

Create a society in
which no one is left behind,
by supporting
children's cafeterias



Annual Report

2022

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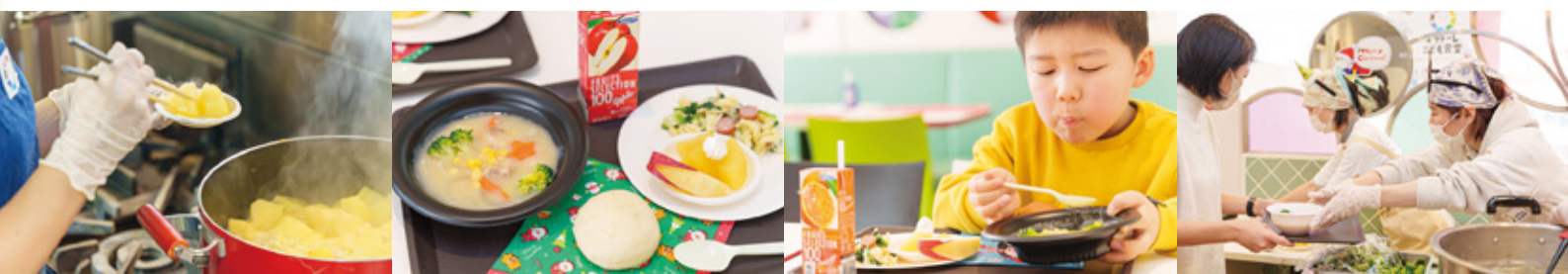


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Our logo



We established Nationwide Children's Cafeteria Support Center, Musubie out of a desire to energize communities and ensure that no child is left behind by society. We chose the name "Musubie," which means a "gathering of people tied together by a common cause," in the hope of bringing likeminded people together.

Our logo expresses our desire to create a bright and happy future by connecting children's cafeterias, supporters of children's cafeterias, and children who hold the key to the future.

Musubie and SDGs



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a call to action unanimously adopted by 193 member states of the United Nations in September 2015. There are 17 goals in total, including ending poverty in all its forms, ensuring good health and well-being, and developing sustainable cities and communities. The year 2030 has been set as the date by which to achieve the goals.

Musubie is working to contribute towards achieving six of the 17 SDGs.

Message from Musubie

Thank you very much for your generous and continuous support of children's cafeterias. I am delighted to provide you with a report on our activities during our fiscal year 2022.

The year 2022 was a tough one in which we were once again at the mercy of COVID-19 and in which prices continued to skyrocket as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Despite these difficult circumstances, the unwavering enthusiasm of those involved in running children's cafeterias ensured the cafeterias retained their place in the community, even as the pandemic subsided, and Musubie continued to promote children's cafeterias to society at large, albeit in a very small way.

These days I often find myself talking about living in an era in which all of us seek a place where we feel we belong. Three years on from the start of the pandemic, the number of children's cafeterias increased by 1,349, the second largest increase since we started the survey in 2018. This trend can only be explained as being a sign of the times. The pandemic has heightened people's desire to connect and many people want a place where they can interact and connect with others. The concept behind children's cafeterias responds to this desire. From the outside you might see a cafeteria for children, but inside are people seeking connections with others. This is why everyone involved responds to challenges with amazing flexibility, distributing boxed lunches when unable to serve meals in the cafeterias themselves, and organizing gatherings outdoors when gathering indoors is not possible.

At Musubie, we continuously contemplate what we should learn from the activities of such people and what we should communicate to society at large. From the lives of each individual to the political economy and the state of the world, the larger the scale involved, the more the desire to connect falls by the wayside. Terms and concepts that seem to say that "that is not what is important in the greater scheme of things" dominate the conversation. We would like to emphasize that, above all, the "desire to connect" is what we should care about the most. We will not be able to move forward as a society if we disregard the feelings and wishes of the people involved in these activities.

This is the message we would like to join forces with our supporters in conveying to society. We believe that this will open the door to our own future.

We sincerely hope you will continue to support our activities.



Makoto Yuasa

President and CEO, Nationwide Children's Cafeteria Support Center, Musubie
 Social activist / project professor, The University of Tokyo





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Children's Cafeteria Activities Increase Despite Hard Times

The children's cafeteria movement has continued to spread throughout Japan, unfazed by the prolonging of the pandemic and the increase in price of food, lunchbox containers, and other items essential to the running of cafeterias. A survey conducted in FY2022 revealed an all-time high of at least 7,363 children's cafeterias in Japan.*¹ The number of cafeterias has been growing at a rate of more than 1,000 a year, despite the three-year-long pandemic making it difficult to open and maintain new cafeterias.

In response to the questions about their activities and the problems they are facing, the survey revealed that as of October to November 2022, 82.7% of children's cafeteria operators were feeling the impact of rising prices, but that only 6.9% had already changed the frequency of their events, fees, or the meals they offer.*² Children's cafeterias are not a

cafeterias everywhere



Illustration by Aya Hashimoto

well-funded activity. Despite the struggles operators are having due to rising prices, they have managed to stay afloat without passing on the impact of the price hikes to users.

We hope everyone will think “I feel that someone is watching me and taking care of me.” At Musubie we believe that everyone needs a place where they feel they belong, and that the more such places there are, the more opportunities people have to feel “saved.” We have great respect for the efforts of children’s cafeterias to help people regain a sense of belonging and for the regional network organizations that support their activities.

In May 2023, the Japanese government downgraded COVID-19 to a class 5 infectious disease under the Act on the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients with Infectious Diseases. The question now is what is needed to support the activities of children’s cafeterias in the future. Going forward, we will study the situation closely and work together with children’s cafeterias, regional network organizations, and corporations, organizations and individuals that support the movement.

Notes:

※1) Musubie, “Announcement of number of children’s cafeterias in Japan in FY2022” (Figure finalized in February 2023. Based on research by Musubie and regional network organizations), 2023. <https://musubie.org/news/6264/> (in Japanese)

※2) Musubie, “Announcement of results of the 7th ‘Questionnaire on the Current Situation and Issues Facing Children’s Cafeterias’”, 2022. <https://musubie.org/news/6026/> (in Japanese)

Our Projects

We at Musubie would like there to be cafeterias where children feel safe and secure within walking distance of all children, that children can visit whenever they want. To achieve this goal, we are involved in three projects.

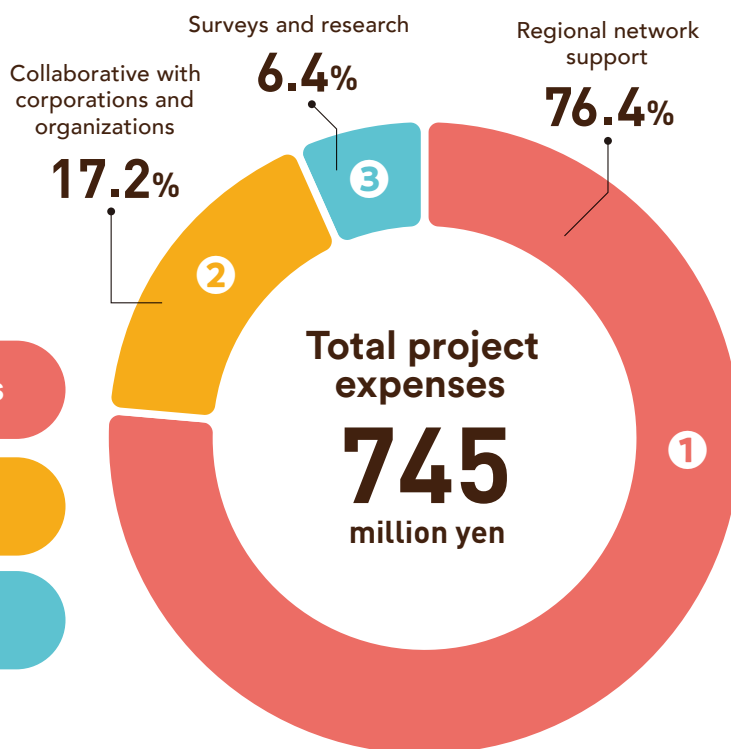
① Regional network support projects

② Collaborative projects with corporations and organizations

③ Surveys and research projects

We asked project leaders to explain exactly what each project involves.

Breakdown of project expenses



① Regional network support projects

Supporting the activities of regional network organizations (intermediate support groups) by working with them to provide children's cafeterias with the support they so vitally need

All-Japan Workshops



At workshops we share information on the positive changes taking place at children's cafeterias. In FY2022 we started to hold workshops in a number of locations throughout Japan, and we are planning to hold workshops in all 47 prefectures over the next three years. Discussions held during workshops are designed to encourage local governments and businesses in each region to support children's cafeterias, and cafeteria operators to carry on their work.

Utilization of Dormant Deposits



Japan Network for Public Interest Activities (JANPIA) distributes funds for dormant deposit projects. In FY2022 we launched two projects: a "Project to Promote Regional Circulation with Children's Cafeteria as a Hub" and a "Project to Reduce and Prevent Disparities in Reconstruction through Children's Cafeterias." In addition to subsidizing these projects, we held collaborative hands-on workshops with the Council of Social Welfare, and engaged in a series of dialogues with a range of stakeholders.

Disaster Preparedness / Learn and Use IT



Learn and Use IT

We regularly hold seminars for children's cafeteria operators to learn how to use their websites and social media to disseminate information. Participants have reported that the number of users and supporters has actually increased as a result of disseminating information.

Disaster Preparedness

We also hold disaster preparedness seminars in various locations on an ongoing basis to assist children's cafeterias in preparing for disasters and help them be an integral presence in the regions in which they operate in times of disaster.

and more!

② Collaborative projects with corporations and organizations

Connecting children's cafeterias with corporations and organizations interesting in supporting them

FamilyMart Fund



We are implementing a project to support children's cafeterias that involves FamilyMart accepting donations on our behalf via in-store "FamilyMart Connecting Dreams Foundation" collection boxes. In FY2022, a total of 1,395 children's cafeterias received support amounting to about 31.5 million yen, which was used to hold events and respond to rising prices. The support of the people making donations are the power behind children's cafeterias.

Lion Inclusive Oral Care



In FY2021, we launched the *Okuchi Karada Project* (Mouth and Body Project), a health support project focusing on teeth, mouth, and body, with Lion Corporation. By FY2022, a total of 1,112 children's cafeterias had used the experience kits to help children develop good oral care habits and a sense of self-esteem. The children also appreciated the dispatch of Lion employees as volunteers.

Intermediary Supplies Support



We act as an intermediary to deliver supplies from corporations, organizations and other supporters to children's cafeterias. In FY2022, we received not only foodstuffs but also various other supplies such as masks, disinfectant spray bottles, picture books, and toys. Recently an increasing number of factories and branches of companies are supporting their local children's cafeterias, and Musubie is working to promote resource circulation within regions.

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③ Surveys and research projects

Conducting surveys and research to communicate the significance of and situation at children's cafeterias and expand understanding

Nationwide Survey on the Number of Children's Cafeterias



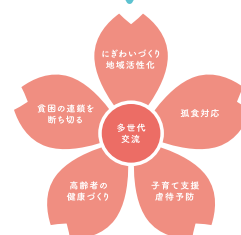
We are investigating the number of children's cafeterias in cooperation with regional network organizations. In FY2022, we identified 7,363 cafeterias, an increase of 1,349 from the previous year and the largest annual increase since the start of the pandemic. This figure represents the actions by each and every person wishing to keep a watchful eye over children and stay connected, which was covered by more than 50 news organizations.

Questionnaire on Current Situation and Problems Facing Children's Cafeterias



We have continuously listened to feedback from children's cafeterias, aiming to accurately grasp their daily changing needs during the pandemic, communicate those needs to society, and take action to address them. In FY2022, we conducted two surveys. The results revealed that almost all children's cafeterias are facing challenges such as the spread of COVID-19 and rising prices, and that about half of the children's cafeterias surveyed provide meals eaten together in groups.

Survey on the value of children's cafeterias



For three years from FY2019 we worked on a project we referred to as *Sakura*. Our goal was to visualize and communicate the value created by children's cafeterias to society, and to further expand the children's cafeterias movement. As part of the project, we developed a unique tool kit as an approach to evaluate the value of children's cafeterias. *Sakura* project taught us that we need to focus not only on many kinds of values and functions, but also on the quality of children's cafeterias as a place where people can feel they belong, which is, ultimately, the source of value.

and more!

Our Initiatives

2022

- ★ POKÉMON with YOU Foundation donated picture diary books and other gifts to children's cafeterias nationwide as part of its Summer Holidays Support Delivery



- ★ Donation from Richard Mille Japan following a golf charity event

- ▲ Masato Shibuya and Rie Mishima appointed to the Board



- ★ Kellogg's Every Day Breakfast Project. We started to support Kellogg's initiative to ensure children do not skip breakfast or eat alone



- ★ Kitoku Shinryo donated a total of 360 tons of rice to children's cafeterias across Japan

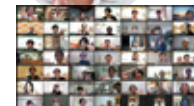
- ◆ Announced results of the 6th "Questionnaire on the Current Situation and Issues Facing Children's Cafeterias." More cafeterias have resumed group meals, 70% are feeling the impact of rising prices



- ★ Preparation Office for the Establishment of the Children and Families Agency: first meeting of the Investigative Commission on the Creation of a Place for Children. Makoto Yuasa appointed chair



- ▲ Online activity report meeting. About 200 participants including children's cafeteria operators, supporters, and interested parties



- Announced the results of our Project to Reduce and Prevent Disparities in Reconstruction through Children's Cafeterias, a project to distribute funds in consortium with regional network organizations and subsidies to support the response to COVID-19 as part of the project to utilize dormant deposits in FY2021



April

May

June

July

August

September

- ★ Online seminar: Support for NPOs Tackling Loneliness and Isolation

- Presentation with volunteers from children's cafeteria operators and regional network organizations on "What Children's Cafeterias Value and Will Continue to Value in the Future"

- ① Acknowledge each other's differences Diversity
- ② Act with a sense of "I want to do it" Spontaneity
- ③ For anyone, without discrimination Not-for-profit
- ④ For everyone Regionality
- ⑤ Connecting communities, connecting smiles Inclusive society

- Launched "Children's Cafeteria 10th Anniversary #EatingTogether-TastesBetter"



- Support Asakusa Children's Cafeteria Festival

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- Seminar on applying for grants (primer)

- Supported a total of 130 children's cafeterias thanks to Musubie Children's Cafeteria Fund's spring donation drive



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MESSAGE

In Saga Prefecture, as in the rest of Japan, the number of children's cafeterias continues to increase and there are now three times the number there were before the pandemic. While we are happy to see more events being held, it is difficult to continue to provide intermediary support with the limited resources available. Despite the difficult environment, we have been greatly encouraged by our friends from various intermediary support groups located around the country, a network centered around Musubie. We will continue to share our knowledge and expertise with each other and have fun working together to solve problems!

Tetsuya Takayama, Division Director
Steering Committee,
SAGA CODOMO MIRAI SUPPORT PROJECT



Our network now operates on a municipality basis within Tochigi Prefecture and we spent the year travelling around the prefecture helping to arrange grants to open cafeterias and giving workshops on how to set up cafeterias. I sense that the idea of a children's cafeteria as a place for community interaction is gaining traction, and that many parents now do not hesitate to go to children's cafeterias together with their children. I am always energized by Musubie's communication skills, ability to connect the dots, and the light-footed way Musubie will rush to anywhere in Japan to assist! I hope Musubie will continue to connect likeminded people throughout Japan.

Yukari Ogino

Children's Cafeteria Support Center Tochigi



▲Legacy Giving Week 2022: special online event, "How bequests assist children's cafeteria and help open a new chapter in children's lives"



★Exhibited at FOOD EXHIBITION 2022. President Yuasa spoke at a seminar held as part of the exhibition, and introduced our initiatives to support children's cafeterias, including food distribution and food drives

●Supported a total of 20 regional network organizations of children's cafeterias through the "Musubie Children's Cafeteria Fund" winter donation drive

★Announced a series of online seminars, "Creating Places Where People Feel They Belong is Creating a Community," aiming to build new relationships between communities and places where people feel they belong. Held three seminars in FY2022



◆Announced results of the national survey on the number of children's cafeterias (preliminary figures) and the 7th "Questionnaire on the Current Situation and Issues Facing Children's Cafeterias." 82.7% of children's cafeterias reported that they are feeling the impact of rising prices



★Starbucks Coffee Japan donated sweets and other holiday gifts to 508 children's cafeterias as part of the "Be a Santa Donation" program

List of related projects

- Regional network support projects
- ★Collaborative projects with corporations and organizations
- ◆Surveys and research projects
- ▲Other

◆Crowdfunding: "I want to support the upbringing of children by supporting a children's cafeteria that is operating amidst COVID-19 and rising prices." Raised about 5.7 million yen from 367 donors



●Online networking meeting for regional network organizations that support children's cafeterias. Participants joined from 39 prefectures

2023

October

November

December

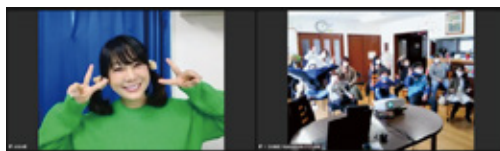
January

February

March

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★Collaborated with AstraZeneca as part of its Young Health Programme to develop nutritional education materials with children's cafeteria operators



▲Special program: Held part two of "Don't be beaten by COVID-19! Children's Cafeterias: Zoom chat with Ai Haruna." The TV personality and singer talked with children at 20 children's cafeterias located throughout Japan

★"Seminar Explaining Support Measures for Children's Cafeterias in the Second Supplementary Budget for FY2022." Brought together officials from the Cabinet Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, local government officials and those involved with children's cafeterias



●Released an updated version of the Children's Cafeteria Disaster Preparedness Manual

●Online workshop, "What will happen when COVID-19 is downgraded to a class 5 infection? What should children's cafeterias do?"

MESSAGE

We view children's cafeterias as a system in which adults in the community watch over and support children, and we operate cafeterias while working to spread awareness of their existence. Children's cafeteria, started by do-gooders for the sake of children, have grown into warm communities that facilitate new encounters and interactions, energizing everyone involved and providing a place to exchanges pleasantries and look out for one another. In addition to encouraging the opening of children's cafeterias throughout Yamaguchi Prefecture, we are aiming to create welcoming communities so that people can live in together in harmony, in collaboration with other children's cafeteria operators throughout Japan through Musubie.

Yoriyuki Kodama, Representative
Yamaguchi Sewayaki Network



Musubie has provided us with a wide range of support which has been a great source of strength as we expand the network of children's cafeterias in Shiga Prefecture and create warm places that welcome everyone in the community. It has also been very encouraging that we were able to make connections with intermediary support groups and children's cafeterias across the country that are also doing their utmost for children every day. We hope to continue to work with everyone to promote community building focused on children.

Ayaka Kise, Chief,
Community Welfare Division
Shiga Prefecture Council of Social Welfare

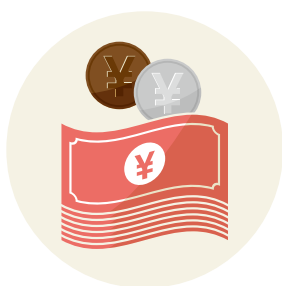


Support from Corporations, Organizations and Individuals

Thanks to the support of corporations, organizations and individuals,
we have been able to provide supplies and financial support
to many children's cafeterias.

Financial Support

Support from the Musubie Children's Cafeteria Fund,
Maruetsu and Musubie Fund mini, and grant projects such as the dormant deposit project

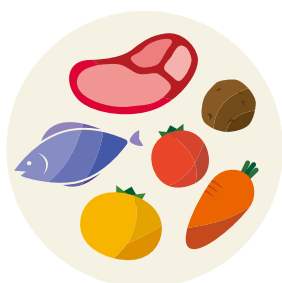


Distributed a total of
524 million yen
to **1,302** cafeterias



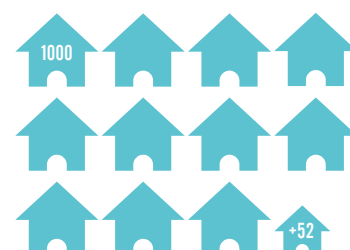
Supplies

Served as an intermediary for a wide range of supplies based on individual cafeteria's needs,
including not only food, but also toys, stationery, household appliances, housing equipment and sanitary goods



Arranged to supply
to a total of **11,052** cafeterias

*525 million yen worth of goods
(sales price conversion) million yen



List of corporations that donated supplies

Bic Japan / CTW Co., Ltd. / KNT-CT Holdings Co., Ltd. / LIXIL Corporation / SG Kikaku / TOTO LTD. / USEN Corporation / IRIS OHYAMA Inc. / The Asahi Shimbun Company / Amazon Japan G.K. / Itoki Corporation / ND LEASING SYSTEM CO., LTD. / Oeconomiyaki Academy / KITOKU-SHINRYO Co., Ltd. / KYODO MILK INDUSTRY Co., Ltd. / Kirin Beverage Company, Limited / Kumagai Gumi Co., Ltd. / Kobe Bussan Co., Ltd. / International Culture and Education Charity Foundation / SATO HOLDINGS CORPORATION / Saint Marc Café Co., Ltd. / GECOSS CORPORATION / Shiseido Company, Limited / International Medical Volunteers Japan Heart / Suzuki Publishing Co., Ltd. / Starbucks Coffee Japan, Ltd. / National Federation of Agriculture Co-operative Associations / Zenyaku Holdings Co., Ltd. / Central Glass Co., Ltd. / DAISUE CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD. / Daini Tokyo Bar Association / DAIREI CO., LTD. / TOMY Company, Ltd. / TARAMI Corporation / DENTSU INC. / Tominaga Shoji Co., Ltd. / Toyota Tsusho Corporation / Nanairo Life Insurance Co., Ltd. / Japan Fruit Growers Cooperative Association / The Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation / Japan Motor Terminal Co., Ltd. / The Japan Agricultural News / The Association of Japanese Ballet Companies / NORITZ Corporation / HISENSE JAPAN CORPORATION / HOUSE FOODS GROUP INC. / Panasonic Housing Solutions Co., Ltd. / Panasonic Ecology Systems Co., Ltd. / Hamada Seibaku Co., Ltd. / Nippon Telegraph and Telephone East Corporation / Hibiya Matsumoto / PRAIRIE DOG / Hobonichi Co., Ltd. / Meiji Co., Ltd. / Morinaga & Co., Ltd. / Morinaga Milk Industry Co., Ltd. / Honyama Tea Processing Co., Ltd. / UNY Co., Ltd. / Lion Corporation / Ricoh Japan Corporation / Association of Living Amenity / Rinnai Corporation

and more!

List of corporations and organizations that have donated or supported Musubie

				
				
 浦上食品・食文化振興財団				
				
				
				
				
				
				
			and more!	

Our Supporters



Musubie's operations are supported by donations. Pro bono and volunteer staff also join a wide variety of projects. Our donors and volunteers are all working to "create a society in which no one is left behind, by supporting children's cafeterias."

Amazon's "Minna de Ouen" program is an initiative that allows users to make donations to various organizations and facilities in need of supplies throughout Japan using Amazon's Wish List function. Many children's cafeterias have registered with Amazon through Musubie. We hope to continue working together with Musubie to expand the circle of support.



Junpei Katayama

Marketing Manager
Amazon Japan G. K.



Mayuko Wada

Section Manager,
Corporate Strategy Department,
Corporate Planning & Strategy Division
The Maruetsu, Inc.

As part of our initiative for the healthy growth of children, the future of our society, and the revitalization and sustainable development of regions, in 2020 we installed donation boxes for children's cafeterias at all our stores. We are delighted that the goodwill received from our customers and our company's contribution are being put to good use running and maintaining children's cafeterias.

We will continue to support children's cafeterias together with our customers.

We have been working to improve the environment (communications and space design) for children's cafeterias by providing background music for free. USEN has received support from people all over Japan through our service that provides background music. As a result, we are keen to contribute to local communities, and our vision has much in common with Musubie's vision. Going forward, we plan to continue to help build better local communities and a sustainable society.



Takao Kikuchi

Editorial Production Manager,
Planning and Development Division
USEN Corporation

Bequest Donors

Bequests cannot be verified by the donor at the time the donation is made. However, my contact at Musubie invited me to visit a children's cafeteria and I took up the offer. As a result of that visit I now help out at a cafeteria about once a month, which has been a very meaningful experience for me prior to my bequest. I hope to be able to assist a children's cafeteria in terms of manpower a few more times while I am still able to.

Masae Nakamura (Osaka)

Children's cafeterias will become increasingly necessary in the future as the inequality gap widens. Running cafeterias will be tough, but I wish you the best of luck.

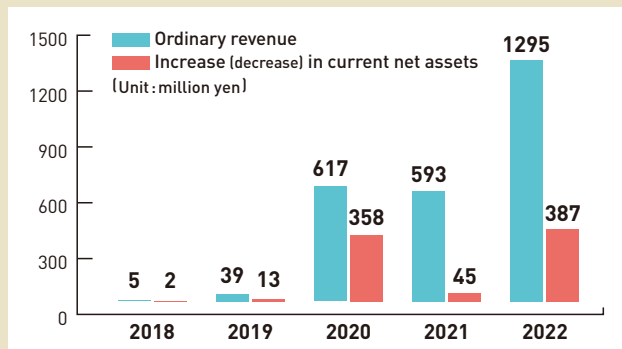
Mikemaru* (Tokyo)

* Pen name

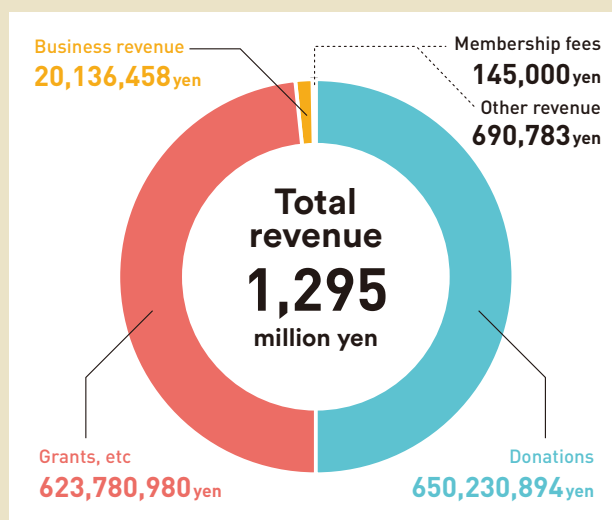


Financial Report

| Increase (decrease) in revenue and net assets



| Revenue breakdown



| FY2022 Financial statement (all units are in Japanese yen)

Item	Amount
A Ordinary revenue	
① Membership fees	145,000
② Donations	650,230,894
③ Grants, etc.	623,780,980
④ Operating revenue	20,136,458
⑤ Other revenue	690,783
Total ordinary revenue	1,294,984,115
B Ordinary expenses	
① Operating expenses	745,187,404
(1) Labor	58,967,929
(2) Other expenses	686,219,475
② Administrative fees	162,151,625
(1) Labor	38,813,436
(2) Other expenses	123,338,189
Total ordinary expenses	907,339,029
Current net increase (decrease) in ordinary income [A] - [B] = ①	387,645,086
C Non-recurring revenue	
Total non-recurring revenue	0
D Non-recurring expenses	
Miscellaneous losses	60,428
Total non-recurring expenses	60,428
Current non-recurring increase (decrease) [C] - [D] = ②	-60,428
Increase (decrease) in current net assets before tax ① + ② = ③	387,584,658
Income taxes - current ④	866,300
Net assets carried forward from previous period ⑤	418,517,181
Net assets carried forward to next period ③ - ④ + ⑤	805,235,539

| FY2022 Balance Sheet (all units are in Japanese yen)

Item	Amount
A Assets	
① Current assets	789,569,456
② Fixed assets	90,697,800
Total assets	880,267,256
B-1 Liabilities	
① Current liabilities	75,031,717
② Fixed Liabilities	0
Total liabilities	75,031,717
B-2 Net Assets	
Total net assets	805,235,539
B Total liabilities and net assets [B-1] + [B-2]	880,267,256

- Complete set of financial statements and balance sheets are available on our website (Japanese only).
- Auditors, Mr. Yuto Inamura and Mr. Yang Ho Kim, reported that, as a result of their internal audit, the execution of business by directors was in compliance with laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and the business plan, and that there were no improper acts or material facts that violate of laws, regulations, or the Articles of Incorporation.

FY2022 marked the 10th anniversary of children's cafeterias. Musubie's recorded ordinary revenue of 1,295 million yen, an increase of 700 million yen, and 50.2% of this revenue came from donations and 48.2% came from grants and other sources. We greatly appreciate the tremendous support we have received despite the ongoing pandemic and rising prices. In FY2022, we conducted a questionnaire concerning the issues facing children's cafeterias and the responses we received, together with our daily conversations with children's cafeteria operators inspired us to travel throughout Japan giving workshops to the public. We also received financial support through grant projects, provided information on IT tools and infection control measures, and conducted a survey on the number of children's cafeterias in Japan. Our total administrative expenses amounted to 745 million yen. In addition, we placed a total of 300 million yen in a voluntarily reserve for regional network organizations and children's cafeterias to meet their ongoing financial support needs. In response to wishes of our supporters, we will allocate funds to strengthen support for children's cafeterias in the mid- to long-term, as well as to strengthen our governance and compliance systems and train human resources, as laid out in our FY2023 business plan, which includes the realization of 10,000 children's cafeterias and promoting the creation of national and regional platforms to support children's cafeterias.

| Officers

President and CEO
Makoto Yuasa
(Social activist / project professor,
The University of Tokyo)

Executive Managing Director
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Deloitte Tohmatsu Tax Co.)

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Fumitoshi Sato
President&CEO,
Japan Finance Organization for
Municipalities

Nobuyuki Nitta
Visiting Professor,
Kaichi International University

The above advisors assumed office on April 1, 2023

Messages from Members

Thank you for your

We are grateful for the support and cooperation we received from many supporters for a wide range of projects in FY2022. We have received many messages of appreciation from members involved in our projects.

Thanks to the people who genuinely support us based on a desire to create a kind future, we have been able to promote activities that meet the various needs of children's cafeterias. We are extremely grateful for your support. Thank you.



Masato Shibuya
Executive Managing
Director

Thank you for your kind support for children's cafeterias. We often find ourselves worrying about how to deliver as much support as possible to as many organizations as possible. I believe that the activities of children's cafeterias will pick up pace even more in the next fiscal year. Please continue to support us so that we can continue our activities with confidence!



Miho Tsuneda
Regional network support
projects (Disaster
Preparedness Project),
Collaborative projects with
corporations and organizations

Thanks to your support, we were able to deliver funds in the form of grants and supplies that will help children's cafeterias to continue as a more community-based initiative. We are extremely grateful for your support.



Himawari Sato
Regional network support
projects (Dormant 2021
Standard Project),
Collaborative projects with
corporations and organizations

Thank you for your continued warmth. It is heartening to know that we are supported by so many likeminded people.



Atsumi Mutsuga
Business Support
Department (General Affairs),
Surveys and research projects

We use your donations to engage in dialogue and hold workshops to build connections not only with children, but also with diverse members of the community. We are working to create a safe environment so that children's cafeterias will be places that are open to and welcome everyone.



Keiko Suzuki
Regional network
support projects
(Safeguarding Awareness
Project)

We are working to create a place where children's cafeteria operators and network organizations from all over Japan can gather, interact and exchange information. We will continue to build connections that will allow people who energize their community to take that energy back to their community!



Yui Miya
Regional network support
projects
(National Exchange
Meeting Project, National
Public Workshop Project)

Thank you for your continued warm support. We are looking forward to working with you as a partner to support children's cafeterias. We appreciate this connection.



Ikuko Yamagata
Regional network support
projects
(Infection Control Measures
and Activity Support Project),
Collaborative projects with
corporations and organizations

Thanks to your warm support, children's cafeteria operators are successfully using IT to disseminate information more widely and create a place for more people in the community. We look forward to your continued support.



Toru Yakushiji
Regional network support
projects
(Learn and Use IT Project)

It is extremely difficult to realize a "society where no one is left behind," but we will get there, not just for people living in the here and now, but also for people living in the future. We will continue to solidify the wishes of those who share our vision. Thank you very much.



Hiroyuki Hanaoka
General Manager,
Management Planning
Division

support!

We are always heartened by the messages included with donations and the warm words of encouragement we receive. We will continue to make the most of your support and strengthen our foundations as an organization so that we can make a sustainable impact on society. We hope you will continue to support us in the future!!



Hanako Shishido
Business Support Division
(General Affairs and Accounting)

In FY2022, more than 600 children's cafeteria operators participated in our "Learn and use IT" seminar. Thank you very much! Let's continue to use IT to provide useful information to everyone and improve our IT skills together!



Masayuki Kudo
Regional network support projects
(Learn and Use IT Project)

We are truly grateful for the warm support we received from so many people in FY2022. Your support has enabled us to connect the warm hearts of new supporters and those who have continued to support us for many years to children's cafeterias across Japan. I hope we can continue to broaden and strengthen these connections.



Ryoji Wakimura
Collaborative projects with corporations and organizations

Thank you for your continued support. We will continue to work towards a society in which children's cafeterias are everywhere. We hope you will remain interested in our work.



Naofumi Yamakado
Regional network support projects
(Food Hygiene Environment Improvement Project),
Surveys and research projects

I believe that the resilience of children's cafeterias, which use ingenuity to continue operating despite the pandemic and rising prices, is helping to create a kind future, and encouraging others to get involved in their activities. The desire of everyone who cares about children's cafeterias and wants to expand the movement, not only the operators but also their supporters, leaves me feeling that there is hope for the future.



Rie Mishima
Executive Managing Director

Thanks to your support, in FY2022 we were once again able to inform many people of the existence of children's cafeterias and of the gentle and warm connections made at cafeterias. Thank you very much. There is still much more that can and should be done to create an environment in which children's cafeterias are an accepted part of society, and we will persevere in the future.



Mabumi Ezoe
Business Support Division
(Public Relations and Fundraising)

We are confident that people will realize the potential of children's cafeterias to be a hub for the circulation of local resources within the community. Discussions on what can be done for children and communities are now taking place beyond the realm of corporations, governments, and NPOs. Thank you very much.



Noriko Endo
Regional network support projects
(Dormant 2021 Standard Project),
Collaborative projects with corporations and organizations

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support. Your warm messages and support are our source of strength. We hope that we can work together on initiatives to foster the future by creating a society in which no one is left behind.



Jun Nakatani
Regional network support projects
(Team 47 Project),
Collaborative projects with corporations and organization

Thank you for your support. Your support not only enables us to continue assisting children's cafeterias, but also strengthens our connection with communities. These connections are essential for disaster preparedness. We will continue to aim for a society in which resources and ideas are circulated. We hope you will continue to support us in the future.



Satoshi Morita
Regional network support projects
(Disaster Preparedness Project),
Collaborative projects with corporations and organizations

...and more!

Vision

Create a society in which no one is left behind, by supporting children's cafeterias

Mission

We will establish a network of children's cafeterias throughout Japan to ensure that everyone has a safe place to go. We will enable members of the community to help shape the future by volunteering at children's cafeterias.

Action

We are working to create a society in Japan in which no one is left behind.

1. We support local children's cafeteria networks
2. We connect with corporations and organizations interested in community development to provide assistance to children's cafeterias
3. We conduct surveys and research and raise awareness to enhance community activities

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