

## 2014 Annual Report © IFCA's Progress and Impact

### **I. Youth and Alumni**

Continuing from 2013, IFCA maintained its foster care alumni teams in Japan and the US.

In 2014, the "[Youth and Alumni Project](#)" conducted three major programs: 1) the Japan team's event on youth rights in Tokyo; 2) the Japan team's trip to the US in June; and 3) the US team's trip to Japan in September.

1) With guest and alumni member speeches, alumni and an adult discussion panel and the US Alumni Team's video on youth rights and youth voice, the event on 4/20/2014 drew many foster care alumni and caregiving and child welfare professional audiences at the Nippon Foundation building.

2) During the 10 day trip to the state of Washington in June, the 5-member Japan Alumni Team, the US and Japan teams collaborated on the first "Youth Summit in Seattle" and a \* [Strategic Sharing Workshop](#). The Japan team had site visits at 5 youth service organization where they learned about the delivery of independent living programs and services to area foster youth and alumni. They observed a dependency court proceeding and a Q & A session with a volunteer court-appointed special advocate [CASA], and participated in roundtable discussions with Mockingbird Youth Network youth leaders and a youth rights specialist attorney. During the 2-night retreat in Mount Baker, the US and the Japan alumni members set their own vision and goals for the future together.

\* [Strategic Sharing](#) is a method that teaches foster children to tell their foster care stories in a safe and effective way.

3) During the 14-day September trip, the 4-member US team visited 8 facilities in 4 major Japanese cities [Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Kobe], held 2 youth summits, one Strategic Sharing workshop and one press conference, spoke at a world-wide child abuse scholastic convention [ISPCAN] and played a leadership role at a world youth conference. In addition, the team connected with foster youth and alumni of care, foster parents, facility workers, community organizers and policy makers.

From the youth's own verbal reports at the overseas travel reporting events in Tokyo and Seattle, and from their essays, the 2014 activities contributed greatly to their personal growth and to the closeness between the two international teams. The two teams' members worked diligently to build foundations for the IFCA Alumni Project's core programs such as the youth blog and the Strategic Sharing Program. Team members felt that they were able to use their own voices to raise awareness about foster care in each other's country and that they made progress in working towards their own mission—"Through collaboration, young people unite to improve child welfare at a global level."

### **II. Caregivers**

Continued from 2013, IFCA maintained its relationship with the Mockingbird Family Model-Japan [MFM-J].

Through this collaboration, the [Mockingbird Family Model](#) Manual [Book 2.] was translated into Japanese. Core members from MFM-J and IFCA are currently in the process of forming a committee to build the first Mockingbird Family Model pilot project in Japan.

### **III. Child Welfare Professionals**

In September, Miyako Shirakawa, M.D. [IFCA's clinical director] and Monica Fitzgerald, Ph.D. [University of Colorado/Kempe Center] along with the IFCA's selected US and Japan alumni members presented in a workshop at the ISPCAN [International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect] in Nagoya.

Also in September, Dr. Fitzgerald provided her fourth 3-day [TF-CBT \[Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy\]](#) workshop in Tokyo and 43 pre-selected clinicians who are actively working with trauma victim children participated in this workshop. Her students from this Tokyo workshop have already started receiving on-line TF-CBT case consultations.

## IFCA's IMPACT 2012 →2014

### United States

	2012	2013	2014	Total
<b>Event and Training Participants</b>		<b>40</b> (US Alumni Team Reporting Event) <b>40</b> (University of Washington School of Social Work Course Presentation)	<b>15</b> (Youth Summit in Seattle) <b>10</b> (Mockingbird Youth Network Roundtable) <b>15</b> (Passion to Action Meeting)	<b>120</b>
<b>Mailing Lists</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>140</b>

### JAPAN

	2012	2013	2014	Total
<b>Event and Training Participants</b>	<b>120</b> (TF-CBT Workshop)	<b>170</b> (IFCO Youth Workshop) <b>120</b> (IFCO MFM Workshop) <b>1500</b> (IFCO Youth Symposium) <b>60</b> (TF-CBT Open Consultation)	<b>40</b> (Symposium at Nippon Foundation) <b>30</b> (Reporting Event) <b>70</b> (Lecture at Japan Women's University) <b>60</b> (Youth Summit in Tokyo) <b>20</b> (Youth Summit in Osaka) <b>10</b> (Strategic Sharing Workshop) <b>40</b> (ISPCAN Workshop) <b>100</b> (ISPCAN Youth Forum) <b>40</b> (TF-CBT Workshop) <b>30</b> (Forum by SOS Children's Village)	<b>2410</b>
<b>Mailing Lists</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>380</b>

#### Partnership:

Japan Women's University  
 Shizuoka University  
 Fuji Nijino-Kai  
 SOS Children's Villages, Japan  
 Human Rights Watch, Japan  
 University of Colorado/Kempe Center  
 FosterClub  
 Casey Family Programs  
 University of Washington Champions Program  
 Mockingbird Society  
 Foster Care Alumni of America

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#### Sponsorship:

Nippon Foundation  
 Japan Foundation-Center for Global Partnership  
 Tsunaguinochi Foundation  
 Yomiuri Aitohikari Foundation  
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## 2014 Financial Report [US Office]

Items	Amount in US \$
Balance Forward from 2013	531.46
Foundation Grants	10000.00
Miscellaneous Income	741.99
Donations	17690.00
Income from Events, Trainings, etc.	440.00
Total Operational Cost	7971.56
Total Project Cost	30515.78
Money Sent to Japan Office	4400.00
Money Received from Japan Office	10885.15
Balance as of 12/31/2014	801.26

## 2014 Financial Report [Japan Office]

Items	Amount in Yen
Balance Forward from 2013	348208
Foundation Grants	1000000
Miscellaneous Income	1436
Donations	870673
Income from Events, Trainings, etc.	3738067
Total Operational Cost	1359703
Total Project Cost	3485964
Money Received from US Office	457024
Money Sent to US Office	1327475
Balance as of 12/31/2014	242266

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