

# Touching the Lives of

<u>Kupuna</u>



# Keeping Kupuna Safe During COVID-19

### Senior Safe Ride

We helped hundreds of seniors who did not feel safe on public transportation during the pandemic. We arranged for safe rides to medical appointments and to access food and basic supplies.

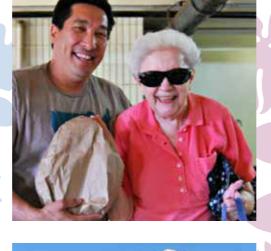
### Kupuna Food Needs

Partnering with different food agencies, we made over 8,000 deliveries of groceries and hot meals to area seniors in need during the pandemic lockdowns. We also worked with a local farmers to bring fresh produce to our seniors.

# 8,900+

number of sessions to help vulnerable seniors stabilize in crisis





# **Tech Savvy Seniors**

Most of our seniors were unable to access online resources as access almost every resource was moved online. In addition, seniors were at high risk for physical, cognitive and social/emotional decline due to social isolations. Our Virtual Community Center filled with interactive activities, iPad lending library, and technology training opened up new worlds and critical resources for isolated kupuna.



# 6,403

number of sessions/resources provided monthly through our Virtual Community Center

### **Active Aging**

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The effects of the isolation that resulted from the pandemic made engaging our seniors more critical than ever.

# Helping Seniors in Need

Connecting seniors to resources has never been more important. We held more than 8,900 sessions with vulnerable seniors to stabilize their situations, guiding them through a complex web of programs/services and the qualification criteria and application processes that come with each of them.

The pandemic amplified and shone a spotlight on the vulnerabilities of seniors like never before. In response, WCC ramped up senior services.



# Keiki

# Change the first five years, change a life

The first five years of life set the foundation for lifelong learning and success. WCC Early Education Program is closing the achievement gap between children from lower income families and their more advantaged peers. Engaging keiki in quality, whole-child experiences and developing family engagement skills during this crucial period of brain development puts our youngest learners on a path to success in school and beyond.





# Keiki Building Community

"Through our unique Keiki Building Community program, our preschoolers learn they are not too young to make a difference! Teachers connect real life issues that affect our community with classroom learning, like air and water pollution, hunger and homelessness. Children not only learn about community challenges but also discuss ways they can help and then take action. In 2020, after learning about impact of the pandemic on our visitor industry workers, they collected food to donate to those affected."



# Helping Children Succeed

89% of our keiki were from low-to-moderate income families

90% met developmental benchmarks

85% of families were more confident supporting their child's learning





# Community

# **Emergency Food Pantry**

Demand for our food pantry increased by more than 400% during the pandemic. We served nearly 3,700 people.

Many of our kupuna and lower income residents do not have vehicle access and our Center was one of the few sites during the pandemic where recipients could access food without a car.

### Rental Assistance

The economic crisis brought on by the pandemic particularly impacted our visitor industry. WCC responded by distributing nearly \$1.7 million dollars in rental assistance to those whose incomes were impacted by COVID-19.

# 1.7 million

amount of rental assistance given to those impacted by COVID-19



# Community Partners

Hope Chapel Waikiki
Legacy Foundation
Native Hawaiian Hospitality
Association
United Self Help
Waikiki Beach Chaplaincy
Waikiki Health

WCC partners with other nonprofits on our campus so community members can access a wider array of programs and services.

# Troy is so thankful for the WCC Foodbank:

"I look forward to coming down here to get the essentials I need to get by for another day or two. They know you like family, even know your dog's name. They even try to feed my dog. Anybody who has ever been hungry knows their help is major. Thank you, and God Bless you. They even know my name."





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### Aloha kakou!

Midori Miyake

This past year has been an extraordinary year.... however, I'm proud to say that a kind of renaissance at the Waikiki Community Center has emerged out of struggle.

We recognized that real and immediate needs like food security, housing assistance and access to computers and transportation needed to be addressed urgently during the pandemic. At the same time, however, we realize that services still need to be shifted "upstream" from providing band aids to also provide longer term solutions. These include providing preschool educational equity, social equity

and building resilience in our community with jobs, lifestyle and wholistic programs.

This has been our paradox over the past year. I'm proud to say that the WCC has served our community with flying colors in a very difficult environment. We are so grateful to our generous donors, many community partners, fantastic Board and dedicated and compassionate Staff who have made this all possible.

We hope you will continue to support in our mission to treat keiki and kupuna as ohana, for a more vibrant and resilient Waikiki.

Mahalo piha,

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# Ann Miyasato

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### Revenue and Support \$3,818,983

- Contributions
- Program Income
- **Government Grants**
- Facilities & Misc.
- Fundraising Events



### Expense by Category \$3,651,065

- Senior & Community Services
- Early Childhood
- Facilities-Nonprofit Use
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