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## From Executive Director Tom Ikeda

Dear Friends,

Islamophobic and anti-immigrant policies echoing the treatment of Japanese Americans 76 years ago has caused a surge in interest in the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans and the groundbreaking work of Densho. We've received offers to collaborate on new educational programs connecting the Japanese American story with current events; to help create new digital archives with other groups; to speak at numerous events across the country about the ongoing relevance of the Japanese American story; to digitize newfound Japanese American collections; to join universities on research projects; and to partner on film, book, and theater projects.

I am excited because these opportunities promote learning and understanding while sharing the important lessons of the World War II Japanese American incarceration with a wider and more diverse audience. But to continue growing with these new activities, we need more funding.

That's why Densho is seeking a talented [Fund Development Director](#) to grow and lead our fundraising program. This person will join Densho's senior management team to chart the future course of Densho and work closely with me, and the board, to tell the Densho story. Please help us spread the word about this exciting opportunity!

Sincerely,

Tom Ikeda

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## Come work with us!

We're looking for a talented **Fund Development Director** to help us grow and sustain our work! Due to the rise of nationalism and xenophobia in the United States, Densho is expanding its education and communications programs, and is launching a multi-year fundraising initiative.



>> [Learn more and apply.](#)



## The Densho Resource Guide to Media on the Japanese American Removal and Incarceration



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Guide project

Introducing the new Densho Resource Guide for educators, a searchable database containing hundreds of films, books, articles, and more to help you teach Japanese American history! Browsable by grade level, reading level, theme, and genre. Check it out: [resourceguide.densho.org](http://resourceguide.densho.org)

Major funding for the Resource Guide was provided by grants from the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program, administered by the National Park Service and by the Hiroaki, Elaine & Lawrence Kono Foundation.

[Explore the Resource Guide](#)

### Blog Highlight: What We Can All Learn From One Family's Century of Solidarity

Michael Ishii is a New York based activist and organizer whose deep ties to interracial solidarity began decades before he was even born. In remarks made to a crowd gathered for New York City's 2018 Day of Remembrance, Ishii introduced the Dunns, an Irish American couple who took in a young Japanese immigrant in the 1920s, raised him and his offspring, then came to the aid of their Japanese American family members and neighbors during World War II. That young immigrant was Ishii's grandfather and the Dunns' acts of kindness are now a fundamental part of his family story. Here, Ishii reflects not just on on what the Dunns gave, but also on what they gained.



>> [Read more.](#)

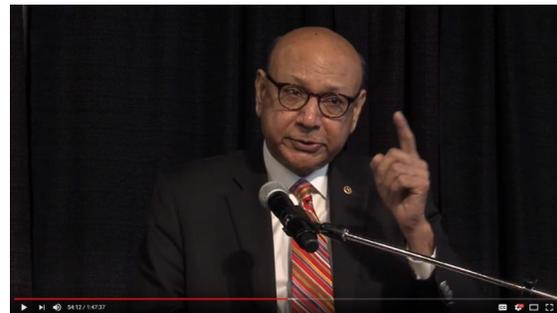
## "Our History, Our Responsibility"



Our 2018 Day of Remembrance was a truly memorable one and we are thrilled to have had photographer Kayla Isomura here to document it. View her powerful photos [here](#).

### Media Spotlight: Day of Remembrance

Watch footage from our February 2018 Day of Remembrance event, featuring performances by Kishi Bashi and Troy Osaki as well as a powerful speech delivered by Gold Star Father Khizr Khan.



>> [Watch "Our History, Our Responsibility"](#)

### Wing Luke Museum's Japanese American Remembrance Trail

Densho is a proud partner on the Wing Luke Museum's new walking trail through Seattle's historic Nihonmachi. The [Japanese American Remembrance Trail](#) is an urban hike in Seattle's original Japantown from Pioneer Square to the Chinatown-International District to the Central District. Visit Japantown past and present, immerse yourself in personal stories of resilience, and explore connections to today.



>> Read more and download a free map [here](#).

## Densho in New York City

### International Center of Photography

NYC friends, the World War II incarceration photographs of Toyo Miyatake, Ansel Adams, and Dorothea Lange are featured at New York City's International Center of Photography through May! Check out the "[Then They Came For Me](#)" exhibit and join Densho's Tom Ikeda, poets Christine Kitano, Kimiko Hahn, and others there on **March 27**.



>> [More information and tickets.](#)

### NYC Call for Materials

While we're in NYC, we'll be on the hunt for historical materials to digitize and add to our online archive. Let us know if you have photographs, documents, letters, diaries, scrapbooks, artwork, films, or other items related to Japanese American history.

>> [Contact Densho's collections team.](#)

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