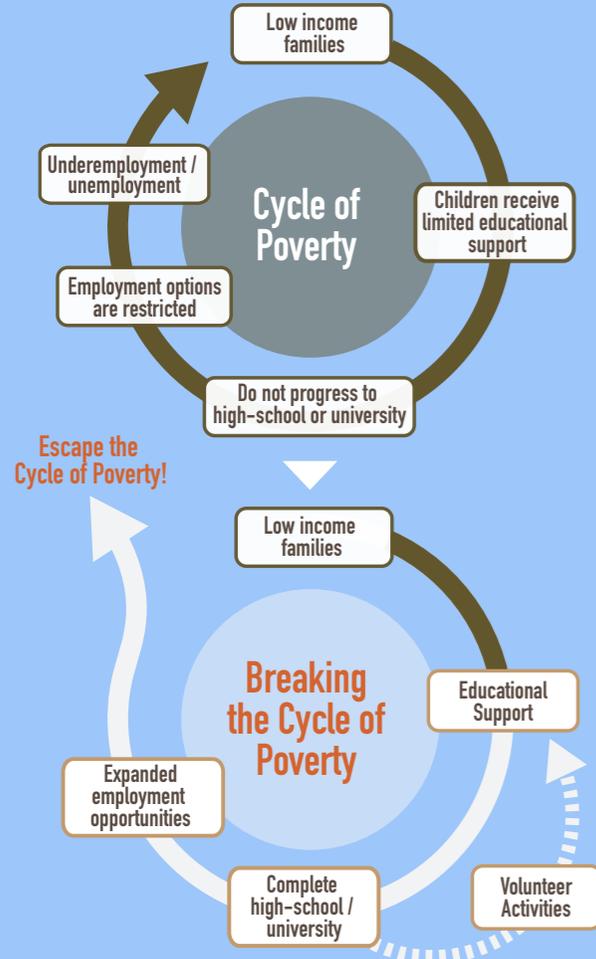


## BREAKING THE POVERTY CYCLE

At KidsDoor, we provide free after-school learning support and various hands-on activities to children with financial disadvantage, with role-model volunteers to enhance their self-confidence and motivation to learn. Our mission is to break the cycle of poverty through our activities working towards a society that supports the hopes and dreams of all children.



According to Nippon Foundation's report on Child Poverty, it would cause 4 trillion JPY (40 Billion USD) loss to our society by ignoring only a one-year educational disadvantage in a 15-year-old (2.9 trillion financial loss and 1.1 trillion increase in social welfare cost).

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

As an NPO, KidsDoor relies upon donations from supporters and volunteers like you. With your support, we can provide children learning opportunities and better learning environments. From as little as ¥1,000 per month, you can contribute to the brighter future of children. You will be informed of how your contribution made a difference in our Annual Report.

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**¥3,000/month** Covers the costs of teaching materials for one student.

**¥5,000/month** Pays for one student to attend a free study sessions for 5 months.

**¥10,000/month** Provides mock exams for 30 students who take the free study session.

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# EMPOWERING EVERY CHILD TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN FUTURE

**KIDSDOOR**

## ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY, FOR THE SAKE OF CHILDREN, FOR THE SAKE OF SOCIETY.

In 2007, KidsDoor started activities to address the educational disadvantage of many Japanese children, caused by severe poverty. Today, we run more than 60 free learning sessions at various venues. Child poverty in Japan is a serious social problem although it is unknown to the majority of Japanese. Many children have as little as 100 yen for lunch and have often no other choice to buy snacks instead of meals. Some need to study on their knees due to their housing environment. One junior high school student's summer goal was to try to eat three meals a day and stay healthy.

Children cannot choose their financial circumstances of their family, but no child should be disadvantaged for life and abandon their dreams and hopes due to circumstances beyond their control. As an NPO our mission is to break the negative cycle of child poverty by providing them the best possible chance at life.

Donation is one of the simple ways to show that you care. Please support us to empower every child to choose his/her own future.



Yumiko Watanabe  
Chairman, NPO KidsDoor  
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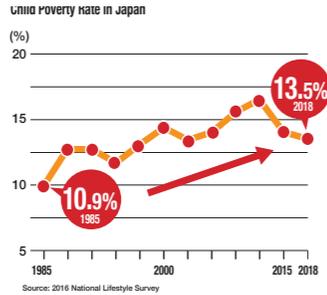
### Profile:

After graduating Chiba University and working at a major department store and publishing company as a marketing planner, Yumiko relocated to England with her spouse and experienced "raising children in a different society". In 2007, she launched the voluntary group KidsDoor. Yumiko is a Member of the Council of Experts on Child Poverty Countermeasures, Cabinet Office, and a Member of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare Social Security Council.

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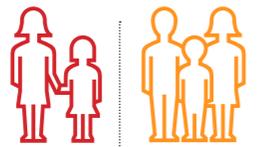
# ONE IN SEVEN JAPANESE CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY

Child poverty in Japan is rapidly becoming a major social issue. In 2018, 13.5% or 1 out of 7 children in other words, live in relative poverty. Furthermore, 1 in 2 children of single-parent households live in poverty, a fact that places Japan as one of the worst among the 37 OECD countries in terms of child poverty.



**One in seven Japanese children live in poverty**

In contrast to Japan's average annual income of 6.2 million yen for a family, single-mother households need to live on 1.8 million yen per year. Single mothers' income is not even enough to cover school-related expenses.

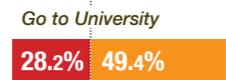


Fatherless household

Family household with children



**Comparison of HS graduates**



Poverty has a significant negative impact on children's academic success. Statistics show children in poverty score the lowest in Japanese Language and Math, and are more likely to drop out of high school and university.

# WHAT DOES KIDSDOOR DO?

By providing learning support, hands-on activities, and career education, we aim to break the poverty chain and work towards a society that supports the hopes and dreams of all children

## LEARNING SUPPORT

- Management of free study sessions.
- Management of free study session locations.
- High school drop-out prevention and learning support for children who have dropped out of school.



Motivate learning and intellectual curiosity through personalized study plans for each student.

We help students be prepared for the high school entrance exams, which is essential to open their future. We have a 100% success rate in sending students to high school.

## EVENTS/ HANDS ON EXPERIENCES

Many children with financial disadvantages have the least opportunities for social experiences through various events. We provide events like camps, seasonal event experiences (such as Christmas), and arrange office visits. Through work experiences, they encounter diverse career paths other than that of their parents.



By interacting with many different professionals, students gain knowledge of professions and occupations they would not have considered as a career path.

## TALENT DEVELOPMENT

We hold a variety of lectures nationwide, for groups, governments and individuals engaged in learning support, as well as activities and programs to develop learning support volunteers and coordinators. Additionally, we develop original text books and effective teaching methods to further enhance the children's learning experience.



Students develop communication skills and increase social confidence while interacting with university students and working adults.

## REGIONAL STUDENTS

The declining birthrate and aging population have accelerated the consolidation and closure of schools in local areas, expanding the education gap and disadvantage in terms of learning opportunities compared to city areas. We collaborate with local governments in providing public learning schools and leader training programs in order to develop key talents for local society.



In collaboration with local governments, we provide free training to develop talent, and child support for the areas in need of disaster recovery assistance.

# STUDENTS' VOICE



3rd-year high school girl

I planned to work straight after graduation, so not to be a burden on my mother. I thought universities were only for rich people.

Now, I know there are scholarships to help me into university, so I study extra hard to make my mother proud.

My father was laid off and my mother had to look for work, while I cared for my little brother. It was stressful. I had no time to study and dropped out.

Now, I have space to study calmly and speak to teachers who are really helping me to catch up.



17-year-old boy who dropped out of high school

# VOLUNTEERS' VOICE



University Student Volunteer

I was raised on welfare and attended college with a scholarship. I volunteer so that I can give back. I understand the pain and hopelessness they feel. I was the same... But if we think "let's do our best" we can break the cycle of poverty. I will continue to support all children.

Through KidsDoor, I realized child poverty was unknown to the majority of people. I want to create a space where children can learn and look forward to their future, a future not restricted by circumstances beyond their control, so they can grow in the hope of realizing their dreams.



University Student Volunteer