

# Japanese Cultural Center Addition

## Project Overview

This project aims to create a new multi-use building on the grounds of the Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens of Saginaw, which will increase our ability to provide cultural learning opportunities for the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond. In addition, this project will provide much needed maintenance to protect the integrity of the Tea House and Gardens for years to come.



### Highlights of the project include:

- 20' by 20' classroom for cultural workshops and meetings
- 540 sq ft temperature-controlled storage area to protect our Japanese artifacts
- Permanent outdoor shelter for garden-related activities (festivals, weddings, etc.)
- Accessible restroom
- Exterior and interior repairs to the existing Tea House
- Much-needed repairs to our iconic vermilion arch bridge
- A new Tea House garden fence



### CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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## Capital Campaign

**The total estimated cost of this project is \$497K, which includes:**

- \$357K for the Cultural Center Addition (i.e., classroom, storage area, restroom, and covered pavilion)
- \$66K for vermilion arch bridge repairs
- \$55K for Tea House interior and exterior repairs
- \$16K for a new Tea Garden fence

We are happy to report that we have already raised over \$200K of the necessary funds. In addition, Glastender, Inc. has generously offered to provide a 50 cents per dollar donated match up to a total of \$100,000 to help us get the remaining \$300K required to be fully funded.

## Giving Levels

We truly appreciate your consideration and will gladly accept any amount you are willing to donate.

### Sponsorship Opportunities:

- \$1,000 – 2-year mention in Tea House communications and on our web page
- \$5,000 – Your name included on a permanently-installed plaque at the Cultural Center
- ~~\$10,000 – Official Tea Garden fence sponsor plaque – one available~~ *Pledged*
- \$20,000 – Official storage room sponsor plaque – one available
- \$30,000 – Official classroom sponsor plaque – one available
- \$40,000 – Official pavilion sponsor plaque – one available
- ~~\$50,000 – Official vermilion arch bridge sponsor plaque – one available~~ *Pledged*

Thank you for your donation in support of the Japanese Cultural Center Addition.

Kindly check the donation level that applies:

- \$1,000
- \$5,000
- ~~\$10,000~~ *Pledged*
- \$20,000
- \$30,000
- \$40,000
- ~~\$50,000~~ *Pledged*
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your check payable to:  
**Japanese Cultural Center**

and return with this form to:

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As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, all contributions to the Japanese Cultural Center of Saginaw are tax deductible.

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## Japanese Cultural Center Addition Renderings



540 sq ft temperature-controlled storage area



Permanent outdoor shelter



20' by 20' classroom

Accessible restroom

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## About the Japanese Cultural Center



The Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House, and Gardens of Saginaw, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to promoting intercultural understanding and peace through the art of tea ceremony.

Located in the heart of Saginaw's Central Park System near downtown, the three-acre Tokushima-Saginaw Friendship Garden has been open to the public for over 50 years and is an endearing symbol of our decades-long friendship with our sister city, Tokushima, Japan. The picturesque garden includes an open field dotted with mature trees, as well as a stretch of shoreline along Lake Linton that offers a stunning view of Ojibwe Island.

As visitors explore the garden, they are treated to Japanese rock landscapes, including a waterfall, a winding stream that flows under a vibrant vermilion arch bridge, and several stone lanterns. One of the highlights of the garden is the collection of rare Tokushima Blue Rocks, which are highly valued for their rare bluish-green color.

Nestled in the garden with lush green foliage is the Awa Saginaw An built in 1985, a genuine sukiya-style Japanese Tea House, built by sukiya daiku – artisanal carpenters. With construction materials imported directly from Japan, the Tea House is treasured as an architectural and cultural landmark.



Since its opening in 1986, the Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House, and Gardens of Saginaw has offered tea ceremony demonstrations as cornerstone service to the community – a 500 year old tradition as well as garden and Tea House tours for groups and walk-in visitors . It also offers garden and Tea House tours daily and a variety of programs and festivals showcasing Japanese arts and culture attracting thousands of visitors from the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond.

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