On Thursday, October 10, 2013, Japanese American Social Services, Inc. (JASSI) will hold its 32nd Anniversary Benefit Dinner at the Yale Club of New York City. Guests will enjoy an evening of cocktails, a silent auction, a special performance, and fine dinner. At last year’s Benefit Dinner, more than 80 items were donated for the silent auction, which included a beautiful Kimono set from NIHONWASOU USA, Inc., a gorgeous pearl necklace from MIKIMOTO, audio sets from Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc., a hotel voucher from Kitano Hotel, a Yankees baseball signed by Ichiro, and many more! This year’s special performance will be a chorus by the Nippon Club Women’s Chorus, which celebrated its 25th Anniversary Concert at the Carnegie Hall this year. At the Benefit Dinner, they will perform songs from their wide range of repertoire, including traditional Japanese songs.

We will announce additional details of our Benefit Dinner on our website and through our eNewsletter. To purchase tickets or contribute items for the silent auction, please contact Yoko Naka at 212-442-1541/347-482-1541 or ynaka@jassi.org. All proceeds from the Benefit Dinner will be used to fund JASSI’s many social services. We will appreciate all of your support.
Asian Pacific American Legislative Advocacy Day アジア系米国人法律権利擁護デー

On Tuesday, March 5, 2013, JASSI and other Asian organizations joined “Invisible, No More: Data Equity for Asian Pacific Americans (APA),” led by the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families on the 4th Annual APA Legislative Advocacy Day in Albany, New York. We asked legislators to support the landmark legislation of A1186a/S2348s, which would ensure a standard, consistent way of collecting and reporting data of the APA community in New York.

One Day Benefit Sale チャリティー・セール

On Saturday, April 13, 2013, Ms. Dava Weinstein, a social worker, held a benefit sale at the Norte Dame School. She was a good friend of Frank Morihiko Taira, a Japanese American artist who had had many exhibitions in the U.S. and Italy and won numerous prizes. She sold his artwork and donated the proceeds to JASSI and another organization. Approximately 90 art pieces were sold, and $1,000 were donated to JASSI. Please join us at the next benefit sale which will be at the Japanese American United Church!

Sakura Health Fair さくらヘルスフェアー

JASSI participated in Sakura Health Fair held by the Japanese American Association of New York, Inc. During this event, we held “Visa & Healthy Living Consultation” sessions on April 15th and 28th at our office. We provided consultations to thirteen participants regarding issues such as Green Card renewals, undocumented immigrant issues, Medicaid, public benefits, health issues, employment issues, consumer issues, and large medical bills. They were happy to receive appropriate and useful advice.

NYC Mayoral Candidate Forum ニューヨーク市長選挙公開討論会

On Monday, May 20, 2013, JASSI, Coalition for Asian American Children and Families, and more than 60 other Asian organizations attended the Mayoral Candidates Forum and listened to the candidates addressing key issues affecting Asian Pacific American communities. More than 600 community members attended this event, seeking better recognition from the candidates of their needs and contributions. We express our thanks to those who participated in this forum with JASSI.

2013年3月5日（火）、ジャシーはCoalition for Asian American Children and Familiesが先導する「Invisible, No More: Data Equity for Asian Pacific Americans」に他のアジア系団体と共にニューヨーク州の州都アルバニーへ行き、立法議案（A1186a/S2348s）を支援するようニューヨーク州議員に訴えました。この議案は、40個以上のアジア系言語を使うアジア人をひとつにまとめるのではなく、それぞれの民族を尊重し、より正確なデータを収集するよう求めるものです。

2013年4月13日（土）、ジャシーの協力のもと、ソーシャルワーカーのデイバ・ウェインスティンさんがホートルダム学校でチャリティー・セールを開催しました。ウェインスティンさんは、日系アーティストのフランク・モリヒコ・タイラのお知り合いで、遺品である彼の絵画を売却し、作品販売の売上げをジャシーと他機関に寄付してくださいました。約90点の絵画が売れ、$1,000がジャシーに寄付されました。次回は日米合同教会で開催予定です。是非お気軽にお立ち寄りください。

ジャシーは、日系人会が主催するさくらヘルスフェアーに参加し、4月15日と28日の2日に渡り「ビザ＆生活なんでも無料相談」をジャシー・オフィスで開催しました。永住権更新、不法滞在問題、メディケード、公的支援、健康問題、雇用問題、消費者問題、高額医療費問題を含む13名のご相談に応じました。参加者からは「長時間に渡り親身に相談にのってくださり、また、的確なアドバイスをしていただきありがとうございました」という感謝の言葉をいただきました。

2013年5月20日（月）、ジャシーはCoalition for Asian American Children and Familiesを始め、その他60以上のアジア系団体と共に「アジア太平洋系アメリカ人」に関するニューヨーク市長選挙公開討論会を観覧しました。アジア系コミュニティの発展・向上に貢献するよう、600名以上の観覧者から、私たちアジア人の存在やニーズを候補者に認識させました。ジャシーの存続意義を伝えるために、日本人・日系人の存在を市長候補者にアピールし、ご参加いただいた皆様にお礼申し上げます。ありがとうございました！
On Friday, June 7, 2013, Deloitte held its annual Impact Day. More than 20 volunteers from Deloitte contributed their time and talent to JASSI and helped us mail 4,000 solicitation letters to the community. They assisted JASSI’s volunteers and seniors with mailing while enjoying great conversation. Many thanks to Deloitte for their commitment to the community!

2013年6月7日（金）、当所コンサルティングなどへ対応しているデロイト社が、「インパクト・デー」と呼ばれるコミュニティ・サービスを行いました。ジャシーは昨年に引き続きデロイト社の多大なご協力を受け、ジャシーへの寄付金依頼文を発送するために必要な作業を手伝いでした。ジャシーボランティアやシニアの皆さんと共に、20名以上のデロイト社員の皆様が和気あいあいと交流を深めながらも迅速な手さばきで4,000通もの手紙の郵送準備をしてくださいました。デロイト社の皆様、福祉活動に貢献くださり、ありがとうございます！

Deloitte Impact Day デロイト社ボランティア・イベント

Upcoming Seminar! セミナーのお知らせ

“Home Care with Medicaid & Medicare" 「メディケイド＆メディケアでの在宅ケア」

This fall, JASSI will participate in the Senior Week held by the Japanese American Association of New York, Inc. and hold a free seminar regarding “Home Care with Medicaid & Medicare” on Thursday, September 19th from 2:30PM to 4PM.

ジャシーは日系人会が主催するシニア・ウィークに今秋も参加し、「メディケイド＆メディケアでの在宅ケア」に関する無料セミナーを開催します。9月19日（木）の午後2時半～4時講演予定です。

Useful Information お役立ち情報

〜 The Affordable Care Act オバマケア 〜

Beginning in 2014, individuals are required to purchase health care coverage and be insured under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The federal government will impose new fines on most citizens and legal residents who do not obtain government-approved insurance. Those without insurance will pay a tax that is the greater of a flat fee or a percentage of family income. In 2014, the penalty starts at the greater of $95 per adult and $47.50 per child (up to $285 for a family) or 1.0% of family income. By 2016, it increases to the greater of $695 per adult and $347.50 per child (up to $2,085 for a family) or 2.5% of family income (as of August, 2013). This penalty will be administered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) through tax returns. In 2015, the IRS will collect tax penalties from individuals who file their tax returns for 2014 and do not carry insurance coverage and are not exempt. In order to increase the insurance enrollment rates of the U.S. residents, the ACA will expand the Medicaid program coverage to people under age 65, including people with disabilities who are at 133% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. For those who exceed Medicaid income limits or middle-income individuals, New York State has set up an organized health insurance marketplace called “New York Health Benefit Exchange (http://www.healthbenefitexchange.ny.gov)” that is designed to help people shop for and enroll in health insurance coverage. Through the Exchange, individuals, families, and small businesses will be able to compare commercial insurance options, calculate costs, and select coverage online, in person, over the phone, or by mail. The Exchange will also help people check their eligibility for health care programs like Medicaid and sign up for these programs if they are eligible. The Exchange will also be able to tell what type of financial assistance is available to applicants to help them afford health insurance purchased through the Exchange. Insurance coverage can be purchased through the Exchange beginning October 1, 2013 and will be effective January 1, 2014.

オバマ政権が進める医療保険制度改革により、2014年1月1日から日本の医療機関を含む、個人の医療保険加入義務付けられます。例外もありますが、保険料加入のほとんどのアメリカ市民や合法滞在者は罰金課せられます。2014年度は大人一人につき$95、子ども一人につき$47.50（世帯で$285まで）、または世帯所得の1.0%の罰金額が課せられ、2016年までは大人一人につき$695、子ども一人につき$347.50（世帯で$2,085まで）、または世帯所得の2.5%まで罰金が上昇します（2013年8月現在）。確定申告を通じて国税庁（IRS）により罰金が徴収されるため、保険加入で例外に該当しない方は、2015年以降の2014年度の確定申告をする際に罰金が課されます。また、低所得層の国民加入率を上げるために、連邦貧困ガイドラインの133%までメディケイド受給資格（所得制限額度）が拡大します。ニューヨーク州では新しい医療保険購入制度「ニューヨーク・ヘルススペシファリット・エクスチェンジ」が設けられ、2013年10月1日より民間医療保険の比較・購入がウェブサイト（http://www.healthbenefitexchange.ny.gov）を通じて簡単にできるようになりました。また、メディケイドのような公的医療保険のスクリーニングもできるため、該当資格を満たせば公的医療保険にも申請できます。更に、月々の掛金の支払いを援助する税金控除や医療コストを援助する「コストシェアリング」などの助成金への該当資格も確認できます。エクスチェンジを通じて加入した医療保険は、2014年1月1日より適用されます。※罰金を含むオバマケアに関する制度が変更される可能性があるため、オバマケアやエクスチェンジなどの最新情報をご希望の方は、http://www.cms.govをご確認ください。
Cherry Blossom Viewing お花見
On Tuesday, April 16, 2013, our annual “Cherry Blossom Viewing” was held at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. This year’s cherry blossoms’ peak was late due to the cold spring, but we enjoyed viewing other beautiful flowers in the Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden. We also had a picnic at lunch. It was such a relaxing day.

2013年4月16日（火）、ブルックリン・ボタニック・ガーデンで今年もお花見を行いました。今年はシーズンが遅れ、桜並木は満開まで大分先でしたが、ジャパニーズ・ガーデン内やその他の花が美しく咲き誇り、充分楽しむことができました。お昼は皆でピクニックランチをし、綺麗な花でとても癒される、心安らぐ良い一日となりました。

Strawberry Picking イチゴ狩り
On Thursday, June 6, 2013, sponsored by Goldman Sacks (GS), we had a Strawberry Picking Bus Tour at Alstede Farms in New Jersey. JASSI seniors enjoyed the nature, picnic, and cultural exchange with GS employees who served as volunteers. Everyone had a big smile enjoying the fresh and sweet strawberries!

2013年6月6日（木）、毎年恒例となったゴールドマン・サックス社主催のイチゴ狩りバスツアーを行いました。ジャシー・シニアはニュージャージー州アルステッド農園にて自然を楽しみつつ、ボランティアで参加したゴールドマン・サックス社員と交流を深め、賑やかにビックニクを楽しみました。今年は例年よりもとびきり甘くて美味しいイチゴに、皆笑顔がこぼれています！

JASSI’s Services ジャシーのサービス
Hotline
Our bilingual social service staff provide telephone, email, and in-person consultations on a wide range of issues, including low-income assistance, health insurance availability, housing, consumer, employment, legal, and financial issues.

Senior Program
JASSI provides telephone and in-office case assistance, recreational events, and educational workshops for people over 60 years of age. We also offer hospital escort services and “friendly visits” to homebound seniors.

Caregiver Support Program
JASSI provides services to those who give care for people over 60 years old. The services include providing information about home care, case management, benefit referrals, group programs, respite, and supplemental support.

Immigration Hotline
Ms. Mariko Okamoto, who has extensive experience as a paralegal, provides free telephone and email consultations regarding immigration and visa-related issues on Mondays.

Community Outreach Program
JASSI conducts seminars and workshops to provide useful information to the community. We also outreach to the community through Newsletters, eNewsletters, social media, and online bulletins.
Case Examples ケース例

Everyday, JASSI staff answer many inquiries. While some cases only require providing specific information or referrals, many cases require more comprehensive services including advocacy. Cases often require days or even months to be resolved. Here are some examples from our programs.

ジャシースタフは毎日様々なお相談を承ります。その場ですぐにお答えできるような質問から、諸機関との仲介や同行が必要な何日も要するようなお相談まで、秘密厳守のもとに対応しています。以下は、それぞれのプログラムのケース例です。

**Hotline**

JASS staff provided assistance and advocacy to a 50 year-old male who lived in a homeless shelter after his apartment building had burned down, and he had lost everything. After having a dispute with the shelter’s staff due to a language barrier, he was ordered to appear in housing court for hearing. As he had difficulties understanding his situation and his rights, JASSI staff explained them to him in Japanese and accompanied him to court as an advocate. His legal problem was resolved, and with continuing support from JASSI, he has found a place to live and become mentally and financially stable.

**Senior Program**

JASSI staff provided assistance to a 65 year-old male who started receiving Medicare but did not know specifics about Medicare Part D. The staff explained to him in Japanese how Medicare Part D worked and helped him enroll online in a plan suitable for his situation. The staff also provided screening for Medicare Saving Program for which he was qualified. As a result, he was able to apply for Medicare Part D and also receive assistance for his application for Medicare premium exemption.

**Immigration Hotline**

Our paralegal volunteer assisted a musician who wanted to apply for his O-1 visa extension by himself as he could no longer afford a lawyer after years of annual extensions. An O-1 visa is initially granted for up to three years, and subsequently, yearly extensions must be requested. Our volunteer explained to him the U.S. immigration law and the risk of self-filing the extension. He was then able to apply for his extension and receive permission to stay for another year.

**Voice from Clients 利用者の声**

Although I can speak conversational English, I don’t understand technical terms, and it’s hard for me to deal with documents in English. Some of the documents are too personal to show to my friends. But, I can rely on JASSI because personal issues are kept confidential. JASSI helped me many times deal with documents and go through difficult times. I need JASSI to live in New York without anxiety.

英語を話すことができても、書類などの専門的な英語はわからないですし、友人にもお願いできないことを、個人情報も安心してお願いすることができます。安心してニューヨークで暮らすために必要な団体です。こういったことはみんな悩んでいることです。精神的な安定にもつながりました。
Volunteer Appreciation Party ボランティア感謝会

On Tuesday, July 30, 2013, JASSI held a volunteer appreciation party for those who have been helping us in many ways for all these years. The volunteer activities include event assistance, friendly visits, hospital escorts, translation, graphic designs, mailing preparation, office work, etc. Their work is indispensable for us to continue providing social services for people in need. At the party, we honored volunteers with letters of appreciation. It was also a good opportunity for them to know other volunteer members and share their experiences. We thank all our volunteers for their hard work!

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2013年7月30日（火）、ボランティアの方々へ日頃の感謝の気持ちを込めて、ボランティア感謝会を開催しました。ボランティアの方々にはイベントのお手伝いを始め、フレンドリー・ビジット、病院の付き添い、翻訳、グラフィック・デザイン、ニュースレターやソーシャルケースレターの郵送準備、オフィス・ワークなど、多方面でご活躍いただいています。ボランティアは、ジャシーが日系コミュニティに福祉サービスを提供し続ける上でなくてはならない存在です。パーティーでは、感謝の気持ちを込めてボランティア一人一人に感謝状を送りました。また、いつも会うことのないボランティア同士がそれぞれのボランティア体験を発表し合い、ジャシーのボランティア活動をより知っていただく良い機会となりました。ご出席いただけなかったボランティアの皆様にもこの場を借りてお礼申し上げます。ジャシーは皆様のお力によって支えられております。今後ともどうぞ宜しくお願い致します。

Article Writing for A Guidebook 情報誌の執筆

JASSI wrote an article about “Public Health Insurance in New York City” in a guidebook called “Desumasu-Chō” published by the U.S. Japan Publication N.Y., Inc for Japanese living in the U.S. If you have questions regarding public health insurance or any other health insurance-related issues, please call JASSI. We will provide you the information you need.

JASSI Received Grants from AAF 社会貢献助成基金贈呈式

On Tuesday, July 16, 2013, JASSI attended the award ceremony held by the Asian American Federation (AAF) and received $15,000 of their 2012-2013 Community Fund Grants. These grants were awarded to ten agencies in total of $200,000 to ensure continuation of their outstanding work. This fund will enable us to sustain our critical services. We are determined to provide quality work to efficiently and effectively serve our community and enhance quality of life for people in need.

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For free tickets that enabled seniors to attend various cultural events in the city, we thank following donors: Ito Sachiyo Dance Company & Saeko Ichinohe Dance Company.

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