

# THE WE ARE WITH YOU

May 12, 13, 2011  
Number of participants:  
5/12: 202  
5/13: 180

## **WORKING TOGETHER**

We've begun working with other organizations. Like us, many of these organizations are run by short-term volunteers. This makes it all the more important for us to communicate, clarify and prepare our assignments. In one recent incident, furniture was delivered when the resident of the house was unavailable. Please keep in mind, communication is essential for efficient volunteering.

## **Volunteers Wanted!**

Tono-Magokoronet is run entirely by volunteers – including administrative work. We are looking for volunteers with experience in the following:

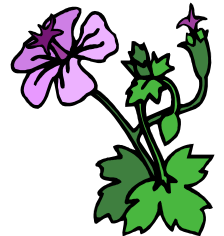
- (1) PC skills
- (2) Administrative work
- (3) Volunteer coordinators.

### **What's a volunteer coordinator?**

Volunteer coordinators serve as the clearinghouse for volunteer work, matching requests from disaster-hit areas with volunteers. Training and certification are provided by local municipalities.

## **SEEDS FROM THE HEART**

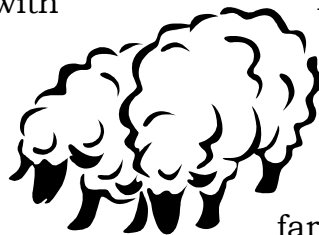
Please donate vegetable or flower seeds. We'll distribute them to evacuees whose miss their farms and gardens.



## **AROUND TOWN**

### *Sheepish Fame?*

"We'll be having Jingsukan (mutton barbeque) tonight!". "Again!?" I thought. I was staying with a local farmer, and we had mutton barbeque the night before. Mutton barbeque is a specialty of



Hokkaido – but this is Tono city. "Of all places, why are we having mutton here?" The farmer I stayed with explained. Decades ago, farmers in Tono raised sheep to sell fleece. Eating mutton was a treat for the family, and to this day, there are Jingsukan restaurants around town – there's actually one near the center.

## **Mind your Manners**

- Please help keep our buses clean. Do not wear dirty footwear onto the bus – instead, take them off and put them into a plastic bag. Bags are available at the front desk.
- Wipe the mud off your shoes before returning to the center.