

“Senbazuru” 1,000 Paper Cranes

This is a Japanese tradition to fold 1,000 paper cranes and tie them together with strings. This is an expression of seeking healing or peace.

One day one of the Abbott Northwestern Hospital Chaplains handed a paper crane to a COVID patient. He was so encouraged and said, “I will overcome COVID and I will keep this crane for entire my life”.

Listening to this story, many Japanese people including children, students, families, church members, a Buddhist monk, a Shinto priest and even a cancer patient made them for us. A total of 16,000 cranes were made and shipped to Abbott Northwestern Hospital. We decided to use these cranes as a holiday decoration to encourage all patients and medical workers here in Abbott Northwestern Hospital. We believe this decoration transcends religion, race, continents, illness, and words. Peace to all!

Chaplains, patients, therapists, and so many facility staff worked to display this decoration.
Thank you all!

