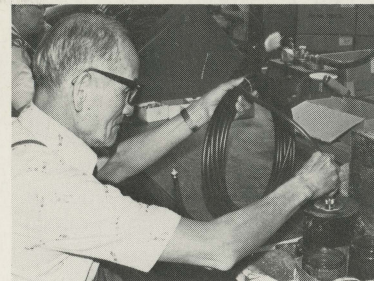


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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

A major project was undertaken this year when JASC received a loan of \$5,400,000 from the Federal Government for the construction of a 200-unit senior citizens housing project. Groundbreaking is expected to take place this fall. A separate JASC Housing Corporation under the leadership of Thomas Teraji is working hard overseeing the development of the project. A fund raising committee headed by Noboru Honda has raised more than \$100,000 in funds to purchase necessary furnishings not covered by the loan. We are most grateful to these leaders and to the community for their generous moral and financial support.

The future of JASC is seriously being studied through several avenues. A Nisei needs assessment study led by Dan Kuzuhara, a long range goal task force, and discussions between board and staff are helping to shape and articulate long range purposes and goals of the agency. With the increasing

debility of Issei being served in the sheltered work center and increasing age of the Nisei population, questions of changes in direction of services loom larger in the next few years.

Much of the efforts of the Board are directed to raising funds for the agency. We are grateful for our many supporters, both members and friends, who participate in fund raising events. We are also thankful for an ever-increasing number of volunteers who help us in many different ways. Most of all, we are fortunate in having a dedicated group of staff workers under the direction of Masaru Nambu who work in partnership with the Board of Directors to assure the quality of life of our people. 

Lillian Kimura President of the Board



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Once again as we leave irretrievable time behind, we sense both the agony of a continuing search for right directions and a jubilant sense of accomplishment in our improved ability to deliver quality human care.


Heiwa Terrace, the congregate housing for the elderly and handicapped, is no longer a dream but a reality to which the community has responded overwhelmingly and generously. We look forward to planning a coordinated service delivery to residents.

During the past year, the agency provided 75% more counseling services to individuals, families and groups than in the previous year. Significant increases in counseling have been seen for Nisei, Japanese nationals and recent immigrants, and other Asians. Medical referrals for aging Issei have more than doubled and homemaker services have increased 40%. Many new educational programs have been established.

JASC provided active programs in cooperation with the Illinois Division of

Vocational Rehabilitation during the past year. These activities are expected to increase during the coming year. The staff is receiving training in the fields of gerontology and rehabilitation to better equip them for assisting aging Issei. The Work Center continues to be an important component of the Edgewater-Uptown Community Mental Health Center.


Funds from the Woods Charitable Foundation has made it possible to begin a study of Nisei needs in the Chicago Metropolitan area, data from which will be received in December 1977 and be applied toward the creation of appropriate services.

As we look back on achievements during the past year, we are cognizant of our continuing obligation to offer more diverse and innovative human service programs correlated with emerging new priorities. Necessary changes in direction must be faced with determination, dedication, and courage. This can be a springboard to a new era in JASC history. 

Masaru Nambu Executive Director


Senior Citizens Work Center

The Senior Citizens Work Center, a sheltered workshop begun in 1960, continues to offer a therapeutic work centered environment for elderly Japanese and other Asian clients and those from the Edgewater-Uptown Mental Health Center. Although the Center serves to supplement small incomes of the elderly, its more important work is to help them retain their sense of self-worth. The staff is receiving in-service training to equip them to better relate to total life needs of the aged. The Center serves over 100 individuals each day.

The Work Center is now looking for clients among retired Nisei as the number of Issei capable of continuing work in the Center diminishes. Some changes in kinds of work handled may be necessary in the next few years to meet the differing needs of Nisei. 

Social Service Department

The Social Service Department of JASC offers counseling, group work, homemaker and outreach services. This year, group counseling among Issei was added to individual and family counseling. The staff of 11 includes both professional social workers as well as homemakers, teachers and aides. The Department receives part of its support from the Community Fund, Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens, and Catholic Charities.

The comprehensive services offered include educational, social, nutritional and medical programs, meals-on-wheels, telecare, homemaker services and home visitations. Day care for the aged is one of the programs under consideration. The Department carries on a continuous re-evaluation of programs in its attempt to maintain an optimum quality of services. This Department will be pressed into more intensive programming within the next three to five years with the opening of Heiwa Terrace. 



Other Services

Blood Assurance program covering 6000 individuals
Hand-in-Hand educational group for exceptional children
Tutoring for school children
Translation and referral services

Special Fund Raising Events

Market Day, JASC, June 5, 1976
Fuji Festival, Marriott Motor Hotel, September 26, 1976
Benefit Concert with Minoru Nojima, pianist, Orchestra Hall, March 29, 1977



FISCAL YEAR 1977 BUDGET



INCOME

| | | |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Rehabilitative Workshop | 54.0% | \$310,485 |
| Contributions | 1.5 | 8,000 |
| Service Fees - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation | 5.0 | 27,887 |
| Membership Drive | 4.5 | 27,000 |
| Special Events | 5.0 | 26,600 |
| Community Fund | 6.0 | 33,949 |
| State Grants | 7.0 | 38,152 |
| City Grants | 10.5 | 59,400 |
| Federal Grants | 4.0 | 25,450 |
| Foundations | 2.5 | 14,852 |
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| | | \$571,775 |



Rehabilitative Workshop
Subcontract Income

Contributions
General
Use
Miscellaneous Income

Service Fees
Dept. of Vocational Rehab.
I.C.P.
Nisei-Sansei Program

Membership Drive
General, Supporting,
Sponsoring, Japanese Companies

Special Events
Fuji Festival Dinner, Market Day
Tokyo String Quartet

Community Fund

State Grants

City Grants

Federal Grants

Foundations



EXPENSE

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Rehabilitative Workshop | 68.00% | \$388,807 |
| Administrative | 11.00 | 62,895 |
| Fund Raising | 4.00 | 22,871 |
| Family & Individual Counseling | 4.00 | 22,871 |
| Homemaker Service | 3.75 | 21,442 |
| Vocational Preparation & Job Training | 4.25 | 24,300 |
| Group Services & Social Development | 5.00 | 28,589 |
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| | | \$571,775 |



Rehabilitative Workshop
Sheltered Workshop Program
for senior citizens and former
mental patients

Administration

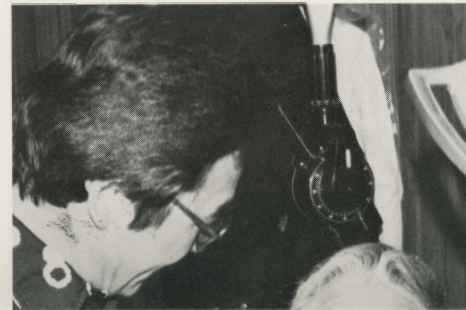
Fund Raising

Family & Individual
Counseling

Homemaker Service

Vocational Preparation & Job
Training

Group Services
Issei Comprehensive Program
Communal living, home delivery
meal services, telecare, social
program, dental clinic, counseling,
referral
Hand-in-Hand
Tutoring Program
Nisei, Sansei Program



JASC STAFF MEMBERS 1977

Executive Director: Masaru Nambu

Administration:

Administrative Assistant Lucy Teshima
 Secretary Ruth Eto
 Billing-Payroll Clerk Edna Shirakawabe
 Receptionist Cecilia Ishibashi
 Clerical Masako Tatsumi
 Accounting Clerk Joyce Moy
 Custodian Eugene Gullstrom
 Janitorial Aide Roy Ogisaka
 Security Guard Senta Nii

Social Service:

Social Service Director Eiko Fricke
 Case Work Assistant Takanobu Kozawa
 Group Worker Dorothy Kaneko
 Home Maker Tomoko Satoh
 Groupwork Aide Kie Kikuta
 Homemaker Aide Tomiye Fujii
 Homemaker Aide Setsuko Yukawa
 Sr. Citizen Outreach Aide Andrew Oyama

Sheltered Workshop:

Director Fred Odanaka
 Assistant Dereck Hashimoto
 Rehabilitation Program Coordinator Peter Wetherby
 Rehabilitation Counselor Ed Coble
 Rehabilitation Counselor Barbara Hiram
 Workshop Supervisor Lillian Aki
 Workshop Supervisor Mary Fukui
 Workshop Supervisor Joan Sumida
 Workshop Supervisor Haru Tanaka
 Workshop Supervisor Dennis Ogawa
 Production Engineer William Masamitsu
 Stock Foreman Henry Wilczenski
 Stock Handler Leonard Grady

Instructors:

Ceramics Instructor Janette Koga
 Ceramics Instructor Viola Durrett

JASC BOARD MEMBERS 1977

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HEIWA TERRACE 平和テラス

Groundbreaking for Heiwa Terrace, the proposed senior citizens housing facility, is anticipated for the early fall of 1977 with completion expected in 1979. JASC is proud of this major accomplishment made possible by a loan of \$5,400,000 to JASC under Section 202 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The building will be located at Lawrence Avenue and Sheridan Road and will have 200 air and heat controlled one-bedroom apartments for persons 62 years of age or older.

Policy making powers are vested in a corporate housing board of 11 persons chaired by Thomas Teraji. JASC will be the principle provider of social services to the residents. A fund-raising campaign to assure costs of items not covered by the loan is currently being led by Noboru Honda, Dr. John Omori, and Thomas Masuda, and is expected to net over \$125,000.

