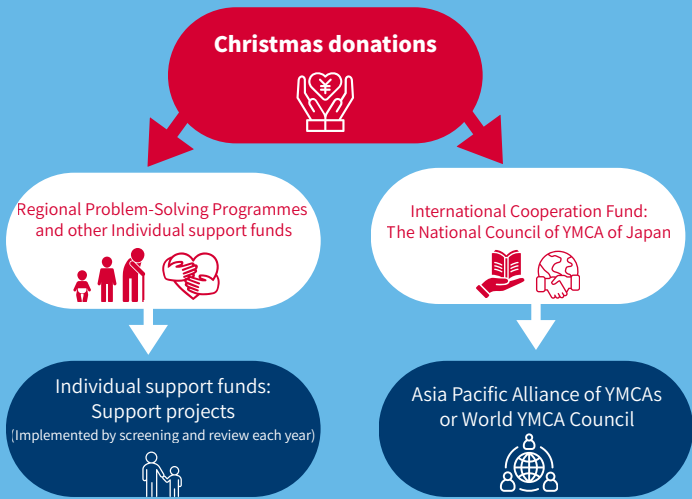




How Osaka YMCA Christmas donations are used

Christmas donations are not distributed directly to organization or individuals; instead, they are used to fund specific volunteer activities and programs planned, developed, and implemented by Osaka YMCA in collaboration with the National Council of YMCA of Japan and YMCAs worldwide. Through these efforts, we strive to address social issues and foster personal growth as a community. This initiative is part of our commitment to building a peaceful and inclusive society, which is a fundamental pillar of our mission.



Donations to the YMCA can be sent to : [Postal transfer account] 00920-9-244698

Donations can also be made via the Osaka YMCA website.
(*A credit card is required).



<https://kifu.fm/osakaymca/form.php>

Donations to YMCA (Including Christmas donations) are subject to tax incentives.

There are separate preferential rules for corporate donations. for more information, please visit our website:

<https://osakaymca.or.jp/contents/donation.html>

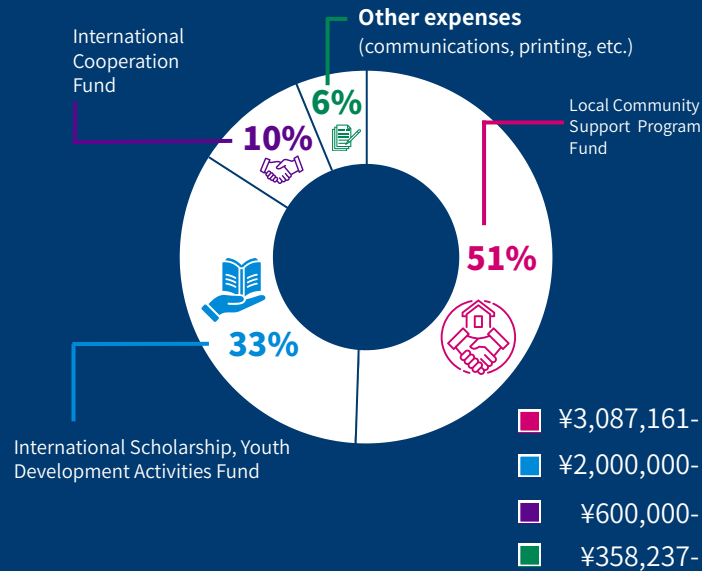


2024 Christmas Fund Report

We were able to raise a total of

¥6,045,398

in donations from **1,422 donors** in 2024.



We sincerely appreciate your cooperation. As shown in the table above, the donations were used to solve local community problems and provide support for international YMCA initiatives. For more information, please visit our website.

Osaka YMCA was founded in 1882. The YMCA has 27 locations and 4 campground and lodging facilities in Osaka and neighboring prefectures and works in cooperation with YMCAs throughout Japan and overseas. As a private charitable organization with the objectives to support the healthy and happy develop of children, amplify the strengths of young people and promote healthy lifestyles for all, Osaka YMCA strives to develop its public services, strengthen community learning through its school and preschools, and deliver social welfare projects that respond to local community issues along with the help of more than 1,000 volunteers.

For inquiries about the Christmas Fund, please contact your nearest YMCA or:

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Osaka YMCA Christmas donations



Christmas is a Time of Giving

Local and international support start with you

The World Changes Even When One Person is Transformed



Osaka YMCA

Your generous donations are used for the following initiatives: Examples of support initiatives

Community Relief Program Support Funds

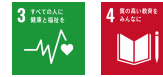
A Support Program to Enrich Foster Children's Lives

In cooperation with the Foster Care Promotion Association, we organize an annual camp for 37 children living with foster families. This camp provides an opportunity for the children to connect with nature and peers, while reflecting on their own identity and the importance of life. For both the participants and their guardians, it has become a valuable experience that offers encouragement and a sense of support through the presence of many companions.



YMCA Kirari☆Kotoba Plus

We supported the project "YMCA Kirari☆Kotoba Plus," which creates employment opportunities for people with visual impairments. Through the Blind Mentor Training Course, participants acquired the skills needed to become facilitators for communication training sessions, and 10 individuals successfully completed the program. These graduates went on to conduct training sessions as Blind Mentors at companies and schools, reaching a total of 312 participants. In addition, the project also promotes volunteer activities such as providing walking assistance and supporting the operation of training programs.



Youth Development Activity Support Fund



National YMCA Leader's Workshop Dispatch All-Osaka Leader's Workshop



Aiming to nurture youth volunteer leaders dedicated to youth development and community contribution, we sponsored participation in national training programs and supported the Osaka YMCA Youth Volunteer Leader Training Workshop, which brought together 93 participants.

International Exchange Program between Osaka Minami YMCA and Asian Rural Institute

We supported 21 students from Asian Rural Institute—who came from rural communities across Asia—when they visited Osaka to engage in field studies focused on social issues. While witnessing the continued development of the city, they also observed the realities faced by those who are being left behind by society. This experience offered them a chance to explore the root causes and underlying structures of these issues. With the support of local churches and host families, the students deepened their interactions with the community and enhanced their learning, aiming to help build a society where no one is left behind.



Orthostatic Regulation Disorder (OD) Symptom Improvement Program

We supported the camp which was designed for 32 high school students who have health concerns such as Orthostatic Dysregulation (OD), sleep disorders, or Irritable Bowel Syndrome. The purpose of the program is to help participants reconnect with others, regulate their daily routines, and build self-esteem through shared experiences. Students in this support group were provided with a wearable device (smartwatch) from the pre-camp orientation session until the post-camp reflection gathering and received ongoing healthcare support aimed at improving their symptoms.



International Student Scholarship Grants

Support for International Students

Aiming to cultivate young changemakers who aspire to build a hopeful future, we supported a scholarship program for international students who demonstrate strong commitment to both academics and volunteerism. In 2024, 31 students were awarded scholarships through this initiative, which contributes to enhancing their academic and living environments while encouraging personal growth and self-reliance.



International Cooperation Fund

Helping people around the world live in safety and peace

Through the National Council of YMCAs of Japan, donations to the International Cooperation Fund support YMCA activities across the globe that protect peace and life—helping those affected by disasters, wars, and poverty. In Cambodia, support was used to provide education and welfare services for street children, and to create safe spaces for women and children. In Myanmar, it helped those suffering from the impacts of civil war, floods, and major earthquakes. In Palestine, it supported programs offering physical and mental care, rehabilitation for those affected by bombings and violence, as well as sports activities and camps for children.



Other activities supported by the International Cooperation Fund include:

- Support for Ukrainian evacuees living in Japan
- SDGs initiatives and youth empowerment programs
- Leadership training programs for youth at the YMCA of Jerusalem



For more information about the International Cooperation Fund, please visit the website of the Japan YMCA Alliance.

<https://www.ymcajapan.org/society/international/>

