



## **Report on 2013 Boston Charity Concert Grant**

**- JB Line, Inc. -**

Thanks to your charity grant, JB Line, Inc. was able to host a parenting support group on March 2, 2014 at the Circle of Boston Nursery School in Watertown. The response was extremely good that filled the available spots immediately, resulting in a large attendance of 33 parents and their children. We used the grant to pay for lectures by experts, the rental fee for the meeting space and snacks for participants.

As part of our effort to support the parents with young children, we invited two professionals to give lectures on parenting issues as follows:

- “Children’s Language Development and the Parenting to Promote It” by Nari Koga, Ed.D.
- “How to Find the Personality of A Child and How to Raise His Self-Esteem” by Ayumi Shinohara, Supervisor at the South Bay Early Education Department

This support group was successful with positive feedback from the participants. Parents with younger children often get busy with taking care of their children, miss social occasions and tend to feel isolated. This tendency is even higher for immigrants. We firmly believe this support group not only provided those parents an opportunity to learn something new but also a good place to network with other parents who share the same language and culture (Japanese in this case) in the area.

Thank you.

