

**JAPANESE AMERICAN  
SERVICE COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
1975-1976**

## Report from the President

When the founders of the Chicago Resettlers Committee initiated a self-help effort in 1945 to assist Americans of Japanese ancestry resettle in Chicago from World War II detention camps, little did they realize that the agency, now known as the Japanese American Service Committee, would become not only a sophisticated agency with a budget in excess of \$500,000 but also a model for ethnically based social service delivery. In the ensuing 31 years, JASC has become an increasingly vital force for service to the total Japanese community of Chicago and to the Lakeview, Uptown and Edgewater neighborhoods. This past year, JASC has made additional gains and progress which we are happy to share with you in this Annual Report.

In calendar year 1975, our Blood Assurance Program held two blood donation drives which yielded more than the number of pints needed to assure the coverage of 6,000 persons in our program. By Board action, the surplus blood was donated to a child suffering from hemophilia.

The Issei Gerontology Project was concluded with the development of training films and video tapes, a manual for helping the Issei, and an information handbook in English and Japanese. Professionals in the fields of gerontology and human service work were invited to preview the films and positive comments were received about the sensitive way in which life experiences of the Issei were presented and the value of these materials for training people to work with the elderly. Our thanks go to the project staff under the direction of Momoko Iko and to Tom Hibino, Midwest Regional Director of the Japanese American Citizens League, for their dedicated labors to see this ambitious project through to completion.

The Board sponsored the usual annual fund raising events of Market Day and the Fuji Festival, both of which netted more income than in previous years. In addition, the Board undertook the monumental task of presenting for their first appearance in Chicago the Tokyo String Quartet in concert at Orchestra Hall. The Quartet greatly pleased the audience and received superlative reviews from the music critics of the major daily newspapers. Our sincere thanks go to Katharine Middleton who originated the idea of this benefit, Sada Szathmary who engineered the feat of filling the hall, and to all the volunteers who were so instrumental in the success of this fund raising effort.

In program year 1975-76, there has been a significant increase in programming for and participation by Nisei, Sansei and families of businessmen from Japan. The agency is also preparing for the eventuality of serving Nisei senior citizens. To this end, a proposal has been submitted for a foundation grant to conduct a needs assessment survey on "aging" Nisei. Former Board President, Dan Kuzuhara, has been helpful in guiding us in planning for this concern.



In addition to work on projects and events, the Board is responsible for overseeing the maintenance functions of the organization such as assuring the adequacy of the building and grounds, campaigning for new members and renewals, and providing staff with optimal working conditions and benefits of employment.

As we prepare these words for publication, we are awaiting official notification that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded JASC a grant to build a 100-unit congregate housing project for the elderly. The development of the proposal was undertaken after a community survey and consultation with community leaders indicated support and need for such a project. The task is just beginning — the selection of the site, the design of a suitable facility, the construction of the building and finally the occupancy. It will be necessary to mount a drive to raise "seed" money so that this project can get off the ground.

All of the progress made by JASC would not have been possible without the dedication of the Board and Staff who give so generously of their time and energies to assure that the agency is on target in terms of meeting human needs. We are grateful, too, to the many volunteers who make it possible for our work to be extended to many more people than can be served by a small staff. We wish to recognize the dynamic leadership of Masaru Nambu, our Executive Director, for it is his creativity, zeal and enthusiasm which serve as an inspiration to all. Lastly, we count on our many friends and supporters for their continued interest in helping the agency improve the quality of life in this city.

Lillian C. Kimura  
President of the Board



## Executive Director's Report

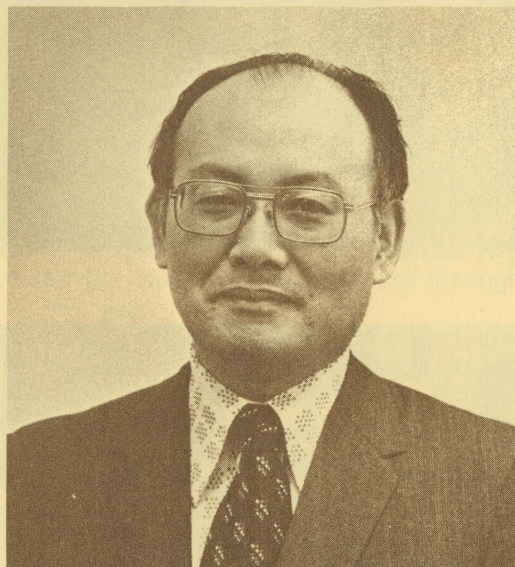
Fiscal year 1975-76 is about to be concluded and we can all look back with a sense of satisfaction since it has been a very fruitful one in which the Japanese American Service Committee has accomplished much.

The Issei Comprehensive Program has been expanded and each day is filled with a variety of activities including new programs which have been added to serve Nisei, Sansei and Japanese nationals. These programs are supported by many volunteers who act as instructors or aides. As a participant in the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program, the JASC has accepted 15 senior citizens. These senior citizens assist in the programming as workshop, group work, social worker, homemaker, outreach and clerical aides.

The Senior Citizens Work Center, the sheltered workshop, remains a very important and effective part of JASC in the Japanese community and the community at large. Efficient management of the program enables it to operate fully with an adequate flow of sub-contracts from businesses which support the Work Center and are satisfied with its performance. Recently, a plan was completed to put more emphasis on assisting the Issei in coping with their aging problems. Group dynamics, individual counseling, and educational classes will be provided to assist them in this inevitable adjustment. A concerted effort will be made to train staff in relevant knowledge and skills so that more effective assistance can be given. Our purpose is to assist the Issei in altering their life styles from DOING to BEING.

In October, 1975, the Economics Research Associates completed its research designed to assess future congregate housing needs of Nisei. The study confirmed our assumption that there is a great need for such a housing project. The JASC applied to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Section 202 of the Program for Housing for the Elderly and Handicapped and received the maximum allocation of 100 units. The Congregate Housing Committee is currently hard at work to complete necessary plans for the project.

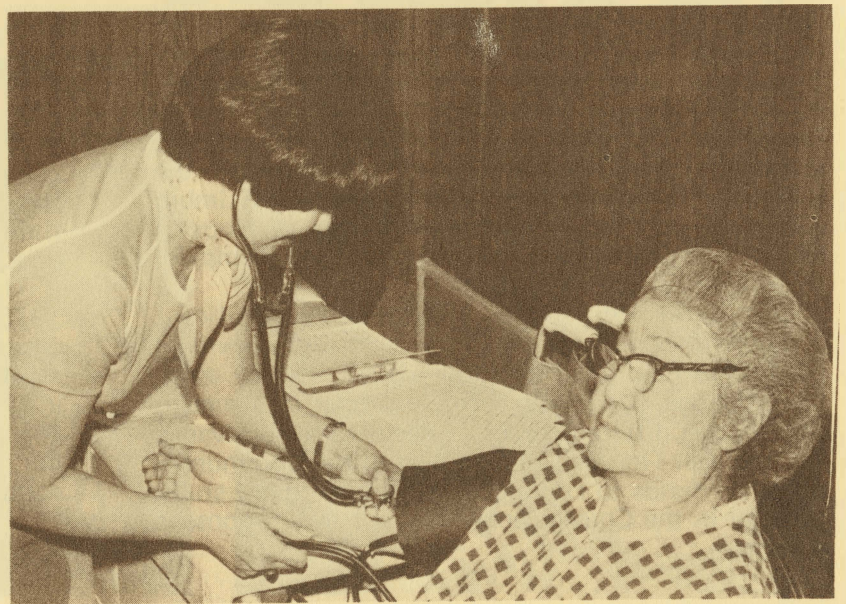
Just as in 1961 the JASC made the significant decision to concentrate its efforts toward providing needed services and additional programs for aging Issei, the agency is again facing a similar challenge in anticipating different types of needs as Nisei advance in their age. The JASC has applied to the Community Trust for funds to conduct a needs assessment study of Nisei in the Chicago area and a positive response is expected.



Films produced by the Issei Gerontology Project, completed in December, 1975, were previewed and received high commendations. We expect that the films will be utilized by social service agencies and educational institutions.

The Japanese American Service Committee of 1976 is a far cry from the agency created 31 years ago. Only through continual self-improvement, self-scrutiny and courage to meet changing needs with innovation and heightened concern can the Japanese American Service Committee preserve the vision of our founders and live up to its purpose of giving complete human care.

Masaru Nambu  
Executive Director



## Social Service Division

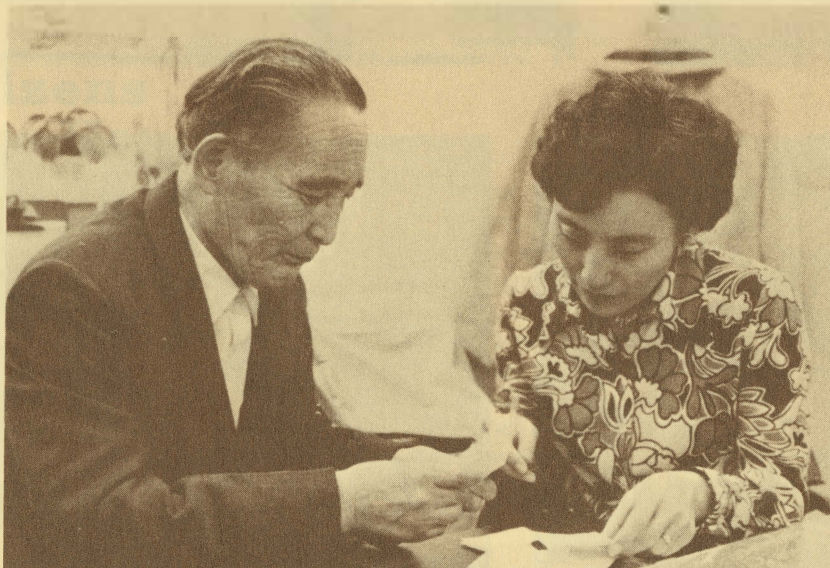
The Social Service Division of JASC coordinates all group and individual services offered by the agency. This includes counseling, educational and social programs, nutrition, and medical-dental services for the aged as part of the Issei Comprehensive Program. Since April, 1976, efforts have been expanded to reach Nisei, Sansei, new immigrants, and businessmen's families from Japan in need of similar services. Under the direction of Eiko Fricke, Social Service Director, the JASC has grown markedly in its ability to offer high quality, concerned services.

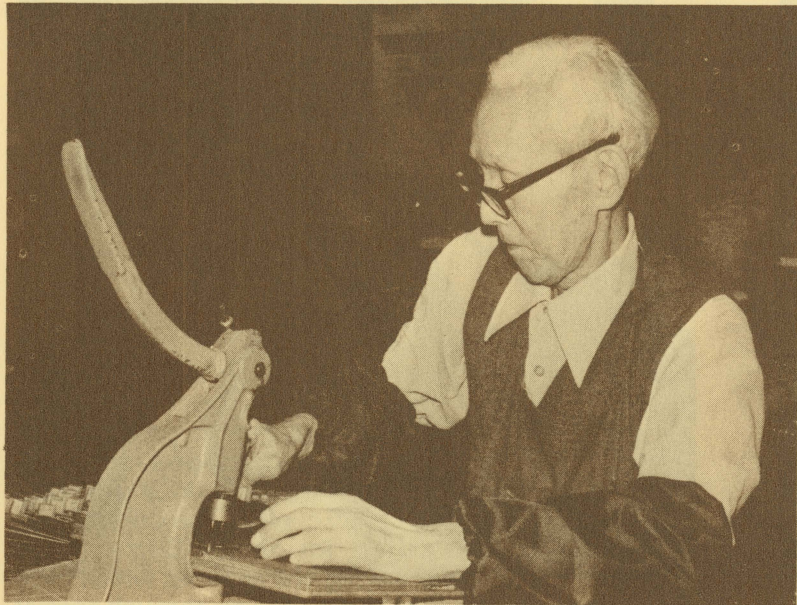
An important part of the work of the Social Service Division is casework services to all who seek help. This includes individual counseling, home visitations, telecare, homemaker services and referrals. Classes in ceramics, cooking, arts and crafts, gardening, body dynamics and other activities provide added dimensions to daily living and now include persons of

all ages from young people to senior citizens. The over-all goal of the Division is to provide a maximum supportive environment for the continuing mental and physical well-being of all clients. The Community Fund, the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens, and Catholic Charities are among the agencies which have recognized the value of these services through special funding this year.

The staff of seven in the Division includes professional social workers as well as those hired under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. Dedicated volunteers from the community are an important part of the team effort to reach out to more people and to expand on-going programs. A long-term goal is the establishment of day care programs for both the elderly and the young.

Mrs. Eiko Fricke





## Senior Citizens Work Center

The JASC Senior Citizens Work Center, a sheltered workshop begun 16 years ago as an identity-sustaining service to retired Issei, continues to serve over 100 individuals daily, one-third of whom are clients from the Edgewater-Uptown Mental Health Center. Although most of the others are Issei and Nisei, there are a small number of Koreans, Chinese and one non-Asian person in the program. As more and more Nisei reach retirement age, the Work Center is looking for ways to serve persons from this group more effectively.

Although the Center serves to supplement small incomes of the aged, its more important work is to provide opportunities for social interaction and to preserve a sense of self-worth in all participants. To this end, counseling as well as many non-work activities are offered at the Center.

The Work Center has continued to maintain a good sub-contract program this year in spite of the unsettled economic picture and has operated at full capacity. The projection for the coming fiscal year appears to be very optimistic. This is due in large part to the efficient management of the Work Center by Director Fred Odanaka and the high reputation the Work Center has attained in the business community.

Under a professional psychologist, supervisors and staff are being trained to observe clients more clinically, to record findings accurately, and to note any changes in clients as they occur. Through this careful observation a program designed to better maintain the clients' sense of self-worth can be developed.

Mr. Fred Odanaka

## Senior Citizens Congregate Housing

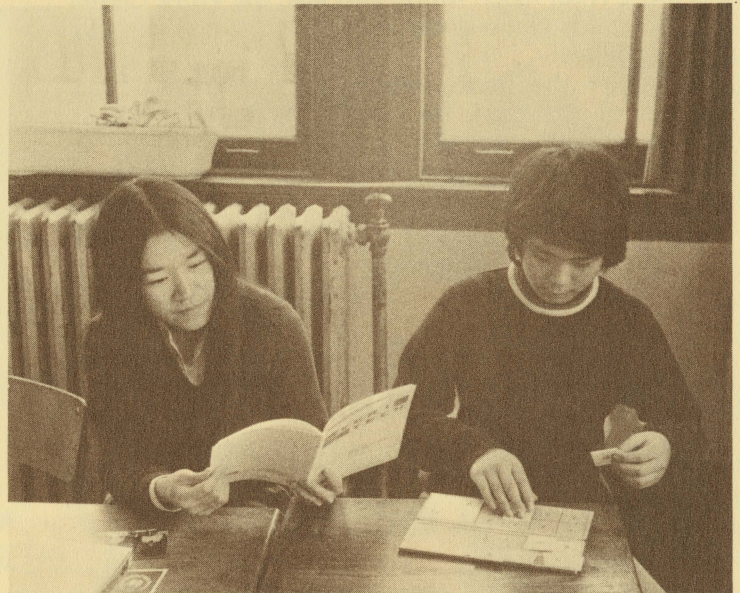
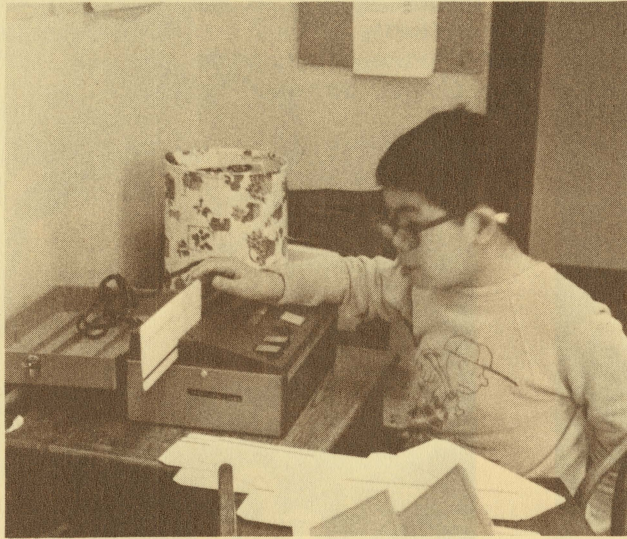
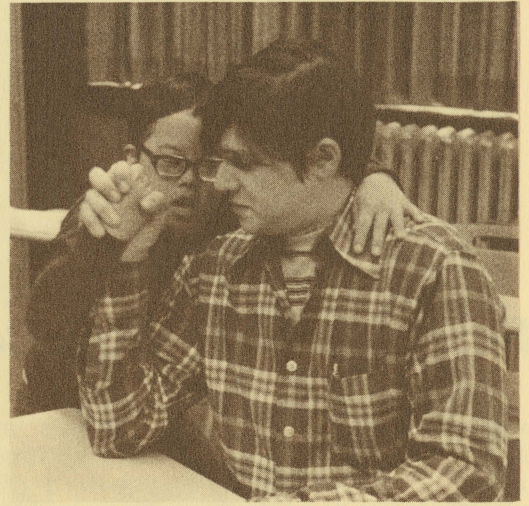
The JASC is pleased to be able to announce that the long discussed congregate housing project for senior citizens is becoming a reality. Official word was received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development on May 17, 1976, that JASC has been selected to receive funds totalling \$2,700,000 for the construction of a 100-unit facility under Section 202, Program for Housing for the Elderly and Handicapped.

The Board has already begun work on the selection of a site and designs for the unit, construction of which must begin within 18 months. Consultants in

the fields of construction engineering, gerontology and social work, legal aid, fund raising and other important functions have already been contacted to begin serious study of all details of the plan.

It will be necessary to raise some funds initially to get the project off the ground, but all indications are that the community will strongly support this worthwhile effort. Since projections show that the facility will not be ready for occupancy for five to seven years, it is envisioned as housing for retired Nisei as well as for Issei.





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## Hand-in-Hand

Formed in October, 1969, Hand-in-Hand is an organization supported by the Japanese American Service Committee whose purpose is to increase public awareness of the problems and possibilities of exceptional children and to provide informed support for the parents of such children. Meeting regularly on the second Friday of each month, the group discusses common concerns and plans activities which will enhance the lives of children with a variety of handicaps such as mental retardation, cerebral palsy, mongolism and learning disabilities. Speech therapy classes are held every other Saturday from 10:00

A.M. to 12:00 noon at the Academy of the Sacred Heart led by a professional therapist.

The group was originally organized with funds raised by the Young Japanese Americans, an arm of the Japanese American Citizens League, and membership is open to any interested persons whether or not they have any direct connections with handicapped children. Through discussions with professionals in the field, planning for relevant legislative action, and community education, the group provides a much needed human service to parents of exceptional children as well as to all concerned persons.

## Tutoring Program

Every Saturday morning through the school year, the Japanese American Service Committee building becomes a classroom for some fifteen young children ranging in age from seven to fourteen. They are students in the JASC Tutoring Program, started five years ago by several Sansei who wanted to offer their services in an enrichment program for neighborhood children.

From 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon each Saturday, volunteer tutors offer assistance in mathematics, reading and the sciences. They try to give students as

much individual attention as they can and where possible a one-to-one ratio is maintained. The sessions are informal and flexible so that each student can work at his own pace. Occasional field trips to museums, zoos and other places of interest enlarge the learning experience.

Although the program is only for two hours a week, it is felt that students benefit from this individual attention and it is hoped that the service can be expanded to reach more children.

## JASC Picnic

The annual community picnic sponsored by the Japanese American Service Committee has become a tradition anticipated by young and old alike since its inception in 1948. Held on the first Sunday of August each year, the event attracts more than 2000 people. Races for all ages, door prizes, Japanese folk dancing, demonstrations of martial arts, performances

by the Nisei Ambassadors Drum and Bugle Corps and other attractions have been part of the programs of past picnics. Community merchants participate generously by donating most of the prizes. The picnic affords opportunity for good fellowship and serves as one of the unifying forces of the community.

## JASC Blood Assurance Program

The Blood Assurance Program begun in 1973, provides free blood replacement coverage to all members of JASC and their families. In addition, members of participating Japanese American agencies and churches are covered if 4% of their memberships donate blood. In 1975, 6000 people were covered through the donation of more than 240 pints of blood.

A great many Issei, Nisei and Sansei have already been assisted through this life-saving program. If you or a member of your family is in need of blood

replacement, be sure to call the JASC so that the hospital can be notified that the blood is being replaced through the JASC Blood Assurance Program.

The 1976 drive was begun on Monday, June 28, when a bloodmobile from Michael Reese Hospital came to the JASC from 3:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Another opportunity will be given on Monday, November 15, for those who were not able to give on June 28.

Grateful acknowledgement is extended to the following people who donated blood for the 1975 drive:

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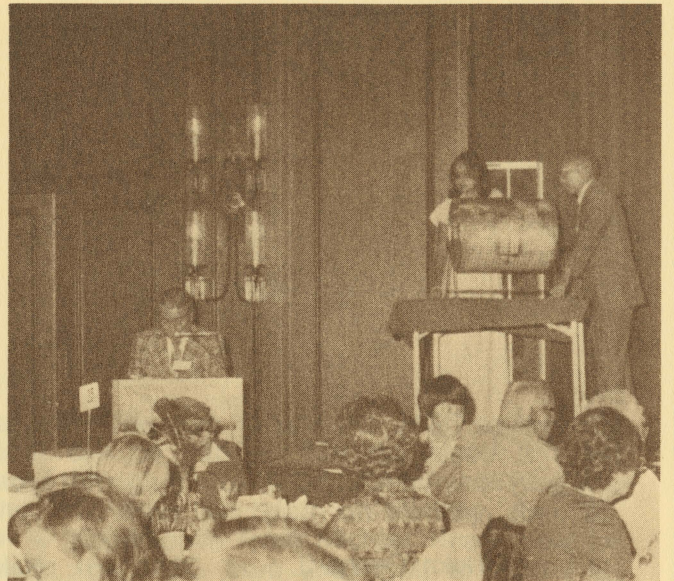
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## Fuji Festival

The Fuji Festival, a fund raising dinner, is sponsored by JASC annually in the fall of the year to raise a substantial part of the budget for the operation of the agency. The Fifth Annual Fuji Festival was held on Sunday, September 21, 1975, at the Marriott Motor Hotel. In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the agency, the program featured a tribute to pioneer founders of JASC, Kohachiro Sugimoto and Harry Mayeda, and recognition of past presidents of

the agency. Highlights in the history of JASC were shown in a slide presentation. Entertainment featured Sharky, comedian and singer, and Ann Yoshioka, 1975 Cherry Blossom Queen of Hawaii. Tom Teraji was the general chairman of the event which netted over \$13,000.00.

The 6th Annual Fuji Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 1976, at the Marriott Motor Hotel.

## Market Day

Market Day, an annual fund raising event held on the first Saturday of June, was first instituted in 1971. Merchandise on sale includes chinaware, gift items, handcrafts, and plants. Food items such as box lunches and baked goods bring in a healthy portion of

the income. More than \$3000.00 is usually realized from this event. The 6th Annual Market Day held on Saturday, June 5, was again a successful community wide effort aided by generous donations and sales tables serviced by volunteers.

## Tokyo String Quartet

This year an exciting fund-raising event was held at Orchestra Hall on March 17, 1976, when the world famous Tokyo String Quartet was sponsored by the Japanese American Service Committee. The talented quartet consisting of Koichiro Harada, first violinist; Kikuei Ikeda, second violinist; Kazuhide Isomura, violist; and Sadao Harada, cellist, played quartets by Haydn, Bartok, and Beethoven to the unanimous acclaim of all music critics of Chicago metropolitan

newspapers. The JASC had the distinction of introducing the Tokyo String Quartet for the first time to the Chicago music scene.

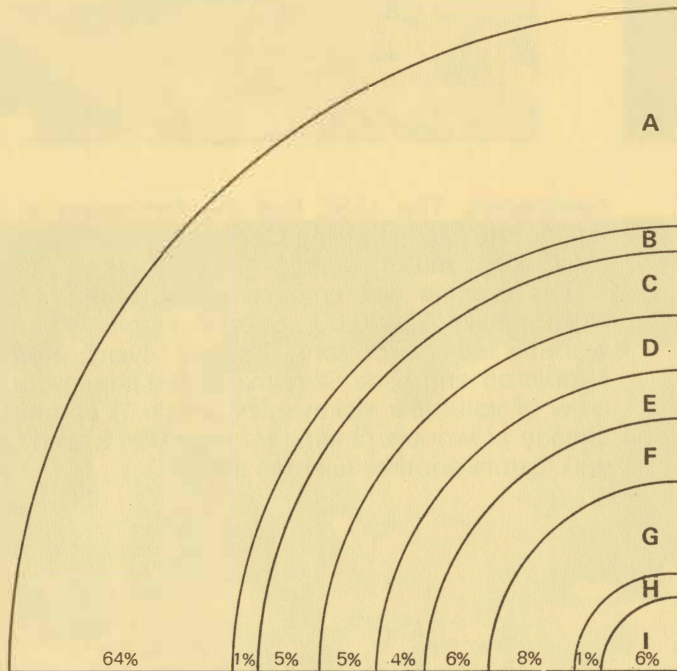
The evening was enjoyed by all and netted the agency over \$7000.00. Special thanks go to hard working co-chairpersons for the event, Katharine Middleton and Sada Szathmary, and the enthusiastic crew of volunteer ticket sales people. A committee is already at work arranging for next year's event which will feature another talented artist.

# Fiscal Year 1976 Budget

## Income

Rehabilitative Workshop	64%	\$329,000
Contributions	1	7,600
Service Fees—Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	5	23,588
Membership Drive	5	25,000
Special Events	4	22,200
Community Fund	6	32,489
State Grants	8	41,152
City Grants	1	7,500
Federal Grants	6	29,147
		<u>\$517,676</u>

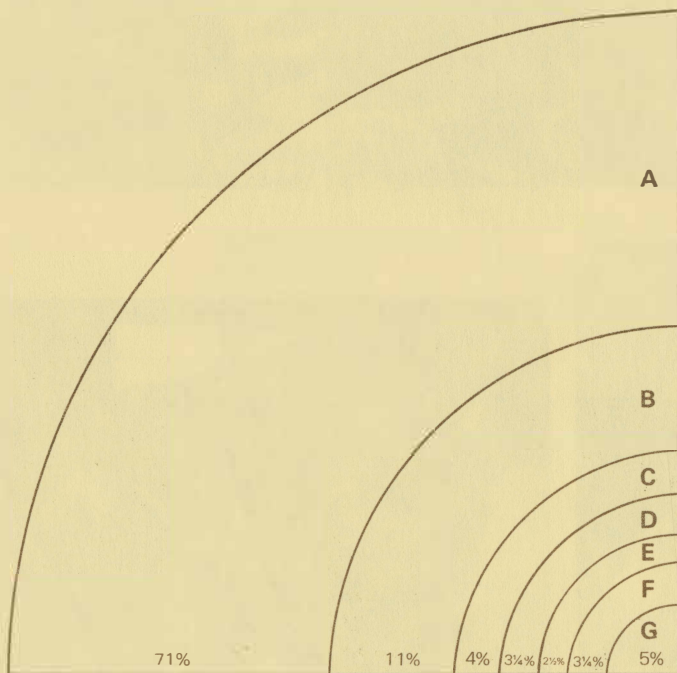
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Subcontract Income
- B CONTRIBUTIONS**  
General  
Use  
Miscellaneous Income
- C SERVICE FEES**  
Dept. of Vocational Rehab.  
I.C.P.  
Nisei-Sansei Program
- D MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**  
General, Supporting,  
Sponsoring, Japanese Companies
- E SPECIAL EVENTS**  
Fuji Festival Dinner, Market Day  
Tokyo String Quartet
- F COMMUNITY FUND**
- G STATE GRANTS**
- H CITY GRANTS**
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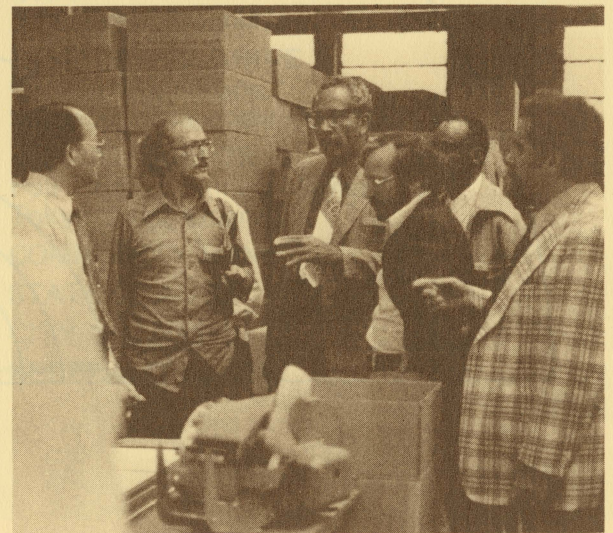
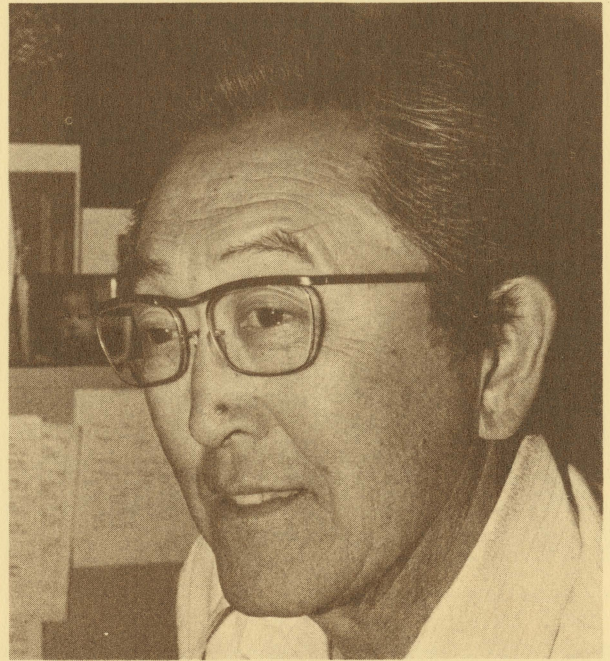
## Expense

Rehabilitative Workshop	71%	\$366,925
Administrative	11	55,262
Fund Raising	4	22,606
Family & Individual Counseling	3¼	16,626
Homemaker Service	2½	13,274
Vocational Preparation & Job Training	3¼	15,163
Group Services & Social Development	5	27,820
		<u>\$517,676</u>



- A REHABILITATIVE WORKSHOP**  
Sheltered Workshop Program  
for senior citizens and  
former mental patients.
- B ADMINISTRATION**
- C FUND RAISING**
- D FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**
- E HOMEMAKER SERVICE**
- F VOCATIONAL PREPARATION &  
JOB TRAINING**
- G 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





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