

Fall 2026 Issue

Welcome to our Fall Newsletter! The shift into autumn is always a meaningful time to pause, reflect, and gear up for what's ahead. Over the past half-year, our dedicated volunteers, partners, and team have worked together to strengthen our community programs and open new opportunities for local youth. In this issue, we share stories from the field, key highlights from our latest collaborative efforts, and a look at our upcoming initiatives and how you can get involved.

Celebrating Recent Impact and Planning for Long-Term Growth



Six Month Snapshot

- Recent Updates from our Programs
- Upcoming Events
- Highlights from our Strategic Planning

Program Updates

01 Spring Community BBQ and Park day

Back in May, Dream for Kids Japan collaborated with Waku Waku Ikebukuro Network to launch an annual BBQ and Park day for the children and families in the network. With around 40 participants and volunteers from Dream for Kids and Waku Waku Network, the BBQ Party was a wonderful event with great weather, fresh food, and fun games!

One participant said of their experience at the event:

"It was my 6-year-old son's first BBQ, and he said, 'It was so delicious!' as he went for seconds on both hot dogs and hamburgers!! [...] For adults, it would have been even better to have a few more vegetables. He also played the bouncy ball scoop game many times and brought home enough balls to fill a basin (lol). It's difficult for a single-parent household to organize outdoor experiences on our own, so we were truly grateful for this invitation!"

02 Ongoing Bread Distribution to local partners in Miyakojima, Okinawa

Through our ongoing partnership with Adanas Bread Factory (operated by the Miyako Social Welfare Council) and Restaurant Ohirayama, the bread distribution program continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of local children. With support from Dream for Kids, our partners have completed 21 bread distributions to date, expanding to include fresh yogurt and fruit juice alongside the baked goods. We also provided 5 dedicated distributions of sliced bread for community gatherings and special celebration events. During summer break, regular deliveries of fresh bread and treats brought huge smiles to children residing at Harimizu Gakuen, a local child welfare residential facility.

To adapt responsibly to inflation and rising wages for local workshop employees, a modest 30-yen unit price adjustment was implemented. Despite economic pressure from rising prices, our partners continue to deliver fresh bread for children who need it most, all while empowering individuals and youth with disabilities in Miyako.





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03 Haircutting Program



The activities of our hairstyling program have continued as usual! Yuki-san visits the children and teenagers at Kawawa Jido and Asahi Home every month to cut their hair and distribute donation items. During the summer months when the children don't have school, these visits are extra meaningful to them as they try to find entertainment anywhere they can! We will continue to bring meaningful engagement opportunities and experiences to the children, like porcelains, through the hairstyling program. If you would like to sponsor an experience for youth in our network, let us know!

Thank you to our dedicated supporters for making the continuation of our programs possible—your generosity powers our impact every day!

Gentle Reminder to our Invited Guests

**The 24th Annual
Dream for Kids Japan
Charity Ball will be held
on November 13, 2026.**



This November, we will host our private annual gala to celebrate our community milestones and share our multi-year strategic vision. If you have any questions or requests, please email info@dreamforkids.jp.

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Highlights from our Strategic Planning

Strategic and Financial Pillar	Description
01 Financial Resilience	Locking in a minimum 200% target reserve ensures total organizational stability while optimizing the growth potential of our programs.
02 Capital Deployment to Expand Programs	Growth projections expand total assets by FY2027 to unlock a dedicated Affordable Program Investment pool to scale our youth-centered welfare programs.
03 Executing our Operational Goals	A structured 4-part RACI matrix grounds implementation across Program Design, Community Outreach, Capital Deployment, and Impact Evaluation (MEL).
04 Sustainable Impact	Tightening up our KPI frameworks—including implementing Youth NPS scores—ensure we remain accountable to our constituents and supporters.

***Are you looking for ways to
increase your impact?
Volunteer with us, or sponsor
our programs for youth and
families in need!***