

What is “Human Ties”

Human Ties is a government registered charitable foundation committed to providing long term support to revitalize the areas devastated by the Great East Earthquake and support the affected communities.



Background

Even though it has been one year since the triple disasters occurred, being the Great East Earthquake, ensuing tsunami and the nuclear power plant meltdown, the rebuilding process for those residents in the affected areas still continues. Those who lost not just loved ones and friends but also their homes and livelihoods are now through their own efforts striving to reestablish their local communities and rebuild destroyed homes, shops and businesses. Over the last year the resilience shown by the people in the affected communities and their own efforts to help themselves and their neighbors have been truly remarkable. People have come from all over Japan to help cleanup the debris left by the tsunami and have been extremely generous in donating goods, time and money. However with the passing of time many more current issues have been dominating the media both within Japan and abroad. Nevertheless for those in the affected communities their struggle to return to a normal life continues on a day to day basis. Human Ties, as a registered charitable foundation, is committed to both supporting the activities of local communities and providing funding for long term recovery projects in these areas. Human Ties thanks all those who have helped over the past year and continues to seek the cooperation and support of anyone interested in contributing to the ongoing recovery and rebuilding process.

About Human Ties.

Human Ties is a government registered charitable foundation with no religious or political affiliations committed to providing long term support and implementing

projects that will assist all persons affected by this disaster. Human Ties is based in Sendai which is the capital city of the devastated Tohoku region. Over the past year thanks to the help of a huge number of volunteers who have literally come from all over Japan, Human Ties has organized and /or helped in various events and projects. These include everything from providing free meals and massage therapy to those in evacuation centers shortly after the disasters, through to ongoing activities such as rebuilding strawberry greenhouses, removing sand from cemeteries, cleaning up debris from rice fields, providing assistance and support to foreign media and artists dedicated to news and exhibitions that raise awareness of the ongoing effects of the disasters, and most recently the photo washing project where about 300,000 photos recovered after the tsunami were removed from their original albums, cleaned and replaced into new albums. These are now being exhibited for collection by those who lost them. Although the volunteers and of course the directors of Human Ties work for free any activity such as photo washing requires the purchase of things like clothes pegs, buckets, etc.





To cover these costs Human Ties is raising funds through the sale of T-shirts and other items. (see below for details). Through the support of a large number of volunteer companies and organizations most notably the renowned Japanese calligrapher Tansetsu Ogino who designed these for free and the company Ribe-Masumoto that is producing them at cost, we have been able to minimize costs. This means that 1/3 of the purchase price directly contributes to supporting Human Ties in its ongoing activities to support the disaster affected communities.





How can I help?

You can help by:

- 1) Purchasing any of Human Ties items.
- 2) By adding the Human Ties link to your webpage.
- 3) Or simply by telling your friends and coworkers about the ongoing need for support in the devastated areas.

For inquiries in English send an email to fukkou-t@hu-tie.com

Or call intl-81-22-346-0029 (Ask for James).

Company Orders

For those companies or groups who order more than 50 pieces we can customize your order to include your company or group logo (up to 3 colors). This is a great opportunity for all those companies with dealings in Japan to not just show their support but also to increase their brand value.



T-shirts

The T-shirts whether in black or white feature the Japanese character for “Kizuna” meaning Human Ties which represents the philosophy of our organization which is that regardless of nationality or religion all humanity shares a common bond, as well as a message of encouragement for all those suffering in the aftermath of this disaster that roughly translates as “Keep your chin up, we will recover.”

Price

¥1,500 (plus shipping and handling).

For logo added items ¥2,000 (plus shipping and handling)

Sizes

U.S Mens Sizes SS, S, M, L, XL, XXL



Towels

The towels feature the same message as that on the T-shirts

Price

¥1,000 (plus shipping and handling)

Size 34x84 cm.



Neckties

These ties feature the Japanese character “Kizuna” meaning Human Ties.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Maya Sasaki

Director Human Ties

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