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Pearl Omiya

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Dear Friends,

**Minna no Chikara de – Together with everyone’s efforts.** Our motto for 2009 is reflective of the spirit of our members and organizations here at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. It is because of teamwork and collaboration that we were able to accomplish so much in one year.

This year started with a bang with our first ever ESGVJCC Leadership Conference which brought together the entire spectrum of the population we serve – youth, seniors, Japanese-speaking, non-Japanese, and all those who fall in between. Together with everyone’s ideas, we were able to come together to create a vision for our Community Center that will sustain us for the next five years.

Through this effort, we have expanded the Community Center to include additional organizations and forums for our members to grow and strive. Two of the most notable are the ESGVJCC Nikkei Youth Organization (NYO) and the ESGVJCC Ayame-Kai. The NYO gives our youth a space to develop their own programs and activities and be pro-active in their involvement here. The Ayame-Kai gives our Japanese-speaking members a forum to voice both their ideas and concerns with the intention that they may play an integral role in the success of the Community Center. Establishing these two organizations is only the beginning of this great journey as we demonstrate our commitment to addressing the needs of our community in order to best fulfill our mission.

Thank you to all of volunteers, staff, and members for their support throughout the year. It is truly because of your commitment and dedication to the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center that we are able to achieve so much.

Aya Kamimura  
President, Board of Directors

Pearl Omiya  
Executive Director
The mission of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is to foster and preserve the cultural heritage unique to Japanese American ancestry; and to serve the community through social services, artistic, recreational, and educational programs. Established in 1936, the Japanese Community Center serves over 3,000 people in the San Gabriel Valley, Inland Empire, Orange County, and the greater Los Angeles Area through 25 different cultural, recreational, and educational programs and activities. Our various activities are divided among:

1. Cultural Classes
   - Visual arts
   - Papermaking
   - Bonsai (pine tree trimming)
   - Ikebana (flower arranging)
   - Kime komi ningyo (doll making class)
   - Taiko (Japanese drumming)
   - Odori (classical dancing)

2. Martial Arts Courses
   - Aikido
   - Judo
   - Karate
   - Kendo (Japanese fencing)
   - Shinkendo (Japanese swordsmanship)

3. Recreational classes
   - Taichi
   - Line dancing
   - Ballroom dancing
   - Hula dancing
   - Golf
   - Yoga

4. Educational programs
   - Japanese language school
   - Computer literacy courses

5. Youth basketball program

6. Senior services
   - Senior Wellness Program
Cultural Classes
Visual Art
Bonsai (Pine Tree Trimming)
Go (Japanese game of strategy)
Ikebana (Flower arrangement)
Kime Komi Doll Class
Okinawa Odori
Taiko

Martial Arts
Aikido
Judo
Karate
Kendo
Shinkendo

Language Classes
Conversation Class (Adults)
Japanese Language School (K-12)

Recreational Classes
Ballroom Dance
Hula Dance
Golf Club
Yoga
Youth Basketball

Other Organizations
Ayame-Kai (Japanese Speaking)
Leisure Club (Senior Citizens)
Edgewood Gardeners Association
ESG Gardeners Association
Nikkei Youth Organization
SGV Chapter Japanese American Citizens League
SGV Nikkei Singles Club
West Covina Buddhist Temple
The theme for this year was *minna no chikara de* which means “together with everyone’s efforts”. Together with everyone’s efforts, 2009 was a year filled with many accomplishments and highlights. To begin the new year, the Community Center conducted its first strategic planning conference. Members throughout the organization shared their ideas and concerns which led to strategies on sustaining the viability of the Community Center. Through this conference, many new programs and projects emerged.

The conference helped establish a new Japanese speaking organization, *Ayame-Kai*. This group provides a forum for the Japanese speaking members of the Community Center to collaborate and plan cultural and fundraising activities. It is led by Community Center President Aya Kamimura with members from several different organizations to include Covina Kendo Dojo, Edgewood Gardeners, Kime Komi Doll Class, Leisure Club, and West Covina Buddhist Temple. In 2009, *Ayame-Kai* conducted its first cooking class featuring New Year’s Day dishes. *Ayame-Kai* continues to meet monthly to plan new exciting events and fundraisers.

Also as a result of the conference, a new youth-led organization was formed—the Nikkei Youth Organization (NYO). Founded by youth members Sofia Chinen, Amy Friesen, Melissa Kozono, Mitchell Kozono, Ricky Leong, and Lauren Woo; NYO created an organization for youth members to plan cultural and social activities for other high school and college students while learning valuable leadership skills. In its first year, NYO hosted numerous
cultural workshops and a youth basketball clinic for elementary school students.

The Community Center was fortunate to partner with Little Tokyo Service Center to establish the ESGV DISKovery Center, a new computer technology lab. Ten computer stations were donated by Little Tokyo Service Center to be used for teaching basic and intermediate computer courses. The DISKovery Center is also used on Saturdays by Japanese language school students for research and web-based language development programs.

James Oku wanted to share his passion for art with the community by forming the Kambei Art Club. On Friday evenings, James shares his artistic skills by teaching basic drawing and painting techniques to his students.

As the Board Directors, volunteers, staff, and members embark on a new year in the Community Center’s history, we reflect on the many highlights and successes we accomplished throughout the year 2009. These achievements only preface the many more years of fostering and preserving the Japanese American cultural heritage.

2009 MEMBERSHIP

Youth Membership
115 Total enrolled in Japanese Language classes
305 Total enrolled in Martial Arts/Recreational classes
65 Total enrolled in other cultural classes

Adult Membership
215 Total enrolled in Martial Arts/Recreational classes
150 Total senior citizens served
100 Total enrolled in other cultural classes

1,150 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP (FAMILIES SERVED)
# Financials for the Year 2008

## EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

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<th><strong>ASSETS</strong></th>
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| **LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**         |           |
| **LIABILITIES**                      |           |
| **CURRENT LIABILITIES**              |           |
| Accounts Payable                     | $ 13,811  |
| Construction Loan Payable            | 646,613   |
| **TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES**        | 660,424   |
| **NET ASSETS**                       |           |
| Unrestricted Net Assets              | 620,699   |
| Temporarily Restricted Net Assets    | 492,634   |
| Permanently Restricted Net Assets    | 46,000    |
| **TOTAL NET ASSETS**                 | 1,159,333 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**   | $ 1,819,757 |
### EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

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<th>REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</th>
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<td>601,316</td>
<td>(1,281)</td>
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<td>600,035</td>
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| OPERATING EXPENSES                                                   |                            |                            |                            |         |
| Program Expenses                                                      | $155,000                    | -                           | $ -                         | $155,000|
| Fundraising Expenses                                                  | 92,201                      | -                           | -                           | 92,201  |
| Building Operations                                                    | 63,000                      | -                           | -                           | 63,000  |
| General & Administrative                                               | 143,861                     | -                           | -                           | 143,861 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES                                              | $454,062                    | -                           | -                           | $454,062|

| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS                                                  |                            |                            |                            |         |
| Net Assets at Beginning of Year                                       | $473,445                    | $493,915                    | $46,000                    | $1,013,360|

| NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR                                             | $620,699                    | $492,634                    | $46,000                    | $1,159,333|

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$10,000+
George & Ruri Sugimoto
Sabers Saberettes Youth Basketball

$5,000- $9,999
Ed & Reiko Moreno
Jeff & Carolyn Hiraishi
Lillian Nishihara Family

$1,000-$4,999
Arthur Ogami
Barbara & Jon Shirotta
Ben & Rogee Kayashima
David & Cheryl Teragawa
Dorothy Kayashima
Eibukan Goju-Ryu Karate Do
Eileen Uyehara
George & Tomi Shimizu
Guy & Pam Kato
Hisako Arimitsu
Katsuhide Kinjo
Kevin Kubomoto
Kimio & Mary Hatakeyama
Marilyn Matoi
Mataro Nakamura
Mitsuo & Marjorie Kunihiro
Roland & Lynn Mah
Ron Sakamoto
Taro & Masako Saisho
Ted & Alice Hamachi
Ted & Masako Omachi
Tommy & Connie Wong
Wes & Karen Nobuta
Wesley & Margaret Ching
Yoichi & Kay Kanayama

ESGVJCC Nikkei Youth Org.
Fred Ige
Henry & Sadako Mayeda
Jim & Hideko Ikehara
Johnny & Joanie Martinez
Ken & Bonnie Kasamatsu
Kenji & Dorothy Kinoshita
Kiyoko & Marilou Sakaue
Kiyoko S. Okada
Larry & Yoshiko Oshima
Leroy Miyazaki
Leroy & Karen Ezaki
Makiko Neriio
Robert & Fumiko Kishiyama
Sam & Susie Kozono
Ted & Sharon Komoto
Troy Yoshida & Leland Lau, LLP
West Covina Buddhist Temple Jr. YBA
Yoshiko Maeda

<$500
1990 Saberettes Sparkles
Abe & Wendy Kochi
Aki & Aya Kamimura
Aki & Floa Yokoyama
Bacon Sakatani
Bert & Ailene Tanaka
Brian Iwama
Cliff & Sharilyn Watanabe
Danny & Susan Iwama
Dennis & Ailenn Maruki
Donny Takemoto
Doris Kato
Ed Itagaki & Setsuko Takemura
Edward & Kiyoko Yamaguchi
ESGVJCC Leisure Club
Frances Kuwahara & Philip Chinn
Frank & Cindy Quon
Gakuen High School Level 1
George & Tomi Shimizu
Gerald & Verda O’Day
Harry & Natsumi Miyagi
Henry & Lin Miyake
Henry Miyashiro

$500-$999
Ben & Rogee Kayashima
Curt & Rebecca Tsujimoto
Dan & Ellen Banh
David Jung & Joanne Ishibashi
Denise Akune
Donee & Debra Hazama
Eddy & Bobbie Tanaka
Hiroko Fujita
Hiro Watanabe
Howard & Catherine Ibaraki
In memory of Hideko Tokeshi
James & Joan Robertson
Jennifer Sato
Jo Ochoa
Joey & May Kitayama
John & Pat Corral
Juan & Llenny Kuniyoshi
June Kuramoto
Kary Yoshimizu
Katsuya & Michie Toyama
Kazuo & Mitsuko Oda
Laurence Fujii
Lindsay Miyamoto
Mamoru Marugaki
Marc-Mitchell & Vicky Miyashiro
Marilyn Matot
Mark & Denise Shiokari
Mark & Mae Horie
Mary Hida
Mary Sechi
May Sakoda
Mei-Ling Chen
Melvin & Teruyo Omiya
Michael & Linda Tanaka
Michi Miyada
Miyo Takahashi
Neil & June Murakami
Nicole Cherry-Yu & Ryun Yu
Noriko Jaramillo
Paige & Yoshi Saikawa
Pearl Omiya & Alexander Sario
Reiko Ikehara-Nelson
Roy & Akiko Moriyasu
Roy Takemura
Russell & Nancy Hombo
Ryan, Aaron, & Khirin Kikkawa
Sherri Garcia
Shibata Floral Company
Shiori & Audrey Sakamoto
Shirley Iriye
Silvia & Steve Yee
Stacy & Brian Toyama
Susan Arii & Ailene Tanaka
Taka Nakamura
Takeo & Hiroko Uesugi
Tatsuo Okamura
The Family of Kuni Kamimura
The Staff of Sumner Danbury Elementary School
Tom & Keiko Kawakami
Toshiko Ito
Wayne & Lynn Masunaga
William & Luanne Nakagaki
Woo & Patti Kim
Yoshio & Mary Imoto
Yukiko Saneto

In-kind Donations
Derek Furukawa
Katsuhide Kinjo
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Car Donations
Cathy Thibodeau
Dusty Wong
George & Tomi Shimizu
Hayato & Tomoko Nakawatase
Howard & Catherine Ibaraki
James Shimozawa
Kaoru & Sachi Hisamoto
Marie Takahashi
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