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"Echoes of Silence" Receives \$2,000 donation from Rose and Nobo Ikuta

Los Angeles, CA - On October 7, 2007, Rose and Nobo Ikuta board members of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance (Alliance) donated \$2000 to Japanese American Living Legacy (JA Living Legacy.) This is our largest single donation thus far. These funds will be used to perpetuate the educational programs regarding the soldiers who were Killed-In-Action (KIA) during World War II. The Ikutas are repeat donors to JA Living Legacy. JA Living Legacy does not actively seek donations from the public so when unsolicited funds are given, we are extremely appreciative. This tells us that the public believes in what we do and supports us both financially as well as emotionally.

This past year, the Alliance formed a joint partnership with JA Living Legacy. The partnership was formed at the behest of then Alliance president, Dr. Roy Machida, who has recently passed away. Dr. Machida encouraged the Alliance to fund JA Living Legacy projects that preserve the memories and experiences of Japanese American soldiers during World War II.

"As JA Living Legacy grows and takes on more collaborative legacy projects, we always want to remember our roots – community first," says Kirk Yamamoto, Chief Operating Officer.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a nonprofit organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. For more information on Japanese American Living Legacy, please visit their website at <u>www.jalivinglegacy.org</u> or call them at (714) 278-4483. For more information on Echoes of Silence, please contact Jim Yamashita at <u>jimy442@verizon.net</u>.