The Shinzen Friendship Garden in Fresno is home to one of only three collections established by the California State Bonsai Federation. Considered among the finest in North America, the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen strives to preserve these decades-old living masterpieces as the original artists intended.

In this ancient Asian art form the trees are deliberately kept small, and then fashioned by the hands of artists who work in harmony with weather and time. Each specimen speaks to the power of culture, aesthetic, nature, and dedication.

The bonsai collection provides Kimiko Schock with a connection to her girlhood in Japan, and it touches her heart to preserve these botanical gems for all to enjoy. "These things remain inside me and are very precious to me," the Madera resident said.

To show her deep appreciation Kimiko donated to the Shinzen Endowment Fund at the Central Valley Community Foundation. The Fund supplies annual income to help sustain the garden and its educational mission.

She encourages everyone to give to the fund to ensure this civic treasure lives on for generations to come. The trees may be small, but the power of endowment is enormous.

Agency Endowments
Established in 1966, the Central Valley Community Foundation stewards the endowments of nonprofit organizations so the principal is never touched and the agencies receive funds on an annual basis to sustain their missions.