

December 2025: *Wrapped in Gratitude*

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Thank You, Ayame Kai Guild!

December brings a sense of warmth to our community, even on the coldest days. The season's celebrations are made possible by the many hands and hearts that support our programs throughout the year. One of the most joyful moments this fall was the Ayame Kai Holiday Market, held for the first time at the Tukwila Community Center. The event was a huge success, with a line that wrapped all the way around the building before the doors even opened.

Thanks to this incredible turnout, proceeds from the market will go toward wish list items that directly benefit residents and participants, as identified by Nikkei

Manor's Executive Director. Your support makes a tangible difference in daily life at our community.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who donated items to Ayame Kai, volunteered at the event, offered financial or logistical support, or stopped by to shop and share the day with us. The Ayame Kai Guild once again poured their energy, creativity, and care into an event that brings our community together, and the impact of their work is felt here every single day.

We are truly grateful for this generosity and for everyone who continues to help carry our mission forward.

A vibrant yellow and red advertisement for a New Year Osechi Ryori Sale. At the top, a cartoon girl in a red kimono holds a bowl. The text 'New Year Osechi Ryori Sale' is in pink, with the Japanese text 'お正月おせち販売' below it. A large '\$60' price tag is on the right. In the center is a black tray filled with various Osechi dishes, including rice balls, fish, and vegetables. To the left is a QR code with the text 'Scan to order' below it. At the bottom left is a blue gift box. The bottom right text reads 'For our resident families, volunteers, & staff.'

New Year Osechi Ryori Sale
お正月おせち販売 \$60
Scan to order
For our resident families, volunteers, & staff.

Osechi Announcement for Families, Volunteers, & Staff

This year's Osechi Ryori is **available only to Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai families, volunteers, and staff**. The boxes this year are being prepared in-house. If you fall into one of these groups, please submit your order using the form linked below and complete payment to secure your Osechi. Quantities are limited, so we encourage you to order early. Thank you for your understanding!

Pick-up for orders is Jan 1, 11:30 AM at Nikkei Manor.

[Order Here](#)



Board members selling raffle tickets at Ayame Kai Holiday Market to support the Ayame Kai Guild.
Photo by Eugene Tagawa

A Message From The Board

Keiro Northwest's Approach to Community Engagement and Philanthropy

As we close out the year, the Board's Community Engagement & Philanthropy Committee would like to share an overview of how Keiro Northwest connects with, and is supported by, our community.

Keiro Northwest depends on community support for its existence, and we are continually working to maintain communication and increase dialogue between our organization and the wider community. These efforts are led by the Keiro Northwest Board's Community Engagement and Philanthropy Committee.

This Committee is responsible for:

- Strengthening relationships between Keiro Northwest and the Seattle Japanese-American community, as well as the community at large
- Overseeing the organization's overall fundraising policies, strategies and activities
- Monitoring fundraising efforts to be sure that ethical practices are in place, that donors are acknowledged appropriately, and that fundraising efforts are cost-effective

Keiro Northwest's fundraising prioritizes support of the Ayame Kai Guild's Holiday and Summer Market events, as well as participating in the statewide annual GiveBIG campaign. We also maintain relationships with various

workplace giving programs and benefit from long-standing planned/legacy bequests and community donations.

Keiro Northwest strives to respect your time and privacy and therefore limits fundraising solicitations via direct mail, emails or texts. Our [website](#) offers greater detail on how to financially support the Keiro Northwest organization and its programs.

2025 Highlights

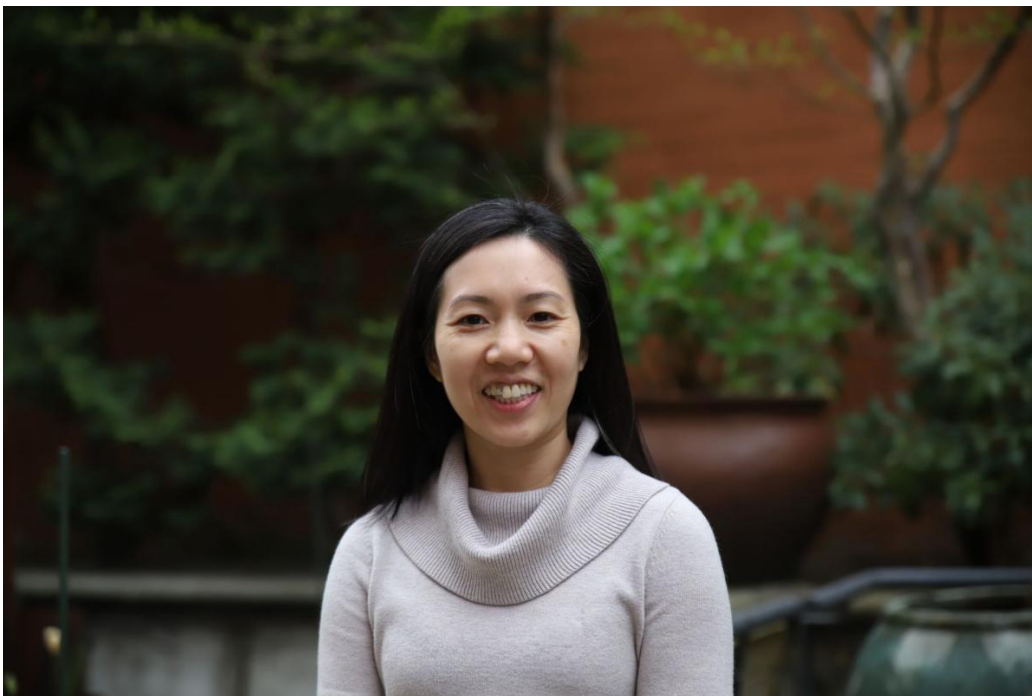
In 2025, the Community Engagement & Philanthropy Committee supported a number of initiatives, including:

- Hosting quarterly Legacy Education Seminars for the community
- Supporting successful Ayame Kai Guild Holiday and Summer Markets
- Securing a King County culture grant for a 50th Anniversary display and the Nikkei Manor Bon Odori Summer Festival
- Improving donor website, tracking and acknowledgment processes
- Improving communication with residents and the community
- Producing the 2024 Annual Report, with expanded demographics and donor acknowledgments

The Community Engagement & Philanthropy Committee consists of Board members Alicia Taniguchi Eng (Chair), Susan Okamoto Lane and Louise Kato. Keiro Northwest Director of Marketing and Communications, Karlee Hicks, provides much-appreciated graphic design, donation process oversight, and event coordination support. Committee members contribute their time and expertise to monthly Committee meetings and various community events throughout the year. The board can be reached at board@keironw.org.

As we look ahead to the new year, the Board extends our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support. Your generosity and participation make it possible for Keiro Northwest to carry forward its mission. We wish you and your families a peaceful and joyful holiday season!

From the Desk of Nikkei Manor's Executive Director



As we close out 2025, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our residents, families, staff, and greater community for their continued trust and partnership.

This year brought both challenges and meaningful progress, and I am proud of how our Nikkei Manor family continues to support one another.

Looking ahead, our priorities for the new year include opening more opportunities in the KK Program, stabilizing staffing, continuing to enhance care, and working toward full occupancy. Thank you for your ongoing patience and encouragement as we refine systems to better serve our residents.

As we enter the holiday season, I hope you feel as proud as I do of the resilient, compassionate community that makes Nikkei Manor so special. Wishing everyone a peaceful and joyful holiday.

Best Wishes,
Amy Nguyen
Nikkei Manor Executive Director

Join Us For These Upcoming Events



Legacy Education Series

Smart Strategies:
Integrating Charitable Giving into Your Estate & Tax Planning

Presented by Bo Lee, Senior
Wealth Advisor at Beacon Pointe

Nikkei Manor
700 6th Ave S
Seattle, WA 98104

RSVP to khicks@keironw.org
or via registration form:
<https://forms.gle/aMfxt5vU7DLi6WL5A>



Friday
January 23
1:30-3:30 PM

Legacy Education Series Event Smart Strategies: Integrating Charitable Giving into Your Estate & Tax Planning

Join us for the free seminar presented by Bo Lee, Senior Wealth Advisor at Beacon Pointe!

Explore Donor-Advised Funds and other ways investors can enhance the impact of their charitable giving.

This event is free and open to the community.

Date: Jan 23, 1:30-3:30 PM

Location: Nikkei Manor
700 6th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104

[Register Here to Attend](#) or email khicks@keironw.org for more details.



Residents showing their Christmas collages made at the collage workshop 11/21.

Photo by Tomoko Faasumalie

November's Highlights

11-3 Ball Workout with Kokoro Kai

11-15 Ayame Kai Holiday Market

11-20 Tea Ceremony Demonstration hosted by Seattle Betsuin Buddhist (Ms. Chiaki Ito, instructor from Yabunochi School)

11-21 Collage workshop with instructor Shari from Seniors Creating Art

11-27 Thanksgiving luncheon for Nikkei Manor residents



Christmas caroling visitors, NAWMBA, at the Nikkei Manor Family Social event.
Photo by Mariko Ueno

November: Upcoming Activities & Events

12-6 Christmas Carols from NAWMBA/ Family Social Event

12-10 Felt Flower craft: flowers will decoration at an exhibit at MOHAI next spring!

12-14 Christmas Carol by Eichu Christian Church

12-15 Echo Chorus performance

12-17 Piano Concert from family member

12-22 Christmas Party

12-24 Christmas Luncheon and special performance

12-31 New Year's Eve soba tasting

We are able to continue offering art classes by Seniors Creating Art this year thanks to a generous family donation.

Full Calendars: [Kokoro Kai Activities](#), [Resident Activities at Nikkei Manor](#)



Sales and Outreach Manager - Beau Brown, and Kokoro Kai Director - Tomoko Faasumalie, sharing our programs.

Photo by Eugene Tagawa

Years of Service

November Staff Anniversaries

Danilo Cabugon: 12/13 - 2 years

Yumiko Hirata: 12/22 - 11 years

Thank you for making every day the BEST day for our residents and participants.

Ways to Give This Giving Season

SPREAD THE HOLIDAY CHEER!

Explore ways to give this
holiday season

Life Enrichment Bingo Prizes

Our Life Enrichment team is looking for Uwajimaya gift cards to support Bingo prizes and other resident activities. Gifts of any amount are appreciated. We also welcome donations of individually wrapped rice crackers at Nikkei Manor.

[Uwajimaya Gift Cards](#)

Donate Directly Online

You can make a secure, tax-deductible gift directly through our online donation platform at the link below. Your support helps sustain programs and services for our elders year-round.

[Donate Today](#)

Did You Know? You Can Donate Stock!

Gifting appreciated stock is a smart and impactful way to support Keiro Northwest. By donating stocks directly, you may avoid capital gains taxes and receive a charitable deduction for the full market value, all while making a lasting difference in the lives of our elders. Talk to your financial advisor to see if a stock gift is right for you.

[Instructions for Stock Gifting](#)

A Gift from Amazon

Looking for a simple way to support our residents and program participants? You can help by purchasing an item from our Amazon Wish List! From activity supplies to everyday essentials, each donation enhances the quality of life at Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai.

[Amazon Wish List](#)

You Can Even Donate Your Old Vehicle

Keiro Northwest and Nikkei Manor have partnered with CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services) to facilitate vehicle donations. To get started, simply visit the link below or call **855-500-RIDE (7433)**. Your generous vehicle donation will gift 70% of the net value to supporting our mission.

[CARS for Nikkei Manor](#)



Bake sale table at Ayame Kai Holiday Market.
Photo by Eugene Tagawa

Happy Holidays!

最後に、ありがとうございました。



Our Mission Statement: Honoring the past and preserving Japanese American heritage, we provide uniquely-tailored care to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs for elders to thrive.

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