



LEGACY FOUNDATION JAPAN

Seeds of Hope

Juneteenth Gala

2023





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The Legacy Foundation Japan is a social professional network headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. Founded in January 2020 and established as a General Incorporated Association in March 2021, the Foundation's mission is dedicated to connecting, investing, and empowering the future of African Americans and people of African descent in Japan.

It is our priority to build and strengthen our identity as a people; equipping communities with the knowledge, tools, and connections needed to not only survive but to thrive, creating a legacy of success in Japan and the world.

We work to:

- To educate and build stronger relationships that bridge communities for positive change and support.
- Create a space for engagement to have the necessary conversations to increase understanding to heal, build and thrive as a community.
- Expand our cultural, social, and financial contributions, while building stronger relationships of mutual understanding with Japanese and the other nationalities residing in Japan.



About Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a nationally recognized observance in the United States commemorating the end of slavery in 1863. On June 19, 1865, Ralph Granger issued General Order No. 3 calling for the abolishment of slavery in southern Texas. Widely recognized as a celebration of African-American culture, the holiday is mostly observed during the month of June. It finally became a Federal holiday June 17, 2021.

Juneteenth is a US Holiday that exemplifies the globally recognized need for equality and a shared hope for unity, acceptance and change.

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Education

Legacy Foundation Japan seeks to educate, celebrate, and share the spirit of this celebration in Japan with our global family of people, brands, and organizations, as it exemplifies a globally recognized need to leverage our past for a more equal, just, and shared future for all, our “Seeds of Hope.”

This year's 2nd Annual Juneteenth Gala, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African- Americans. Held Saturday, June 17th at The Tokyo American Club in Tokyo Japan, this year's theme, “Seeds Of Hope”, will honor the contributions of Rosenwald Schools, **Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)**'s and the Divine Nine Fraternities and Sororities as we celebrate the significance of education following the ending of slavery. African Americans in the former slave-holding states saw education as an important step toward achieving equality, independence, and prosperity. As a result, they found ways throughout history to learn despite the many obstacles before them.

Inspiration

Out of all the products or services we make to give the world, one of the greatest things we can give is hope. Hope can be the reason someone finds a way to keep going. Hope is what helps another get past the bumps in the road and find a better path.

Hope is believing that the best part is yet to come. For this year's Seeds of Hope Gala, Legacy Foundation Japan will invite HBCU Coahoma Community College Concert Choir to sing the music that outlines the stories of overcoming with determination and love during and following slavery. The beauty and dignity of the music we call “Spirituals” helped save Fisk University, an all Black University in Nashville, TN from closing due to lack of funding. Music has played an important part in Education for African Americans. It presented a platform for unity, change and acceptance. Coahoma Community College Concert Choir will continue this message here in Japan.

Action

Legacy Foundation Japan hopes that together with partnering individuals, organizations and companies, we can sow seeds of hope into home communities through amazing experiences here in Japan, starting with the Coahoma Community College Concert Choir. When you plant seeds of hope into your garden, business or life there are no promises, but there is a driving force that makes you persevere because you have hope that you will succeed. You have something to believe in. Will you plant your seed today?



Honoring Rosenwald Schools & The Divine Nine



Celebrating the significance of education following slavery means celebrating the Rosenwald School project which built more than 5,000 schools primarily for African American children in the South. This was during a time when education was severely underfunded as black people continue to face discrimination. Spearheaded by Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington, millions of dollars were raised by African American rural communities so that children were able to receive a better education.

Also when celebrating education within the Black community, one can not do so without celebrating the Divine Nine Fraternities and Sororities. With Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. leading the way, the Divine Nine has been a support for minority students who faced exclusion and prejudices both educationally and socially since the early 20th century. They have served as pillars in the Black community, giving hope to many young people that higher education was both encouraged and achievable. During the Juneteenth "Seeds Of Hope" Gala, Legacy Foundation Japan will honor the history and contributions of the Divine Nine. Celebrating organizations whose core values are leadership, scholarship and community service deserve to be recognized and celebrated. During the Gala it is our hope to share and celebrate the History, the Clothing, the Culture and the People. If you are a part of the Divine Nine, we are humbly asking you to help make this happen.

About Coahoma Community College Concert Choir



One of Mississippi's well renowned choirs, the Coahoma Community College Concert Choir maintains an established reputation for performing diverse repertoire, including: arranged concert spirituals, oratorios, and contemporary & traditional gospel music. With works by composers like Adolphus Hailstork, Robert Shaw, John Rutter, Antonio Vivaldi, Robert Ray, Tom Fettke, Eric Whitacre, and Ola Gjeilo, among others, the choir dazzles audiences with harmonies fit to stir the soul.

As a cultural ambassador for the college, the Concert Choir continues to serve the regional and local audiences performing at special events both in the sacred and secular spheres. Having toured throughout the United States in major cities from Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta, Orlando, San Antonio, and Houston, to the communities in Mississippi from Clarksdale to the Gulf Coast, the choir reflects the rich legacy of excellence in choral ensemble singing. Some of the noteworthy performances include appearances on programs that featured celebrities such as Judge Greg Mathis, actress Tonea Stewart, and national recording artists Ricky Dillard, Dorinda Clark Cole, Amber Bullock, Kurt Carr, and Le' Andria Johnson.

Singing at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Gospel Extravaganza in Washington, DC and the Mississippi Choral Directors Association/Mississippi Music Educators Association conference extended the stages of performance among those known for excellence in choral literature. Featuring Dr. Tower's arrangement of, "A Change is Gonna Come" in the internationally aired Pulse Film (London, England) documentary, the Concert Choir continues to garner the profoundly honored place of representing Coahoma Community College nationally and globally. The choir is led by Dr. Kelvin K. Towers, Music Department Chair and Director of Choral Activities

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Performance

1. Full Choir (24 members)

Education

1. Internships
2. Classes
3. Talks

Collaborations

1. Recordings
2. Compositions
3. more

Public Relations :

1. Photos
2. TV
3. more

Gala

Sponsorships / Donations:

Schedule Availability:



Open



Scheduled

| | T | W | Th | Fr | Sa | Su | M | T | W |
|--|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----|------------|--------------------------------------|----|----|-----------|
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | Arrival | Kyoiritsu University | Internships Tokyo Towers | | GALA Event | New Sanno Hotel Juneteenth Brunch | | | Departure |



Hope is a gift that we give ourselves. Hope is a gift we can share within others.

Hope is free, yet losing hope comes at a great cost. Hope is within all of us.

We just need to let it guide us to a better future.

-Harvey Mackay



Sow A Seed Of Hope

SEEDS OF HOPE DONATION

Make a consumer or monetary donation of any amount to support the student's travel, stay and experience in Tokyo Japan.

¥800,000 TABLE SPONSORSHIP

¥500,000 of your table sponsorship will support student's travel, stay and experience. Sponsors will receive 8 tickets for the Seeds of Hope Juneteenth Gala as well as sponsor recognition.

¥500,000 TABLE SPONSORSHIP

¥350,000 of your table sponsorship will support student's travel, stay and experience. Sponsors will receive 5 tickets for the Seeds of Hope Juneteenth Gala as well as sponsor recognition.

¥300,000 TABLE SPONSORSHIP

¥200,000 of your table sponsorship will support student's travel, stay and experience. Sponsors will receive 3 tickets for the Seeds of Hope Juneteenth Gala as well as sponsor recognition.

1 - DAY INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Make a donation of any amount to support the students' travel, stay and experience.

LEGACY GIFT

Make a gift donation of gifts to give away to support the Gala experience.

A photograph of a paved road winding through a forest. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, likely from the setting or rising sun, creating a soft glow and long shadows. The trees on the left are mostly bare, while those on the right have some green and yellow leaves. A road sign is visible on the right side of the road. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

"YOUR LIFE IS BROADER THAN YOUR BORDERS"

-JOY SAUNDERS



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