work with me,” or “No one will believe me”? It’s not any special support that these young people need—it’s a normal, everyday life that most of us take for granted.

We work alongside the girls we meet, thinking, crying, laughing, getting angry, and moving along together with them—we become their strength through this. We are working to create a society in which every girl has food, clothing, shelter, and a sense of belonging, and in which no girl in poverty faces exploitation or violence.



Yumeno Nito, Colabo Representative

May 2016

- **Overview of the 2015 Yearly Activities Report**

- Consultations

- ◇ People: 121

- ◇ Meetings: 141

- ◇ Instances of social assistance*: 105

(*Accompanying girls to child consultation centers, city offices, hospitals, the police, school, families, Hello Work, realtors, etc.)

- ◇ Connections with other agencies: 57

- Offering of meals

- Meals served: 195

- Temporary shelter (since June 2015)

- Users: 18 girls for a total of 158 instances (naps, showers, meals, rest and recreation, study support)

- Overnight stays: 11 girls for a total of 56 nights

- Activities of the support group Tsubomi

- Members: 21

- Total activities: 65

- Awareness campaigns

- Lectures: 76 with a total of 8,849 participants

- Night study tours: 35 with a total of 296 participants

- Night patrols and consultations

- We connect with girls who cannot go home by patrolling the streets at night and reaching out to them. We also accept consultations nationwide through our website and social media.

- Night patrols: 18

- Consultations: 121



● **Attributes and statuses of consulters:**

- Approached by the person in question: 90 (84 girls, 6 boys). Among these, new consulters: 62
- Approached by a related party: 31 (13 friends, 4 mothers, 1 doctor, 3 school staff, 1 social worker, and 13 other supporters)

○Age distribution (when approached by the person in question)

- 14 years old: 4
- 15 years old: 9
- 16 years old: 19
- 17 years old: 21
- 18 years old: 12
- 19 years old: 13
- 20 years old: 3
- 21 years old: 3
- 22 years old: 2
- 23 years old: 1
- 24 years old: 1
- 25 years old: 2

○How they learned about us

- Social media: 42
- From a friend: 17
- Lecture or school visit by Nito: 17
- From a supporter or acquaintance: 12
- Approached by staff on the streets or through social media: 11
- TV or newspaper: 6
- Our website: 6
- Nito's book: 5
- Project exhibition: 4

We accept consultations from all around the country. We have met and connected with girls mostly in Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, Saitama, and also in Hokkaido, Miyagi, Fukushima, Tochigi, Gunma, Ibaraki, Nagano, Shizuoka, Aichi, Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Wakayama, Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Miyazaki, Nagasaki, Okinawa, and more.

○Consultation subject distribution

1. Family-related: 94
 - ✧ Abuse: 48
 - ✧ Family relationship: 23
 - ✧ Poverty: 11
 - ✧ Homelessness: 9
 - ✧ Parent's suicide: 3
2. School-related: 67
 - ✧ Relationships with friends: 20
 - ✧ Academic/career track: 14
 - ✧ Bullying: 11
 - ✧ Dropping out of high school: 13
 - ✧ Refusing to go to school: 5
 - ✧ Teachers/the school itself: 4
3. Sex-related: 98
 - ✧ Prostitution: 26
 - ✧ Sexual violence: 25
 - ✧ *JK* business: 17
 - ✧ Domestic violence from a partner: 12
 - ✧ Pregnancy: 7
 - ✧ Sexuality: 5
 - ✧ Other issues: 13
4. Others
 - ✧ Self-harm: 28
 - ✧ Inability to go to the hospital: 10
 - ✧ Responses from public institutions: 9
 - ✧ Intellectual disabilities: 6
 - ✧ Mental disabilities: 8
 - ✧ Developmental disabilities: 4

We had 48 consultations regarding abuse, such as violence or neglect from a family member. From this number we met many girls who, despite having experiences meeting with child welfare, did not receive proper care and were subsequently distrustful of the system. When we asked the consulter whether or not they had been to a child consultation center, we had multiple instances of them immediately becoming suspicious of us and putting up a wall, saying things like “So you’re one of them too.” We also had instances of being met with fear that we were child protective services after approaching girls on the streets.

We meet many girls each year who are surrounded by danger, struggling to survive as they have no safe place to stay. Girls who have suffered sexual violence and sexual exploitation are dealing with mental insecurities and trauma, even after reaching a safe space. Due to this, we are not just temporary, emergency care; we strive to offer mid- to long-term support to help the girls regain their lives.

We have also met numerous middle school girls who have resorted to prostitution because they cannot afford school lunches or trips, because their families will not buy them indoor slippers or school supplies. When in poverty, abuse often persists, even after families meet with welfare.

We have received consultations such as the following: “My parents won’t let me go to school,” “My parents [are mad at me and] won’t let me go to the hospital,” “The gas and electricity are out,” “My insurance expired, and I can’t go to the hospital,” “My parents stopped coming home,” and “I’m living with my grandma who has dementia, and I’m afraid I’m going to kill her.” We accompany those asking for help to government or child consultation centers if necessary and work with schools and other institutions.

● **Receiving consultations and taking action**

○Meetings: 141

- Meetings with the person in question: 125
- Meetings with a related party: 16

○Accompaniment support: 105

We helped girls with the following situations:

- Various procedures and purchases (changing residence; buying a cell phone, furniture, and/or home appliances; going to the post office): 16
- Realtors: 13
- City offices: 10
- Hospitals: 10
- Child consultation centers: 9
- Finding higher education or work (ex. going to schools, workplace tours, Hello Work): 7
- Interviews (with case workers, academic staff, child consultation centers, landlords, shelters, etc.):

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- Police: 5
- Legal consolation: 4
- Study sessions and research: 4
- School: 4
- Foster families: 3

- Graduation ceremonies: 3
- Moving residences: 2
- Families: 2
- Coming of Age Ceremonies: 1
- Child care facilities: 1

○Total connections with related organizations: 57

- Lawyers: 18
- Child consultation centers: 16
- Governmental institutions: 6
- Police: 5
- Study support centers: 4
- Hospitals: 3
- Schools: 2
- Case workers: 2
- Kimono dressers: 1

○What we learned from our escorting work:

We accompany girls to their homes, the police, hospitals, child consultation centers, and other places when necessary; nevertheless, the reality is that it is difficult for the girls to receive support unless they bring specific attention to their suffering or situations themselves. However, it is not easy for children to ask for help, and there are many children who, despite having the courage to go to consultations, do not receive the appropriate treatment and lose trust in adults.

We sometimes are able to solve their problems by working with them on a temporary basis, giving them advice and connecting them with other institutions; however, there are some situations that require mid- to long-term support. Daily support becomes necessary for girls who say that they cannot rely on their families or are even hiding from them. We look out for them in every aspect of their lives, which includes but is not limited to giving advice for daily life, continuing education, and work; listening to and responding to troubles; escorting to hospitals; meeting landlords; cleaning and doing laundry; preserving food; and managing medications and savings.

- **Offering meals and goods**

- Meals served: 195

It all starts from simply saying, “Let’s eat together.”

One of the hardest things for someone in trouble to do is to ask for help, which in turn becomes one of their biggest troubles. When young girls and boys are struggling with various obstacles, are stuck in a cycle of delinquency, and/or are running away from home, many of them have strong feelings of not wanting to involve others in their own personal problems and feeling the need to solve their issues on their own. As a result, many of them become stuck in lonely situations in which they can do nothing to help themselves.

We first reach out to such girls and ask them to eat a meal with us. Together we cook, sit around the table, laugh, talk, and forge our relationship.

Some girls have never eaten foods like *nabe*, which can be shared with many people, or have never seen anyone cooking before. As we were eating *okonomiyaki* together, one 15-year-old living with just her father once said that it had been 7 years since she had had such good home cooking. Another girl living with her mother on social support said that her house doesn’t have rice or a rice cooker, so we set her up with material support. One more girl whispered, “I wish I could have been born into a family in which I could do this with my mom,” while we were standing around the sink washing dishes after eating.

Eating meals together helps break down the hurdles of consultations. It isn’t easy for anyone to say, “There’s something I want to talk about,” when they are in trouble. At such times, we receive messages from girls that they would like to “eat” with us, and so we invite them for a meal.

We believe that when the girls say, “Adults don’t get it,” what they often really mean is, “There’s no adult willing to work with me.” What they need is not some special support, but the things that we take for granted every single day.

By gathering around the table together for a meal, we are building relationships with girls so they will feel able to consult with us when in trouble, hopefully before the situation becomes too dire. We are creating a home in which they can return to at any time.



- Clothing and other goods given: 128

We give the girls in our care clothing, writing supplies, menstrual products, and other supplies.

○A message from one of our girls:

I hate adults—I hate them, I hate them, I hate them.

That’s what I had always thought. I couldn’t go to school properly, didn’t value myself, couldn’t express myself with words, and couldn’t properly hold a conversation for 16 long years. In October of my first year in high school, I met someone who changed the course of my life forever.

I assume most people take eating around a dinner table for granted in life, but to many girls who are suffering from economic or also emotional poverty like myself, this is anything but ordinary. Those dark conditions are occurring right now, even at this very moment. I am living very aware of the fact that what is considered “normal” or “common sense” is actually very subjective. Colabo took me in as I am; here I can eat with everyone, and, for the first time in my life, went on a picnic... It wasn’t even normal for me to laugh with someone else, but since meeting everyone at Colabo, my life is filled with new experiences. I am so happy to have met them and the supporters. Once I graduate high school, I hope I can be of some help to girls and be in a position to offer support myself. (High school 3rd year, age 18)



● Temporary Shelter

We run a temporary shelter for girls suffering from abuse, sexual violence, or any other situation that leaves them with no place to stay safely for the night or no home to return to.

Users: 18 over the course of 158 instances (naps, showers, meals, rest and relaxation, study space, etc.)

Overnight users: 11 over the course of 56 nights



A space to rest and think calmly

When people have no place to sleep safely, one of their major concerns is where to stay the night. One middle school girl told us of her experiences: “When I couldn’t stay at home, the only people who reached out to me were men wanting me for sex. I thought these were the only people who cared about me and whom I could rely on.”

Colabo let the homeless girls stay at Nito’s own home from our founding in 2011 until the summer of 2015. We collected donations to build a facility in which the girls could drop by and stay as they pleased with a few staff members to watch over them.

Apart from those wishing to change their current situations, we also operate it for girls who want a safe space to stay yet do not want to affiliate with official protective services, and for girls who have run away from home and want to break away from staying at strangers’ homes.

After renting some property and while in the process of preparing our facility in June of 2015, we were contacted by a school affiliate. We were told of a middle school student who had heard about our shelter and wanted to live at Colabo. She was abused and fled from home, staying homeless for a week. We went to meet her and to tell her that our shelter is only a temporary refuge, not a place to live, and that it was still undergoing preparations. We kept her in our care for a few days and were able to connect with official custody services while contacting the school and child consultation services. During that time, the girl helped us prepare the shelter for opening by helping us set the flooring and doing other tasks. She is still with us on a daily basis participating in our support group.

Some of the girls who have used our shelter have gone on to live with foster families, assisted living for adolescents, or by themselves. Despite this, many of them still do not live stable lives, and in 2016 we decided to start a share house to be used by girls in their late teens to early twenties.

We allow various types of young women to live in the share house. Young adults no longer fall under child welfare once they turn 18; despite this, as they are still legally considered minors, they cannot sign their own apartment rental contracts, and many cannot afford the initial apartment expenses; some of our residents are these girls. Others are girls who find it difficult to live by themselves due to emotional factors or disabilities, and some lack basic life skills as they have never lived in a stable home before. Some residents are working part-time while trying to graduate high school or move on to higher education, and others are girls who, despite being within the age range to receive child welfare, are extremely opposed to receiving support from formal institutions or have had negative experiences with them.

○ **A message from one of our girls:**

I was going to and fro looking for a place to stay the night when I met Colabo.

I hated “supporters” and couldn’t believe adults, so I was really nervous and stubborn when I first met Yumeno. To be perfectly honest, I was thinking, “Here comes another stupid adult. I might as well just die if she lets me down too,” but nevertheless went to where I promised. However, Yumeno was completely different from all the other adults I had met, and she took me seriously. I really felt from her words and actions like she wanted to work with me as best she could, and so I figured I could try trusting her.

I was homeless at the time, so I ended up staying at the Colabo shelter. It was still not completely ready to open yet, so it was filled with odds and ends of supplies, but just by tidying it up bit by bit, it became more and more comfortable. They helped me with a lot of things, such as finding food.

It seemed that if I tried to apply to the government for welfare, they would just turn me down, saying they couldn’t care for me on-site. I went with both a lawyer and Colabo to find a house and was able to start a new life. On top of this, I was also able to graduate high school this spring. My life still isn’t exactly stable, but I do have someone to eat with and realized that, by spending time with the other girls, family is more about just blood and genes; family is the people who will lend a helping hand when you’re in trouble. With this support, I now have the courage to keep living. (Age 20)

- Support Group “Tsubomi”

Tsubomi is a group made of girls affiliated with Colabo. All of them are active in making a mutual support circle while facing difficult situations.

Members: 21

Activities to Date: 65



Contributing Through Bonds

This group is creating a space for teenage girls to come and work through their problems with other girls facing similar issues. It is a space where they can talk about their abuse, sexual violence, and other experiences that are difficult to discuss openly. For example, when a girl says, “It’s my fault I was raped because I didn’t say no,” the other girls will instantly chime in with “No, it’s not your fault.” They also create close relationships with one another in which they can talk about things that are more difficult to open up to and discuss with staff.

Apart from camps and summer festivals, they also celebrate the little things together. They additionally helped prepare our shelter for opening, as well as sort donations Colabo has received and work booths at bazaars, among other activities. They have participated in UN and US studies on human trafficking, child prostitution, and child pornography and contribute by sharing their experiences as testimony, etc.

- Craft projects: accessory making

- Seasonal events: birthday parties, back-to-school celebrations, cherry blossom viewing,

 - Christmas parties, New Year’s parties, Coming of Age ceremonies, graduation parties, etc.

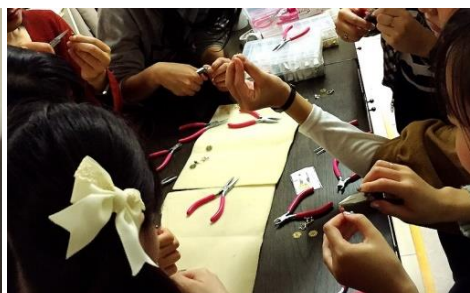
- Booths: at bazaars and summer festivals

- Advocacy through experience sharing: at lectures and other speeches, at UN and US State

- Department studies, and in our “I Was Bought” exhibit on child prostitution

- Research and classes: cooking classes, nail classes, aroma studies, study sessions about war and violence, etc.

- Camps: spring camps, summer camps, and a study tour to Thailand



- Study Tour Abroad: Thailand

We conducted a 7-day camp in Thailand to learn about empowerment and leadership from other related parties. 3 of our high-school clients attended, and we visited LGBT support groups, support groups for former street children, and more. Our girls were able to meet other youths of the same age and share their stories and experiences with each other at shelters and independence support facilities. We were able to take a step back from our normal lives to learn more about human trafficking, child labor, child prostitution, sexual minorities, and other issues through our visits, which made us think back upon our own experiences and the environments in which we were raised.

○What stayed with me the most was the food—it completely wore me down in Bangkok with all the spicy, sour, and sweet flavors. I remember how I would eat only just a teeny bit and thinking about how I missed my cup ramen from home. I figured I'd lose some weight from simply not eating, but then when we went to Chiang Mai, I was able to eat a ton. I remember being able to eat and being like, "Oh my God, I can move now."

We also heard a lot of difficult stories. It was incredible. At a children's house (an independence support house for former street children), I was like, "Huh, this sounds kind of familiar." Some parts were about the same, but a lot were pretty different. It floored me how even though we're in different countries, we have a lot of similarities. (High school, age 19, Tokyo)

○I learned for the first time that even in Thailand there are kids just like us in Japan who can't live at home and are living in special facilities—this is what impressed me the most. I didn't know this wasn't a Japan-only thing. I met those kids for real and learned things like how they take turns being in charge of the laundry and cleaning and stuff like that—stuff I've never done before. I felt like I'd been babied in a way—I don't listen to the staff or anything. I have so much respect for those kids seeing how they do everything so diligently. Plus some of them have had it even worse than I have, but even so, they're all smiles and really pay attention to their teachers and are such good kids. I definitely can't do that, so, wow, respect. I have nothing but respect for them. I guess that was what stayed with me the most. What changed me the most was seeing them living together and helping each other out, which made me want to try doing that too. Like, "Me too! I'm going to do my best in Japan!" I had felt this a bit before, but now I really want to do something to help where I used to live or the other kids who lived in the same place as me—even if I can't do much, I want to do *something*. I also want to teach the kids in my house that there are kids abroad who are just like us. Now I have pictures I can show them, and I really want to share this with the middle schoolers like that when I go home. (High school, age 17, Aichi)



○I got out of it way more than I thought I would, and I learned a lot in just that one week. I was able to meet so many people and hear so many stories. It was so painful to hear the stories of sexual violence and other sufferings from the people at the LGBT group. It really made me wonder why people discriminate against others, even though we are all human beings. We also got to hear about the experiences of the former street children, and I noticed we had some things in common. More than anything, I couldn't help but think about how so darn cute those kids were! I knew I liked kids, and it pushed me to not give up on my dream of becoming a nursery school teacher. At the same time, we were able to see kids who all had tough lives and who were about the same ages as us, but despite that they're all trying their best. We need to do the same! I want to spread the word of what we learned here to the people around me. I was so glad I got to meet everyone, and I'm so grateful! I now have a huge dream to strive for, and even though I don't know if I can do it or not, I sure can try! Thank you for letting me have the experience of a lifetime! (High school, age 17, Kanagawa)



- Awareness Campaigns

We hold lectures and workshops about problems and realities that concern young adults, including topics such as emotional poverty, middle and high school students as easy targets for sexual exploitation, high school students with no home or sense of belonging, the dangers of social media, and sexual health education. In addition, we offer night street tours in which we expose the dangers can envelop children.

Lectures given: 76

Total participants: 8,849

We are accepting applications to host lectures. Contact us through our website!



- Night Street Study Tours



Walking the downtown streets at night, we expose the realities that are often hidden to many adults yet occur right in our own backyards. We want you to see this firsthand and raise awareness among adults, with a goal of increasing the population of informed “adults who notice.”

This is an opportunity to learn about the situations that many young girls are dragged into, and which so often go unnoticed in daily life. Please consider joining a tour. We offer tours for both individuals and groups, and flexible schedules are available for groups of 5 people or over.

Tours conducted: 35

Total participants: 296

Educators, guardians, child welfare staff, medical professionals, police, government workers, lawyers, lawmakers, etc.

○Tour participant feedback (according to a questionnaire with 98 respondents):

Very good: 78%

Good: 22%

I was able to learn about the dangers and realities that surround young girls: 98%

I realized things I had never noticed before: 98%

My views towards young adults have changed: 75%

○Voices of our participants

I was able to see and hear with my own eyes and ears girls and innocent children being lined up and sold as sexual commodities, and I felt rage boiling inside me. Without any explanation, I would never have realized that anything out of the ordinary was going on. When I returned home after the tour, I was able to recognize situations in which I think some scouting was happening. It was great to be able to exchange ideas and views with the other tour participants. (Assemblywoman in her 50s)

I went on this tour as a part of a seminar for staff tackling human trafficking in the ASEAN team of JICA. Many adults tend to think that the girls engaging in such dangerous work do so for cell phones, clothes, or money, and I was no exception before this tour. I was able to gain a behind-the-scenes look and learn that many are conned into that work, and that many have no homes or schools to turn to. As a man, I really felt I must do more to tackle the issue of the buyers, who are predominantly men. (JICA staff member in his 40s)

Honestly, I had always felt that the girls who step into this dangerous world have only themselves to blame. I myself felt no sense of belonging at my home or school I was in high school, and I met a lot of people online and hung out with them out of my own free will. However, hearing the staff insist that the minors are not at fault, that the adults are the ones at fault, made me feel a bit more acceptance for who I was at that time. (Female university student in her 20s)

I work with medical education at a university and felt I really wanted my students to know about these types of social issues. For some reason, educational curriculum now offers almost nothing in terms of learning about social issues. Your eyes will open to a whole new side of society just by taking this tour one time. Academia calls this “transformative learning,” and I truly felt transformed after this tour. At the same time it made me think hard about what I can do right now.

- Financial Report

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Third Term Financial Report (Feb. 2015 – Aug. 2015)

	Yen
Earnings	
Membership dues	2,086,500
Received donations	5,726,044
“Giving to the Refugee High Schooler” Project	56,000
Opening and operating our temporary shelter	1,116,679
Grants	0
Project earnings	
Information spreading	605,600
Supporter training	912,000
Other earnings	
Miscellaneous	157,342
Interest	516
Total income before tax	10,660,681

Expenditures

Project costs	
Labor costs	525,000
Other expenses	
Total project costs	797,553
Administration costs	
Labor costs	525,000
Other expenses	
Total administration costs	1,682,304
Total operation costs	3,529,857
Balance carried forward	
Increase of net assets for current term	7,130,824
Net assets brought forward from previous term	1,695,298
Net assets to be carried forward to subsequent term	8,826,122

Earnings	
Membership dues	544,500
Donated funds	2,860,120
“Giving to the Refugee High Schooler” Project	92,000
Opening and operating our temporary shelter	1,202,840
“We Were Bought” Exhibition	732,902
Grants	
Japan Foundation Asia Center	794,720
Pal System Aid Foundation	500,000
Marubeni Foundation for Social Welfare	2,000,000
Love and Grace Welfare Aid Foundation	186,859
Project earnings	
Creating a sense of belonging	373,220
Information spreading	2,990,240
Supporter training	1,103,000
Other earnings	
Miscellaneous	87,003
Interest	642
Total income before tax	13,468,046

Expenditures

Project costs

Labor costs	656,292
Other expenses	
Total project costs	3,414,037
Administration costs	
Labor costs	1,738,875
Other expenses	
Total administration costs	1,301,949
Total operation costs	7,111,153
Balance carried forward	
Increase of net assets for current term	6,356,893
Net assets brought forward from previous term	8,826,122
Net assets to be carried forward to subsequent term	15,183,015

● Membership and Donations

Thank you for your wonderful assistance!

- Registered supporters: 212
- Monetary donations: 122
- Donations to our projects:
 - "We Were Bought" exhibition: 168
 - Shelter operations: 177
 - "Giving to the Refugee High Schooler" Project: 33 (84 books worth)
- Donations of goods: 423

We are sincerely grateful for everyone's thoughts and hard work supporting us in so many ways. You helped us start gathering clothing after meeting girls wearing nothing but a few thin layers in the

cold. You helped us start gathering menstrual supplies after meeting a girl who was forced to use her grandmother's diapers. You helped us gather appliances and futons for girls trying to build back up their lives. You helped us gather school supplies and underwear when a middle school girl stayed in our shelter. As soon as we need something, you're there to help.

The messages you have sent us along with your support have sincerely touched the girls. Since they expressed desires to write their own thank-you letters, we have included their messages in this report as well. You all have been invaluable allies who believe in these girls. Thank you all, and we hope for your continued support.

○We received these items and will use them as follows:

- Unused postcards, stamps: to cover mail costs
- Gift certificates for books and other items: to give books to the girls and to buy other items
- Telephone cards: to give to the girls for emergencies
- Electronics (iPhones, laptops, etc.): to use for consultations
- School uniforms, clothes, daily necessities (menstruation products, lip balm, deodorant, bath products, makeup remover, etc.): to give to the girls
- Foodstuffs: to give to the girls in poverty and to help in our meal support projects. Pasta sauce, *nabe* broth, dried noodles, curry mix, and other products help the girls start cooking on their own as well.
- Produce: we received rice and fruit from all around the country as well as vegetables and other produce. Many girls have few chances to eat fruit and regional specialty products and are overjoyed to receive these. We would be grateful to have continued support with these fresh products.
- We also received a lot from our Amazon Wish List!

Food and drinks, cooking appliances, cleaning products, furniture, home electronics, bedding, books, stationery and school supplies, and more



The girls are grateful for this every single day, and we hope to return the favor.



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