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**Two Fundraising Events to Support Fukushima Children**

**On the 6th Anniversary of March 11, 2011 East Japan Great Earthquake**

Kona based group Fukushima Kids Hawaii (FKH) will be producing two cultural fundraising events in Kona (March 11) and Hilo (March 12), 2017. FKH has been inviting Fukushima children to Big Island for learning and healing since 2013, and the proceeds of events will be used for this summer’s program.

For the first time, Hilo based Corus Group “Harmony on Tap” is joining the effort, whose leader Jeri Gertz says, “We are happy to sing for a great cause” and all the music lovers are invited to enjoy the concert and to support Fukushima children. This summer’s group will be the 7th of such invited by FKH, a project of Aloha Keiki, 501c3 based in Honolulu, and FKH is expecting to host100th person in 2017.

1. PRAYER for FUKUSHIMA (祈りINORI)

Sat. March 11, 2017 from 4-6pm @Hawaiian Queen Coffee Garden \*Fee:$20~

PRAYER（祈りINORI）-- Dance by Nasu Shizuno

Opened by Kumu Keala, MC and Flute by Yumi Kikuchi, Piano by Annu Shionoya

Puccini, Mozart, Verdi, Debussy and more, Vocal by Kau’ilani Trainer (Soprano)

2. Big Island Opera with Harmony on Tap Concert for Fukushima Children

Sun. March 12, 2017 from 3-6pm@East Hawaii Cultural Center \*Fee: $20~

Vocals: Kau’ilani Trainer (Soprano), Lisa Tagtor (Alto), Marius Stranger(Tenor)

Harmony on Tap (Women’s Chorus)

 Annu Shoko Shionoya  (Piano) , Yumi Kikuchi (Flute)

Selected opera arias, Art songs and jazz pop, By Puccini, Handel, Mozart, Verdi, Strauss, Gluck, Debussy, Schubert and more.

 **From co-founders of Fukushima Kids Hawaii:----- Yumi and Gen Morita**

 The 6th anniversary of March 11, 2011 earthquake, tsunami and 3 nuclear reactors’ meltdowns of Fukushima, Japan is nearing.  FKH invites you for a prayer, dance and music to raise awareness and fund so that we can invite Fukushima children to Hawaii for 1 month of learning and healing during their summer vacation.

On Feb 10, Japanese media reported that the level of the radiation hit record high, 650 sievert/hour at Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant unit 2.  You would die in 30 seconds if you are exposed to such high radiation.

Our work will be more vital than ever to support Fukushima children who have been living in the higher radiation than before, and to raise awareness on this unprecedented environmental and health challenge. It affects all of us in Hawaii and entire Earth in the long run and protecting health of children is vital for human survival.

All the proceed of these two events goes to this summer’s FKH program, inviting children from Fukushima to Kona for learning, healing and giving them a one month respite from radiation exposure during the summer vacation.

For more information about FKH: <http://www.fukushimakidshawaii.com>

Fukushima Kids Hawaii is a project of ALOHA KEIKI (501c3) . FKH is grateful for all the support Kona and Hilo community has given them. FKH will be hosting 100th children from Fukushima this summer. To host one child for a month including airfare costs about $3000~4000. Thanks to the generous support of people participating our fundraisers, FKH have been able to keep the program alive since 2013. We appreciate your participation and contribution. Mahalo & Arigato

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