HAWAII FOR HIROSHIMA



"I will write peace on your wings And you will fly all over the world." --Sadako Sasaki

Aloha!

We are inviting you to join us in a special opportunity to support the construction of an "Eternal Flame" monument for Peace in Honolulu as well as the development of a documentary film on the late Sadako Sasaki.

Many of us grew up hearing about the story of Sadako Sasaki, a young girl living in Hiroshima when the atomic bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945. Years later, Sadako developed leukemia due to her exposure to radiation. Inspired by the Japanese legend that one's wish will be granted upon folding 1,000 paper cranes, Sadako set out to fold 1,000 cranes. Today, the origami crane has become an international symbol of peace, and people, throughout the world, continue to fold cranes with the hope of peace. A statute of Sadako and her paper cranes are displayed at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in her memory and the memory of all children who died from the effects of the atomic bomb.

The family of Sadako Sasaki has been diligently working on these two projects: The development and construction of an "Eternal Flame" monument is proposed. We continue to work on an appropriate site or location for this monument, which will promote peace and reconciliation. Pending an acceptable design to meet location regulations, we will make an official announcement with details on the monument and its location. Additionally, a documentary film on the life of Sadako Sasaki is being created in conjunction with the monument and to preserve her memory forever.

To ensure the preservation of Sadako's legacy in Hawaii, a fundraising committee from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission, the various Hiroshima Kenjin Kais along with other interested groups has been organized. At this time, our immediate goal is to raise \$20,000 by June 30th in order to begin construction and unveiling of the "Eternal Flame" project and to produce the documentary film. With your support, we believe we will achieve this fundraising goal!

Please consider making a gift to the two Sadako Sasaki programs in Hawaii. Your tax-deductible contribution should be made payable by check to the <u>Paper Crane Foundation</u> with a notation that the donation is for the <u>Hawaii Projects</u> and sent to:

For Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Lanai

For Big Island

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Attn: Sadako Project 1727 Pali Highway Honolulu, HI 96813 Mr. Arthur Taniguchi Attn: Sadako Project 1332 Launa St. Hilo, HI 96720 Please rest assured, every dollar received will directly benefit the Sadako Sasaki projects in Hawai'i. As a token of appreciation, donors to the projects with a donation of \$25.00 or more will receive a "Sadako Original Peace Packet", which contains 5 colored pieces of origami paper with instructions and a special peace message from the Sadako Legacy/Paper Crane Foundation.

We look forward to you joining us in sharing the legacy of Sadako Sasaki in Hawai'i. As written on the Sadako statute at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, "This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace on Earth."

For more information, please contact any one of us at the phone numbers and e-mail addresses listed below.

Thank you for your kind consideration and possible donation.

Sincerely yours,

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