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Boy Scouts Helping Kupuna During COVID-19 Period

In unison with the Catholic Church of Hawaii

Honolulu, HI: The Kupuna Needs Project is a service for elderly (62 years or older) and immunocompromised individuals on Oahu, who are at risk of the dangers of the COVID-19 virus, to get necessities such as food, toiletries, & cleaning supplies delivered to their residence. This project is organized through Catholic Scouting, Troop 39 Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa.

Kupuna may call one of our hotlines, either (808) 202-0820 or (808) 202-1203, starting Sunday March 22, 2020 at 12 pm to place requests for supplies. We will compile the orders and send them to our partner vendors to pick up the items from their warehouses and stores. Our partners include Lanakila Meals on Wheels, Hawaii Meals on Wheels, and Foodland. We are continuing to build partnerships with other community businesses.

We have a facility in Nu'uuanu provided by the Catholic Church where we will house and package our orders. Volunteer drivers will deliver the packages from there to the kupuna's door.

We are asking our community to spread the word. We want our kupuna to remain healthy throughout this crisis. Encourage your elderly family members, coworkers, friends, and neighbors to contact our hotlines to request supplies.

We also need support in order to help our kupuna. We are in need of healthy volunteers. All volunteers will need to sign waivers, go through training classes to ensure safety and health, and be evaluated to ensure we mitigate any potential exposure to them and/or our kupuna. We also have a medical adviser on staff who will be monitoring our protocols and procedures.

Some items we are in need of include: shampoo, body soap, hand soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, adult diapers, bleach, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, and laundry detergent. Supplies donations may be dropped off to our facility: 1728 Nu'uuanu Ave. Honolulu, HI 96817 from 12pm to 8pm daily.

Lastly, we need the resources to purchase the rest of the needed supplies and sanitation equipment. Donations are being accepted through our partner EPIC Ministries, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit. If you or someone you know wishes to make a donation or volunteer, please visit our website www.hictv.com/kupunaneedsproject/ or email us at kupunaneeds@hictv.com.

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