

Aloha Kupuna Needs Project Volunteers,

My father and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your continued support in our efforts to help our most vulnerable, our Kupuna, during this time of COVID-19. To date, we have a total of 227 trained volunteers. We have served 1,139 Kupuna and have fulfilled 1,789 requests for supplies of our packages of food and supplies (655 repeat requests). In addition to our packages, we have dropped off 368 boxes of produce and canned food through our daily food drops to local parishes and community centers. Through our partnership with Hawaii Meals on Wheels & St. Francis' Show Aloha Challenge, we delivered roughly 3,100 hot meals as well as over 19,500 meals through Malama Meals. In total, we have provided over 24,757 deliveries since the third week of March. This would not have been at all possible without the help of all of our volunteers.

As you know, our state has been blessed with very low numbers of infections. The State and City & County continue to open our communities and services as the days go by. Many of our food pantries are slowly re-opening. With this said, Kupuna Needs Project will be phasing into a different mission to adjust to the positive conditions we are seeing.

It is our goal to continue our drive in serving others. Over the next 6 days, we will be closing our daily individual deliveries. We will be directing our list of Kupuna to the nearest open food pantry or other social service. We will also continue with daily one-time "drops" of food and supplies to pre-assigned parishes or community centers. These drops will consist of either boxes of fruits/vegetables or protein, as well as some canned goods and toiletries. We expect to provide up to 30-40 drop packages a day. The parish or community center would then ensure our packages get to those in need.

With this said, starting June 12, we are still in need of your help. The following is what we are praying you are able to commit to:

- The packages we will be dropping off will still need to be made daily then delivered to the parish or community center. This will be done in the morning, from 9am - 11am. This may be through the month of June.
- We will be delivering Hawaii Meals on Wheels up until June 16. Any available driver is needed to help daily from 10:45 till noon for deliveries. In the event of a cancellation, we will notify volunteers that are signed up online as soon as possible.
- As the food pantries open, they are in need of volunteers. Most if not all current volunteers are elderly. If you would like to inquire about assisting directly with the food pantries, please email Iwie Tamashiro at itamashiro@rcchawaii.org.
- Many parishes conduct bi-weekly or monthly Senior Food Bank distributions. They are in need of drivers. Please email Iwie Tamashiro at itamashiro@rcchawaii.org for information on how you may help in their endeavors.

Please fill out this google form: <https://forms.gle/g3gmkPtx5Y6nm9k78> to let us know if you would like to continue volunteering and continue to sign up for shifts online at <https://signup.com/go/vmsFBTB>.

Once again, from the bottom of our hearts, much MAHALO for all of your help and service through this time of need and uncertainty.

Ryan and John Fielding