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## Spring 2026 Issue

Over the past six months, we have focused our energy on refining our core programs. From expanding our specialized volunteer initiatives to collaborating with local organizations, every step has been taken with intentionality. We believe that small-scale, high-impact interventions create the most lasting change for the youth we serve.

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## From Vision to Action: Bringing our 2025 Commitments to Life



### Six Month Snapshot

- 2025 Recap: Request your Personalized Digital Photo Album!
- Recent Updates on our Programs
- New Events and Volunteer Opportunities



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## Executing Our Strategic Plan

In late 2025, we set a rigorous agenda to expand our programs and increase our community presence. We are proud to report that our Kanto Regional Research is now complete, providing us with a precise map of where our support is most needed.

On the operational front, we have transitioned from *designing* programs to *delivering* them. This is evidenced by our upcoming Community BBQ and our expanding partnerships with local care homes through the Volunteer Hairstyling initiative.



Thank you to our longterm supporters for joining us in deepening our shared commitment to the youth we serve at the annual 2025 Dream for Kids Japan Charity Auction.

## Request a Personalized Digital Photo Album from the 2025 Gala!



Every year, the Dream for Kids Annual Charity Event is captured on camera by the wonderful photographer, Kerry Raftius. In 2025, we also provided a photobooth for our guests to enjoy.

Do you want to download the images from the event? Request a personalized photo album from us by clicking below.

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## Mid-Year Review: Progress Report

Strategic Pillar	2025 Commitment	2026 Status and Execution
01 Organizational Identity	Establish cohesive digital presence to engage our partners	COMPLETE: Relaunched website and social platforms
02 Regional Youth Development Research	Conduct comprehensive landscape analysis of youth development programs in Kanto	COMPLETE: Finalized deep dive research (ie. methodology and prospect recommendations)
03 Specialized Outreach	Create scalable roadmap for Hairstyling Program	IN PROGRESS: Coordinating outreach to new facilities
04 Community Engagement	Collaborate with grassroots and community initiatives	ONGOING: Deepening our partnerships and engaging prospective partners
05 Resource Development	Publish Seasonal Project Updates	ONGOING: Publishing 2025 Annual Booklet and Mid-Year Review

### **Regional Youth Development Research Methodology**

We conducted a comprehensive "Sector Scan" of small-to-mid-sized NPOs across the Kanto region to identify opportunities for industry collaboration. Using a proprietary scorecard, we evaluated organizations based on their Philosophical Alignment (Deep vs. Broad support), Operational Transparency, and Community Integration, to determine prospective partner alignment with our mission.

**Want to Learn More? Request a copy of our Research Report**



## Program Updates

### 01 Hairstyling Program



Our valued partner, volunteer hairstylist Yuki-san, makes monthly visits to a children's orphanage in Yokohama to cut and style the residents hair, as well as brings donation items for the home.

Do you know of any hairstylists looking for volunteer opportunities? Let us know! We are seeking volunteer hairstylists to expand our program.

### 02 Launching Waku Waku x Dream for Kids Japan Spring BBQ!



This spring, we are launching a collaborative event for the children and families of Waku Waku Network Ikebukuro. If you're interested in learning more about our collaboration, or volunteering for the event, let us know!

### 03 Introducing Online Chat Bot for Setagaya Music Therapy Program

Our partners, Kokoro Talk Music, an organization offering music therapy to youth with disabilities in Setagaya, is launching an online Chat Bot to better support families in their community. Thanks to the support from Dream for Kids Japan donors, the Chat Bot will provide immediate resources to families, 24 hours a day. Learn more at [kokorotalkmusic.or.jp/](http://kokorotalkmusic.or.jp/).



***Interested in volunteering at one of our programs? Click here to let us know!***

