

# Arakawa Ward

## Project for Creating a Safe Place for Children



### Situation

The City established the “Research Committee on Child Poverty” in May 2009, and pushed ahead with its research on poverty eradication. Focusing on child poverty problems, the City started to provide financial support to groups participating in “The Project for Creating a Safe Place For Children” in FY2015.



### Action

This project provides children who need various types of support, including socially withdrawn children and bullied children as well as children from families living in poverty, single-parent families, or families where child abuse happens, with food aid, learning support and relaxation, in order to create a safe place for them in the community and to assist them multilaterally from their home life to their school life.

### Impact

#### (1) Three Concepts

- 1) Place...a cozy third place, not school, home, or a play area
- 2) Meeting...contact with grown-ups and society, not teachers, or family members
- 3) Growing up...a project for developing the heart (by interaction), the body (by eating), and the mind (by studying)

#### (2) Effects of the project

- About 80 children used this project in FY2016.
- Nutritional support through providing hot meals
- Continuing studies at home leading to good grades at school
- An indispensable and precious place for children