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Nikkei Writers Guild Receives \$20,000 Anonymous Donation

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

JA Living Legacy's Nikkei Writers Guild received a \$20,000 anonymous donation. This is our largest single donation to date. Nikkei Writers Guild accepted this gift to ensure that unpublished Japanese American authors would have a chance to establish roots in our community.

The Japanese American Living Legacy organization created Nikkei Writers Guild to focus on publishing literary works regarding the Japanese American community. This new working group addresses the need to encourage Japanese American authors to publish literary works that portray the many facets of our community. "Promoting the voices of our community remains a significant part of our mission," said Susan Uyemura, CEO of JA Living Legacy.

Nikkei Writers Guild is about to debut its first publication, "*Wolfhound Samurai*" by Vincent H. Okamoto. *Wolfhound Samurai* exemplifies a literary project that almost missed publication. Although *Wolfhound Samurai* was submitted and accepted at a few well-known publishers, the compromises each publisher demanded of the author were unacceptable. Nikkei Writers Guild offered this author a chance to publish his book without compromising the content or demanding conditions for publication. "Our plan was to rely on pre-sale orders to make payments with our printer, J & L Press, Inc. as much as possible; this donation certainly helps toward that effort," said Susan Uyemura. Nikkei Writers Guild has enlisted J & L Press as the formal printer of all of NWG's published materials.

Uyemura stated, "Our generous benefactor made the donation anonymously in hopes that NWG will continue to publish other unknown Nikkei writers." Any profits made from the sale of published materials will fund further publications. At this time, the Nikkei Writers Guild has one other completed manuscript in editing and layout.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a California nonprofit 501c3 organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. All of the board of directors, staff and advisors are volunteers. For more information on Japanese American Living Legacy, please visit their website at www.jalivinglegacy.org or call them at (714) 278-4483.

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