

Donations to the OKCC

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The Okinawa Karate and Cultural Center is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history, culture, and traditions of the Okinawan people. The Center seeks donations* from individuals or organizations in order to maintain its operations and continue its mission. Donations can come in two forms: artifacts or monetary contributions.

Artifacts are an important part of any cultural center's collection, as they provide physical evidence of a particular time period or event within that culture's history. Examples may include traditional clothing items such as kimonos; arts and crafts like pottery, lacquerware, and Ryukyu glass; musical instruments like taiko drums and sanshin; books written by authors from Okinawa; photographs taken during special occasions such as weddings or festivals—the list goes on! Any artifact donated will be carefully preserved for future generations to enjoy learning about their heritage through these tangible objects. At the discretion of the donor, the item will be credited to the donor while on display in the Cultural Center.

Artifacts can also be donor “loaned” to the Cultural Center for a limited time display and then returned to the owner. In this case, an agreement is written to document the duration of the item for display at the Center and photos taken to document the condition of the item when received by the Center and upon return of the item to the owner. At the discretion of the donor, the item will be credited to the donor while on display in the Cultural Center.

Monetary donations are also vital for keeping the Center running smoothly by helping pay operating costs, purchasing new educational materials for visitors to explore while at the facility, covering staff salaries so they can dedicate their time towards promoting Okinawan culture throughout the metropolitan Washington, DC area and beyond - allowing more people access than ever before! These funds also help support outreach programs geared towards teaching children about their ancestral roots through interactive activities designed specifically with them in mind.

The Cultural Center will have 2 separate plaques mounted and maintained on the wall with the names listed of each significant contributor as follows:

- one plaque listing the names of each person(s) making contributions \$1000 or greater
- one plaque listing the names of each person(s) making contributions \$10,000 or greater

In conclusion, donating both artifacts and money helps ensure that this unique piece of Okinawa history remains alive today so it can be appreciated tomorrow! By giving what you can (whether it be an item from your personal collection or some cash) you will not only assist with sustaining this wonderful institution but become part of something much larger - preserving centuries worth knowledge right here at home within our own community!

Please contact Master Folta directly at masterfolta@gmail.com or telephone/text 703-628-4006 to initiate donations. Master Folta reserves the right to refuse items offered for donation.

****Please note that the Okinawa Karate and Cultural Center is NOT a non-profit 501(c)(3) and therefore donations are NOT tax deductible.***