

***For Immediate Release*****ACCJ Kansai Chapter Invites Charities in Kansai to  
Apply for Contributions  
- Proceeds Raised at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Charity Walk-A-Thon to be Donated-**

**November 13, 2008 (Osaka)**— The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) Kansai Chapter held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Charity Walk-A-Thon for “Improving the Environment for Working Women in Japan” on October 18, as a part of the Chamber’s CSR activities. The event was a success with more than 2,000 participants.

The ACCJ Kansai Chapter announced today that it will donate the proceeds from the Walk-A-Thon, over 7.5 million yen\*, to charitable organizations in the Kansai area that support working women.

Non-profit organizations interested in receiving a charitable contribution from the ACCJ Kansai Chapter are encouraged to apply using the application form that follows.

\*Less the event operating expenses.

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**About the ACCJ**

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) was established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American companies. Marking its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008, the ACCJ has grown into one of the most influential business organizations in Japan. Consisting mainly of executives from American companies, currently the ACCJ has members representing 1,300 companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the governments of the United States and Japan, business organizations, and others, the ACCJ promotes activities that help achieve its mission of further developing commerce between the United States and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan. Over 50 committees representing various industries play the ACCJ’s central role in making policy recommendations through advocacy tools such as the Business White Paper and holding over 500 events and seminars annually on public policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to promoting charitable events and other CSR activities.

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## ACCJ Kansai Charity Walk-A-Thon 2008 Charity Funds Application Instructions

Application Deadline: Dec. 1, 2008

Eligibility (must fulfill one of the following):

1. Non-profit organizations or agencies such as day care centers, Family Support Centers or other services that help caring for children while mothers are at work that contribute to "Improving the Environment of Working Women" in the Kansai area
2. Non-profit organizations or groups that require funds to start programs that will contribute to "Improving the Environment of Working Women" in the Kansai area.

The above organizations will be required to support the 2009 Walk-A-Thon scheduled for October.

Programs that meet Fund application criteria:

One of the following programs shall meet fund application criteria.

- A) Education or counseling programs to enable working women to balance a career and private life.
- B) Skill-building programs for women.

In the case that a large number of applications are received, priority will be given to organizations or programs that meet the following conditions.

- Past charity fund recipient organizations demonstrating strong results (reliable plan for fund application and timely reports)
- Activities that demonstrate successful support of women balancing work and child rearing responsibilities in the Kansai area
- Having a definite plan that meets the needs of the area for activities supporting women with work and child rearing responsibilities
- Contributing to an environment that makes it easier for women to work
- Programs that receive wide participation by the general public

How to apply:

Fill-in and submit the attached application form, accompanied by the necessary documentation to the ACCJ Kansai Chapter Office by mail, e-mail or fax. Applicants may copy the attached application form or contact the ACCJ Kansai Chapter Office (refer to the contact information below) to request a copy.

Screening method:

The Women In Business and Community Service Committee of the ACCJ Kansai Chapter will evaluate the applications and interview as deemed necessary, to make selections and recommendations to the ACCJ Kansai Chapter Executive Committee. The final decision will be made by the ACCJ Kansai Chapter Executive Committee.

Announcement:

Announcement of the applicants selected to receive funds will be made by the ACCJ Kansai Chapter Office within one month of the deadline for application submission.

Amount of fund allocation:

- The amount of funds applied for shall reflect the size and be within the capability of the organization. The amount shall be more than 100,000 yen but less than 1,500,000 yen.
- An outline of the applying organization's activities and a budget of how the funds will be used shall be stated in the application documents.
- After selection, a portion of or the total amount requested will be granted.
- In the case that only a portion of the funds requested are granted, the grant may be used in combination with funds acquired from other sources to carry out the planned activity.

Obligations of the recipient organization:

- After the planned activity has been completed, a report should be submitted to the ACCJ Kansai Chapter Office.
- In case the program contents are changed, a report must be submitted and approved by the ACCJ Kansai Chapter.
- In case the planned activity cannot be carried out due to unforeseen circumstances, the funds should be returned to the ACCJ Kansai Chapter Office or be handled as instructed thereby.
- Support ACCJ CSR activities including participation to 2009 Walkathon.

All inquiries, requests for application instructions and forms, and submission of application forms should be addressed to the following:

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## ACCJ Kansai Charity Walk-A-Thon 2008 Charity Funds Application Form

Date of Application	(Month/Date/Year)
Name of Organization Location Representative	
Applicants Name Address  Telephone No. Email Address	〒
Date Certified as NPO (if the organization is NPO )	
Date Established	
Amount Required	
Bank Transfer Information	Bank      Branch Account No. Account Name

Organization's Description (attach a copy of the articles of incorporation if available )

