

31st Volunteer Activity for Passing on Hope for the Future



Date	Friday, July 4 through Saturday, July 5
Activity site	Soma-shi, Fukushima-shi and Shirakawa-shi, Fukushima
Participants	35 (25 men, 5 women, 5 administration office staff)

● Activity Details



On the first day, we worked in collaboration with an NPO named ARTS for HOPE at the pediatric ward of the Public Soma General Hospital in their Art Renovation Project, painting the walls and hospital rooms in bright colors.

The volunteers split into seven teams to work on seven private and two large hospital rooms, and the hallway, to cure the walls and apply an undercoating. After the undercoating dried, we applied the main coats of pastel-colored paint. The rooms became so bright and pretty, we could hardly recognize them.



The doctors and nurses of the hospital were very happy, and the volunteers felt satisfied by a job well done.

On the second day, we split into groups and headed to two Foster-care facilities in Fukushima City and Shirakawa City to hold a fair.

Approximately 60 minors from infants to high school students, and their guardians gathered at the children's home in Fukushima City to participate in an arm wrestling contest and a game fishing water balloons from a shallow tank. The children let their imaginations fly to enjoy every aspect of the fair, with some running around with colorful balloons in their hand.

There were around 40 children and their guardians waiting for us when we arrived at the children's home in Shirakawa City. There, we pitched tents on the grounds, and the children enjoyed to their hearts content the games and other programs we brought along. This turned out to be a very memorable fair that we encapsulated in a group photograph before the day was through.

The volunteers were gladdened by the appreciation the people at the hospital and children in the facilities showed for their work. The activities gave them a sense of fulfillment, and many were eager to participate again if given the opportunity.