

EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.



2009 Annual Report



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Dear Friends,

Minna no Chikara de – Together with everyone's efforts. Our motto for 2009 is reflective of the spirit of our members and organizations here at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. It is because of teamwork and collaboration that we were able to accomplish so much in one year.

This year started with a bang with our first ever ESGVJCC Leadership Conference which brought together the entire spectrum of the population we serve – youth, seniors, Japanese-speaking, non-Japanese, and all those who fall in between. Together with everyone's ideas, we were able to come together to create a vision for our Community Center that will sustain us for the next five years.

Through this effort, we have expanded the Community Center to include additional organizations and forums for our members to grow and strive. Two of the most notable are the ESGVJCC Nikkei Youth Organization (NYO) and the ESGVJCC Ayame-Kai. The NYO gives our youth a space to develop their own programs and activities and be pro-active in their involvement here. The Ayame-Kai gives our Japanese-speaking members a forum to voice both their ideas and concerns with the intention that they may play an integral role in the success of the Community Center. Establishing these two organizations is only the beginning of this great journey as we demonstrate our commitment to addressing the needs of our community in order to best fulfill our mission.

Thank you to all of volunteers, staff, and members for their support throughout the year. It is truly because of your commitment and dedication to the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center that we are able to achieve so much.



Aya Kamimura
President, Board of Directors



Pearl Omiya
Executive Director

The **mission** of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is to foster and preserve the cultural heritage unique to Japanese American ancestry; and to serve the community through social services, artistic, recreational, and educational programs. Established in 1936, the Japanese Community Center serves over 3,000 people in the San Gabriel Valley, Inland Empire, Orange County, and the greater Los Angeles Area through 25 different cultural, recreational, and educational programs and activities. Our various activities are divided among:

1. Cultural Classes

- Visual arts
- Papermaking
- Bonsai (pine tree trimming)
- Ikebana (flower arranging)
- Kime komi ningyo (doll making class)
- Taiko (Japanese drumming)
- Odori (classical dancing)

2. Martial Arts Courses

- Aikido
- Judo
- Karate
- Kendo (Japanese fencing)
- Shinkendo (Japanese swordsmanship)

3. Recreational classes

- Taichi
- Line dancing
- Ballroom dancing
- Hula dancing
- Golf
- Yoga

4. Educational programs

- Japanese language school
- Computer literacy courses

5. Youth basketball program

6. Senior services

- Senior Wellness Program





Cultural Classes

Visual Art
Bonsai (Pine Tree Trimming)
Go (Japanese game of strategy)
Ikebana (Flower arrangement)
Kime Komi Doll Class
Okinawa Odori
Taiko

Martial Arts

Aikido
Judo
Karate
Kendo
Shinkendo

Language Classes

Conversation Class (Adults)
Japanese Language School (K-12)

Recreational Classes

Ballroom Dance
Hula Dance
Golf Club
Yoga
Youth Basketball

Other Organizations

Ayame-Kai (Japanese Speaking)
Leisure Club (Senior Citizens)
Edgewood Gardeners Association
ESG Gardeners Association
Nikkei Youth Organization
SGV Chapter Japanese American Citizens League
SGV Nikkei Singles Club
West Covina Buddhist Temple

The theme for this year was *minna no chikara de* which means "together with everyone's efforts". Together with everyone's efforts, 2009 was a year filled with many accomplishments and highlights. To begin the new year, the Community Center conducted its first strategic planning conference. Members throughout the organization shared their ideas and concerns which led to strategies on sustaining the viability of the Community Center. Through this conference, many new programs and projects emerged.

The conference helped establish a new Japanese speaking organization, *Ayame-Kai*. This group provides a forum for the Japanese speaking members of the Community Center to collaborate and plan cultural and fundraising activities. It is led by Community Center President Aya Kamimura with members from several different organizations to include Covina Kendo Dojo, Edgewood Gardeners, Kime Komi Doll Class, Leisure Club, and West Covina Buddhist Temple. In 2009, *Ayame-Kai* conducted its first cooking class featuring New Year's Day dishes. *Ayame-Kai* continues to meet monthly to plan new exciting events and fundraisers.

Also as a result of the conference, a new youth-led organization was formed—the Nikkei Youth Organization (NYO). Founded by youth members Sofia Chinen, Amy Friesen, Melissa Kozono, Mitchell Kozono, Ricky Leong, and Lauren Woo; NYO created an organization for youth members to plan cultural and social activities for other high school and college students while learning valuable leadership skills. In its first year, NYO hosted numerous





cultural workshops and a youth basketball clinic for elementary school students.

The Community Center was fortunate to partner with Little Tokyo Service Center to establish the ESGV DISKovery Center, a new computer technology lab. Ten computer stations were donated by Little Tokyo Service Center to be used for teaching basic and intermediate computer courses. The DISKovery Center is also used on Saturdays by Japanese language school students for research and web-based language development programs.

James Oku wanted to share his passion for art with the community by forming the Kambei Art Club. On Friday evenings, James shares his artistic skills by teaching basic drawing and painting techniques to his students.

As the Board Directors, volunteers, staff, and members embark on a new year in the Community Center's history, we reflect on the many highlights and successes we accomplished throughout the year 2009. These achievements only preface the many more years of fostering and preserving the Japanese American cultural heritage.

2009 MEMBERSHIP

Youth Membership

115	Total enrolled in Japanese Language classes
305	Total enrolled in Martial Arts/ Recreational classes
65	Total enrolled in other cultural classes

Adult Membership

215	Total enrolled in Martial Arts/ Recreational classes
150	Total senior citizens served
100	Total enrolled in other cultural classes

**1,150 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
(FAMILIES SERVED)**



EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 588,013
Investments	61,844
Pledges Receivable	32,415
Grant Receivable	<u>74,558</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	756,830
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	
Building	871,274
Improvements	748,276
Land	46,000
Equipment	48,103
Furniture	40,853
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(691,579)</u>
NET PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,062,927
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>1,819,757</u>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 13,811
Construction Loan Payable	<u>646,613</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	660,424
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	620,699
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	492,634
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	46,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,159,333
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ <u>1,819,757</u>



EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Unrestricted Operating Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund	Permanently Restricted Fund	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Program Income	\$ 175,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,133
Grant	2,500	50,000	-	52,500
Fundraising	69,363	88,546	-	157,909
Donations	12,195	116,435	-	127,630
Dues	63,535			63,553
Rent Income	20,820			20,280
Interest & Dividend Income	2,360	6,171	-	8,531
Realized Gains (Losses)	-	(6,501)	-	(6,501)
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	<u>255,932</u>	<u>(255,932)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	 601,316	 (1,281)	 -	 600,035
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Program Expenses	\$ 155,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155,000
Fundraising Expenses	92,201	-	-	92,201
Building Operations	63,000	-	-	63,000
General & Administrative	143,861	-	-	143,861
 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	 <u>\$ 454,062</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 454,062</u>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	 147,254	 (1,281)	 -	 145,973
 NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <u>\$ 473,445</u>	 <u>\$ 493,915</u>	 <u>\$ 46,000</u>	 <u>\$ 1,013,360</u>
 NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	 <u>\$ 620,699</u>	 <u>\$ 492,634</u>	 <u>\$ 46,000</u>	 <u>\$ 1,159,333</u>

\$10,000+

George & Ruri Sugimoto
Sabers Saberettes Youth Basketball

\$5,000- \$9,999

Ed & Reiko Moreno
Jeff & Carolyn Hiraishi
Lillian Nishihara Family

\$1,000-\$4,999

Arthur Ogami
Barbara & Jon Shirota
Ben & Rogee Kayashima
David & Cheryl Teragawa
Dorothy Kayashima
Eibukan Goju-Ryu Karate Do
Eileen Uyehara
George & Tomi Shimizu
Guy & Pam Kato
Hisako Arimitsu
Katsuhide Kinjo
Kevin Kubomoto
Kimio & Mary Hatakeyama
Marilyn Matoi
Mataro Nakamura
Mitsuo & Marjorie Kunihiro
Roland & Lynn Mah
Ron Sakamoto
Taro & Masako Saisho
Ted & Alice Hamachi
Ted & Masako Omachi
Tommy & Connie Wong
Wes & Karen Nobuta
Wesley & Margaret Ching
Yoichi & Kay Kanayama

\$500-\$999

Ben & Rogee Kayashima
Curt & Rebecca Tsujimoto
Dan & Ellen Banh
David Jung & Joanne Ishibashi
Denise Akune
Donee & Debra Hazama
Eddy & Bobbie Tanaka

ESGVJCC Nikkei Youth Org.
Fred Ige
Henry & Sadako Mayeda
Jim & Hideko Ikehara
Johnny & Joanie Martinez
Ken & Bonnie Kasamatsu
Kenji & Dorothy Kinoshita
Kiyo & Marilou Sakaue
Kiyoko S. Okada
Larry & Yoshiko Oshima
Leroy Miyazaki
Leroy & Karen Ezaki
Makiko Nerio
Robert & Fumiko Kishiyama
Sam & Susie Kozono
Ted & Sharon Komoto
Troy Yoshida & Leland Lau, LLP
West Covina Buddhist Temple Jr. YBA
Yoshiko Maeda

<\$500

1990 Saberettes Sparkles
Abe & Wendy Kochi
Aki & Aya Kamimura
Aki & Flora Yokoyama
Bacon Sakatani
Bert & Ailene Tanaka
Brian Iwama
Cliff & Sharilyn Watanabe
Danny & Susan Iwama
Dennis & Ailenn Maruki
Donny Takemoto
Doris Kato
Ed Itagaki & Setsuko Takemura
Edward & Kiyo Yamaguchi
ESGVJCC Leisure Club
Frances Kuwahara & Philip Chinn
Frank & Cindy Quon
Gakuen High School Level 1
George & Tomi Shimizu
Gerald & Verda O'Day
Harry & Natsuko Miyagi
Henry & Lin Miyake
Henry Miyashiro





Hiroko Fujita
 Hiro Watanabe
 Howard & Catherine Ibaraki
 In memory of Hideko Tokeshi
 James & Joan Robertson
 Jennifer Sato
 Jo Ochoa
 Joey & May Kitayama
 John & Pat Corral
 Juan & Lleny Kuniyoshi
 June Kuramoto
 Kary Yoshimizu
 Katsuya & Michie Toyama
 Kazuo & Mitsuko Oda
 Laurence Fujii
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 Mamoru Marugaki
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 Miyo Takahashi
 Neil & June Murakami
 Nicole Cherry-Yu & Ryun Yu
 Noriko Jaramillo
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 Pearl Omiya & Alexander Sario
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 Roy Takemura
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 Sherri Garcia
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 Shiori & Audrey Sakamoto
 Shirley Iriye
 Silvia & Steve Yee
 Stacy & Brian Toyama

Susan Ariei & Ailene Tanaka
 Taka Nakamura
 Takeo & Hiroko Uesugi
 Tatsuo Okamura
 The Family of Kuni Kamimura
 The Staff of Sumner Danbury Elementary School
 Tom & Keiko Kawakami
 Toshiko Ito
 Wayne & Lynn Masunaga
 William & Luanne Nakagaki
 Woo & Patti Kim
 Yoshio & Mary Imoto
 Yukiko Saneto

In-kind Donations

Derek Furukawa
 Katsuhide Kinjo
 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Car Donations

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 Kaoru & Sachie Hisamoto
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MISSION STATEMENT

The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is a not for profit organization dedicated to foster and preserve the cultural heritage unique to Japanese American ancestry; and to serve the community through social services, artistic, recreational, and educational programs.



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