

# Moiliili Hongwanji Mission

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## Bodhi Day Bentos for Seniors

On Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Dharma School students and families made Bodhi Day bentos for seniors. The bento consisted of kalua cabbage with rice, sweet potatoes, pineapple, and a brownie cupcake. Chief cooks were Arlyne T and Ann M, ably assisted by the DS students and families. In addition, the DS students made Bodhi Day cards, and Ann N made brownie cupcakes and added a bunch of flowers to go with the meals.



The seniors were very appreciative to receive the bentos and a "Happy Bodhi Day!" from the DS students. What a nice way to celebrate Bodhi Day as well as bring some cheer to the seniors! Mahalo DS families!



Comments shared by youth participants.....

"I had lots of fun working together with my fellow Dharma School friends to make these Bodhi Day Bentos! We had leftovers from our temple's Kalua Pig Fundraiser, so it was a great way to spread love to our kupuna while saving good food. I hope we can do it again next year!" Naho Umitani

"Preparing and delivering bentos to our temple members for Bodhi Day was a very enjoyable experience. My family picked up Okinawan sweet potatoes to prepare the day before we delivered the bentos. I think we all had lots of fun prepping the bentos by doing things like scrubbing the potatoes, chopping lettuce, and spending the time with friends. My family delivered bentos to three of our temple elderly. It was wonderful seeing them when we arrived, and you could tell how happy they were to see us. I hope other people get to experience something like this as well someday." Amanda Meade

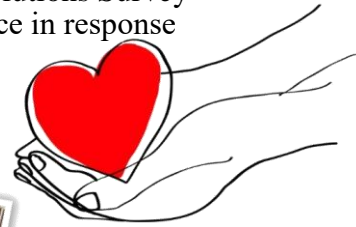
# Buddhist Women's Association News

(Spring BWA Federation Newsletter)

Pandemic or not, Moiliili BWA ladies followed Covid safe practices and made and delivered “otoki” to 28 temple elders. We have done this simple food offering for many, many years in conjunction with our Hoonko. We also do this activity with C.A.R.E. Day in mind (Compassion and Respect for Elders, a 12<sup>th</sup> World BW Convention resolution in Brazil in 2002 which established this day as a way **to promote awareness of the need to show compassion and respect to the elderly.**) We made inarizushi, kuromame, kanten and added a tangerine. Ladies were able to also say hello to elders who haven't been at temple due to Covid restrictions.

12<sup>th</sup> World BW Convention (2002, Brazil) World Federation resolutions Survey Observe “Care Day” annually to extend compassion and assistance in response to elders (CARE)

(See two collages below)



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So nice to see you!  
Stay safe and well

