

# Venice Buddhist Temple

Socially distanced expressions of compassion



Temple groups come together



120 monthly care packages

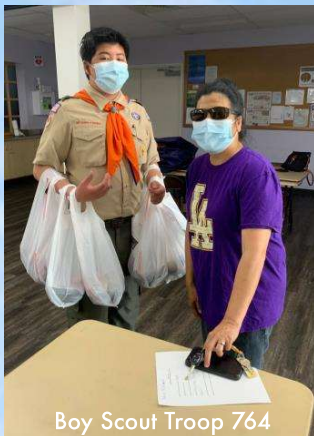


Cub Pack 79

handpainted  
with love



## Senior Dana Delivery Day



Boy Scout Troop 764



Girl Scout Troop 5325



Sangha Initiative





Happy Halloween!



Thanksgiving Pumpkin pie



Bento lunch for the new year



Bukkyokai



Special delivery to Rev. & Mrs. Matsubayashi



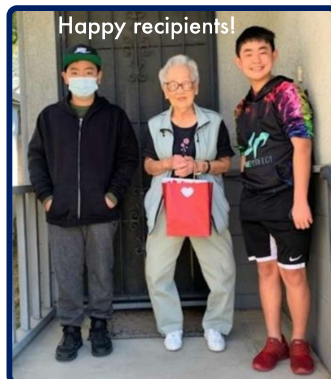
# Venice Hongwanji Senior Dana Deliveries Enters 3rd Year

by Jerry Iseda

Back in May 2020, at the beginning of the Pandemic, members of The Sangha Initiative, a group of younger adults at the Temple, came up with the idea of delivering a care package to Keiro members and friends. Two years and approximately 2,500 bags later, the Senior Dana Deliveries program, led by Sangha Initiative member Aleyna Minamoto, has expanded and continues to provide expressions of gratitude and love to over 120 seniors in our local community.

While the program was initially expected to last just a few months, the response has been so overwhelming that the Temple decided to continue the program. Now each month, one of the Temple organizations takes turns in deciding on a theme for each delivery, with the bag contents relating to the theme. Recent themes have included Emergency Preparedness (January), Valentine's Day (February) and Hanamatsuri (April). On special occasions, our seniors receive a bento or special items like homemade origami flowers, handmade greeting cards in December, puzzle books, and a variety of snack and food items. Rev. Kory Quon includes a written message to our Keiro members and friends in each bag as well. We are especially grateful to our volunteers (especially from Girl Scout Troop 5325, Culver Cub Pack 79, Boy Scout Troop 764, Venice Dharma School and Venice Junior Young Buddhist Association) who take time each month to make the deliveries. Many of the recipients have commented that they look forward to visiting with their young delivery volunteers in addition to receiving their bags.

While we no longer must shelter in place, Senior Dana Deliveries still is a way for us to provide love and support for our seniors. What started as a small gesture for our seniors has become one of our proudest traditions at the Temple and is a small way to say thanks to our Seniors, many of whom were instrumental in building our Temple and community.



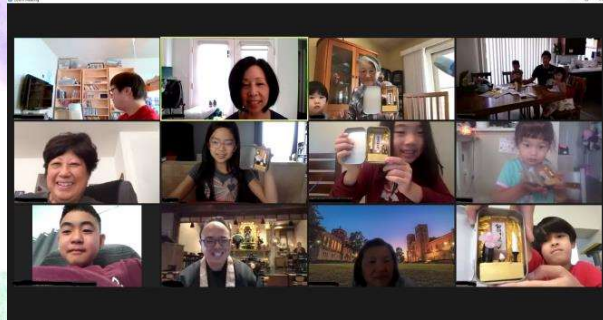
# Youth programs

## Dharma School



Onenju class

Obutsudan class



*Sangha Teens*

## Girl Scouts



Hearts for Love



Dear Temple Community,  
Thank you so much for all of your support. We were amazed at the hundreds of coats donated as well as the knitted scarves and toiletries! Over 350 coats were taken to the Warm Coat Drive for distribution to those in need. We also made over 100 hygiene kits for the homeless.



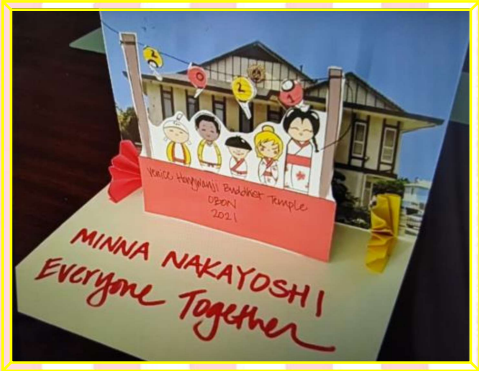
Coats for Winter



# Obon



2021



2022

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#TogetherAgain

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Dressings, Box Office (donations)

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