

BYFC Annual Report for 2012

March 1, 2013

April 28, 2012 The 7th annual Sakura Project Day.

The group of citizen volunteers with the expertise provided by the staff of Boulder Forestry Service Department, we added 40 more new Somei Yoshino Sakura cherry trees; 20 trees in Martin Park in South Boulder. The remaining 20 we used to add and replaced some trees at Scott Carpenter and around the Municipal Building.

(Including this year we will have planted 295 trees out of which surviving trees are around 225 total.)



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Sep. 29 to Oct. 7, Yamagata Nurse Delegation.

BYFC organized a nine-day visit by a delegation of three nurses from Yamagata City Hospital to Boulder September 29 to October 7, 2012.

BYFC's long standing friendship with Dr. Toshi Sakurada was critical to the planning of this experience. The goal was for a group of nursing professionals to understand how the American system of nurse practitioners works here in Boulder and bring the concepts back to Yamagata.

In Japan there are no nurse practitioners only doctor with nurses having no authority to diagnose or prescribe; this drives up health care costs for Japan's aging population, lending some urgency to developing nurse practitioners there.

The members of the BYFC helped organize the visit; Connie Holden organizes and facilitated the professional visits, India Hart Wood arranged host families and Recreational outings.

For the professionals visits they visited following places:

- Wisdom Health Care Center at Frasier Meadows
- Frasier Meadows Retirement Community
- Boulder Community Foothills Hospital
- Rocky Mountain Cancer Center
- Clinica Family Health Services
- Hospice Care of Boulder Boulder and Broomfield Counties
- Boulder Valley Women's Health

The nurses' visit accomplished a number of things. As a result of the visit the Yamagata Prefectural Medical School of Nursing is working to set up a nurse practitioner training program at their university. The Boulder visit by the nurses complimented a Yamagata university delegation that came earlier in September in 2012.



The nurses stayed with the families of two high school students who had visited Yamagata in the summer of 2012 as a part of the Boulder Valley Rotary-Yamagata North Rotary sister club student exchange.

The nurses Taiko Uzi, Mariko Takahashi and Yoko Togashi were wonderful ambassadors, helping to deepen ties between Boulder and Yamagata citizens.

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BYFC Financial Statement for 2012

Total income	\$ 12,522.39
Cash Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 1,151.13
Kaiser Permanente Grant-Sister Cities International)	
	\$ 11,350.00
Misc. Income	\$ 21.26
Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 2,115.53
Secretary of State	\$ 10.00
Interpreter's fee	\$ 1,706.00
Gift certificates	\$ 300.00
Gifts to Yamagata	\$ 61.69
Supplies	\$ 37.84
Total Cash Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 10,406.86

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