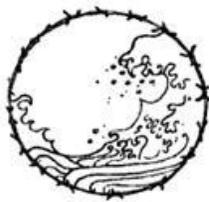


BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jean Y. Hibino
Stephen Y. Hibino
Islanda Khau
Yutaka Kobayashi
Phuoc Van Le
James McIlwain
Kesaya E. Noda
Keith K. Schuricht
May O. Takayanagi
Phitsamay Uy
Paul Y. Watanabe
Margie Yamamoto

www.nsrconfund.org



NISEI STUDENT RELOCATION
COMMEMORATIVE FUND, INC.

19 Scenic Drive, Portland, Connecticut 06480

Fall, 2014

Dear NSRC Fund Supporters:

As a 3rd generation Japanese American (“Sansei”) and longtime supporter of the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund (NSRCF), I am honored to write this year’s appeal letter. The past years have seen the loss of founding members of the Fund as well as 2nd generation (“Nisei”) board members. Their spirit of dedication to the betterment of college students from the Southeast Asian community is sorely missed.

Many years ago, my family and I attended a gathering of a group of Nisei from the New England area. Their energy and enthusiasm for life has made a lifelong impression on me. As the first generation born in this country, the Nisei endured hardships and uncertainty in their forced internment during World War II. In fact many responded enthusiastically by giving of their time and energy to their fellow internees along with unquestioned loyalty to their country.

On a personal note, at the beginning of World War II, my family, living in a logging town in Western Washington, was ordered to a nearby Assembly Center in Puyallup WA. After several months, we were shipped 800 miles to the Minidoka Relocation Center, which is located in a barren stretch of southern Idaho. It was there, as a 6 year old, I attended first grade in a barracks converted into a classroom and taught by a Nisei teacher. Before enlisting into the US Army, my father’s final words to me was that I was now “the head of the house” and that I should take care of the family. This the tradition of caring for family and for others as well as loyalty to country had started with my grandfather and was now being passed down to me. My First Grade class in Minidoka was taught by a Nisei teacher, and my Nisei father and his 3 brothers enlisted in the US Army and trained with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

For the nearly 5,000 college age students interned in the camps, their future looked especially bleak since there were no options for seeking higher education. When assistance from groups like the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council and the American Friends Service Committee became available, many of the Nisei students were able to leave the internment camps for college campuses outside the West Coast. Imbued with the strong work ethic instilled by their immigrant parents (the “Issei”) many of these students have gone on to illustrious careers in medicine, technology, academia, and business.

So it’s not surprising that in 1980, a group of New England Nisei approaching retirement decided with the same enthusiasm and dedication to community to create the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund (NSRCF). The Fund’s goal was simple: to provide scholarships to newly arrived Southeast Asian students as a token of gratitude for “the helping hand” that sent Nisei students on their way over 70 years ago.

At that time, the founders could not have predicted the overwhelming success of the NSRCF. To date the Fund has distributed more than \$808,000 to 815 well-deserving recipients. It is gratifying to see that the spirit of giving back as exemplified by the founders is often carried on by the recipients. As one scholarship awardee wrote: “Someday, when I’m able, I would like to give back to those who are in need of support.”

Please join me in responding to this annual appeal by making a generous donation to the NSRCF, thus assuring that the spirit of giving back continues into the future.

Kind regards,

David Sakura

✂ _____

NISEI STUDENT RELOCATION COMMEMORATIVE FUND, INC.
19 Scenic Drive, Portland, Connecticut 06480

I/we would like to “extend a helping hand.” Enclosed is my/our tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____
(Please make check payable to NSRC Fund)

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Add to an existing Tribute, Legacy or Named Scholarship Fund called: _____

Send information about how to establish NSRC Fund Tribute, Legacy and Named Scholarship Funds

I would like to receive the annual NSRC Fund newsletter by email: _____

(print your email address)