



## Waikiki Community Center

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**Proudly Serving the Waikiki Community since 1978**

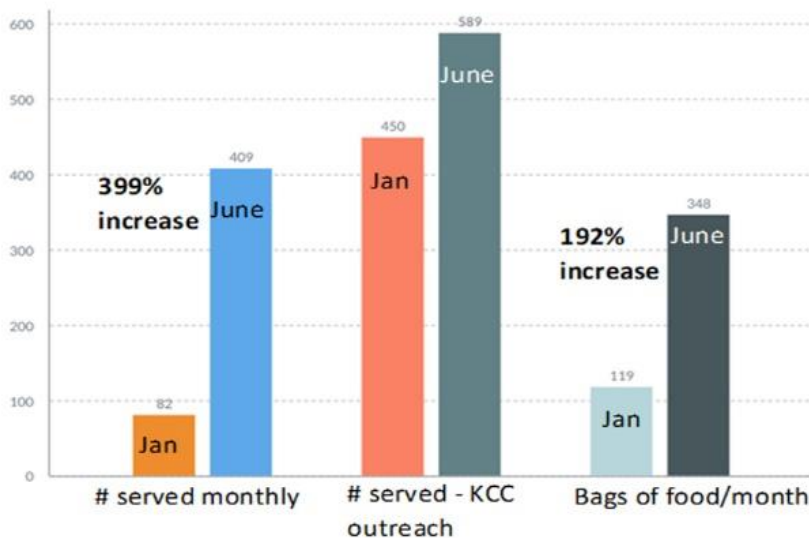
### A Message of Aloha – August 2020

#### *A message from our President....*

Aloha WCC community,

We know this has been a challenging time for everyone. The need in our community continues to increase and our amazing staff has quickly adapted to help meet some of those needs. We will get through this crisis by taking care on one another. Please continue to **share aloha** by taking care of yourself and others!

*Caroline Hayashi*



#### Emergency Food Pantry

##### **Near 400% increase in WCC's Emergency Food Pantry from January to June**

WCC's Emergency Food Pantry is one of the few food sites where you can walk up and do not need a car. Many of our kupuna and lower income residents do not have access to a vehicle.

#### Food Needs

We've delivered over 5,000 bags of groceries to area seniors housing complexes and connected seniors with permanent food resources.

We celebrated drive through graduation for 30 graduates (with staff and puppets as an audience – photo right).



#### Preschool

#### Kupuna & Tech Savvy Seniors



Although seniors are at risk for exposure to the coronavirus, they still need to maintain their well-being – physical, cognitive and social/emotional health.

**The Virtual Community Center** is opening up new worlds for isolated seniors.

Our **iPad Lending Library** and tech training help seniors access resources online.

**Senior Safe Ride** – We are helping seniors who no longer feel safe on public transportation with rides to access food, basic supplies and medical care.

*Fresh Local Produce  
at Waikiki Community Center*



Do you have Senior Farmers Market  
Nutrition Program vouchers to spend?

Would you like to conveniently purchase  
fresh local produce?

Contact Crystal at (808) 436-6122 or  
[cantonio@waikikicommunitycenter.org](mailto:cantonio@waikikicommunitycenter.org)  
for more information

**Upcoming  
LIVE PRESENTATIONS**

**BRAIN HEALTH**

by Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes \*

A healthy brain is essential for living a long  
and full life

Learn what you can do NOW

Thursday, August 27  
11am – 12noon

To register and obtain the Zoom link, please  
email [jokimura@waikikicommunitycenter.org](mailto:jokimura@waikikicommunitycenter.org)

\* Dr. Fernandes – Associate Professor at the Geriatric  
Medicine Department of the John A. Burns School of  
Medicine



**KUPUNA WELLNESS  
DURING COVID-19**

by Dr. Lucas Morgan, PhD \*\*

Friday, September 18  
1pm – 2pm

To register and obtain the Zoom link, please  
email [jokimura@waikikicommunitycenter.org](mailto:jokimura@waikikicommunitycenter.org)

\*\* Clinical Psychologist

**SENIOR SAFE RIDE**

In response to COVID-19, Waikiki Community Center is offering Senior Safe Ride, to help seniors get to the grocery store, access basic supplies and get to medical appointments more safely. The program targets seniors who normally take the bus and no longer feel safe on public transportation, and/or do not have the resources to access taxis/ride share services.

WCC will arrange for a ride (pick up and drop off) through the ride share service Lyft. WCC will take care of the scheduling so no technical knowledge is needed for the rider. With funding from Aloha United Way and other generous donors, WCC is able to offer rides free of charge.

**To qualify for the Senior Safe Ride program you must be:**

- WCC member 60+ years of age and/or have a disability and/or underlying medical condition
- Low-to-moderate income
- Live in Honolulu area

**Program Guidelines:**

- Rides may be used to get basic supplies (e.g. groceries, pharmacy items, cleaning supplies, etc.) or for medical appointments in the Honolulu area.
- Rides may be scheduled Monday – Friday, except holidays between 8am to 5pm
  - Rides to get basic supplies are limited to once a week per household
  - Rides to medical appointments can be scheduled as needed
- Rides must be requested via email or phone at least 24 hours in advance
- Rides for medical appointments can be scheduled up to 7 days in advance
- It is highly recommended that the rider has a cell phone in case of scheduling or location issues
- The rider must be able to wear a face mask at all times during the ride

To request a ride, contact Crystal Antonio  
via email [cantonio@waikikicommunitycenter.org](mailto:cantonio@waikikicommunitycenter.org) or phone at 436-6122



**With  
ALOHA**



## HAWAII COUNTS

### WHY IS RESPONDING TO THE U.S. CENSUS IMPORTANT?

Data from our completed census ensures Hawai'i receives critical services such as Medicare, Medicaid, social security, senior housing, public transportation, food assistance programs and much more.

**Responding is safe.** All the information you share with the 2020 Census is protected by law and cannot be used against you.

**Responding is accessible.** To complete the 2020 U.S. Census please visit:

<https://my2020census.gov> or call toll free (844) 330-2020

To receive assistance in completing the Census, please contact Crystal Antonio at (808) 436-6122

**Deadline to be counted through the U.S. Census is September 30, 2020**



## LENDING LIBRARY

WCC will provide tutoring on use of iPad. Borrow through our lending library and learn to use Zoom for online socialization, to explore our virtual community center and stay connected to your friends, family and worldwide community. One-on-one training is provided.

Available to WCC members age 55 years or older

iPad lending and tutoring are provided at no charge

To reserve your iPad contact Crystal Antonio at (808) 436-6122 or email

[cantonio@waikikicomunitycenter.org](mailto:cantonio@waikikicomunitycenter.org)



**Give Aloha**, Foodland's annual community matching gifts program, was created in 1999 to honor Foodland's founder Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan and continue his legacy of giving back to the community. Each year during the month of September, customers are encouraged to make a donation at Foodland to their favorite participating Hawaii non-profit organization. Each year, Foodland contributes more than \$250,000 to match customer donations for all organizations combined. Since the program began in 1999, a total of more than \$32.7 million has been raised for Hawaii's charities.

### SEPTEMBER 1 – 30, 2020

As a participating organization, **Waikiki Community Center** is eligible to receive donations with matching funds under Foodland's Give Aloha Program.

Donations through this program will be accepted at checkout stands at all Foodland, Sack N Save and Foodland Farms stores statewide from September 1 – 30, 2020.

Customers must use their Maka'i Card to make a donation and can make up to cumulative total of \$249 per person, per organization. Customers who do not have a Maika'i account may establish one at checkout at no charge.

Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match each donation up to a total of at least \$250,000 for all organizations combined.

Donations in the form of cash, check or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and JCB) will be accepted. The donation amount and name or organization will appear on your receipt.

Donor names will not be released to organizations. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!**