

## 36th Volunteer Activity for Passing on Hope for the Future



Date	Saturday, August 20 through Sunday, August 21
Activity site	Sendai-shi, Miyagi
Participants	33 ( 20 men, 10women, 3 administration office staff)

### ● Activity Details



We worked in collaboration with an NPO called ARTS for HOPE to renovate (repaint) an old building used for children with special needs or for community centers. We also participated in events for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

On the first day, we painted the walls and ceilings of the first and second floors, and the stairwell, and in the morning on the second day we painted the floors. After that, we stripped off the places where we had masked and corrected any evenness or over painting. People who were not painting helped to clean the tools and the site.



In the afternoon, we held a social event to meet the children. They enjoyed painting the walls and boards to make their own creations. Once their artwork had been unveiled, the members of the sign language class read a story from “The Bouquet of Children’s Stories” using sign language and speech.

This time there were many with experience of art renovation. So each team carried out their work efficiently. This meant we were able to finish the work faster than planned in just two days. One of the volunteers commented that although it had been difficult to work in the hot weather, the joyful reaction of the children took away their fatigue. Another was glad they had an opportunity to communicate with people that they wouldn’t usually have had a chance to encounter.

