

May 2026

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Volunteer paints with resident during the watercolor class in April.
Photo credit: Eugene Tagawa

This month we recognize Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a time to honor the generations whose resilience, culture, and contributions continue to shape our communities!

At Keiro Northwest, this month carries special meaning as we reflect on the legacy of those who came before us and recommit ourselves to fostering connection, preserving culture, and strengthening community for generations to come.

This month's newsletter includes opportunities to get involved, support our mission, and stay connected through upcoming programs, community events, and ways to help shape what comes next.

NIKKEI MANOR



Help Shape Future Japanese-Centered Programs & Community Services

Your voice matters.
Please take our
5-minute survey

English Survey:

surveymonkey.com/r/keironwENG

Japanese Survey:

surveymonkey.com/r/keironwJA



ENGLISH



JAPANESE
日本語

Help Shape Future Japanese-Centered Programs & Community Services

At Keiro Northwest, we believe the strongest programs begin by listening.

We are inviting you all to participate in a brief survey designed to help us better understand the interests, needs, and priorities of those we serve as we plan for the future.

Your feedback will help inform future programs, services, educational opportunities, and community initiatives.

The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and is available in both English and Japanese.

English Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/keironwENG>

Japanese / 日本語: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KeironwJA>

Thank you for helping us listen, learn, and thoughtfully plan for the future of our community. We hope you share this survey with your friends and family.

Thank You for Giving BIG on May 5th

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported Keiro Northwest during GiveBIG on May 5th. Because of your support, we raised over \$3,000 towards our mission!

Your generosity helps us continue serving older adults, families, and our community through culturally rooted programs and compassionate care.

Missed GiveBIG Day? There's still time to make an impact as giving remains open through the end of May.

Support Keiro Northwest here: wagives.org/organization/keiro-northwest

From all of us at Keiro Northwest, thank you for believing in this work.



Board Leadership Opportunities

Keiro Northwest is seeking community-minded leaders to join our volunteer Board of Directors as we continue strengthening programs, services, and philanthropic support for older adults, families, and our broader community.

We currently have a particular need for individuals with experience in finance/accounting, though we warmly welcome interest from professionals of all backgrounds who are passionate about nonprofit leadership, governance, and community service.

Board members help provide strategic guidance, fiduciary oversight, and stewardship of Keiro Northwest's mission, programs, and long-term sustainability.

Board service typically includes:

- One board meeting per month
- Committee participation based on interest or expertise
- Attendance at select community events and fundraising activities throughout the year
- An estimated commitment of approximately 5 hours per month

Serving on the board is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact while helping preserve and strengthen culturally rooted programs for generations to come.

If you, or someone in your network, may be interested in learning more, we would love to connect.

Please contact Karlee Hicks, Assistant to the Board of Directors, at khicks@keironw.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

In the Community: Nisei Veterans Committee Memorial Day Program

Lake View Cemetery
Monday, May 25 | 10-11AM

Join the Nisei Veterans Committee for its annual Memorial Day ceremony honoring the courage, service, and sacrifice of Japanese American veterans who served our country with distinction.

Members of Keiro Northwest's Board of Directors will be in attendance, with Interim Board Chair Susan Okamoto Lane joining Amy Nguyen of Nikkei Manor in presenting this year's commemorative wreath.

Ayame Kai Summer Market

Tukwila Community Center
Saturday, June 20 | 10-2 PM

Join Ayame Kai Guild for a fun-filled summer market featuring local vendors, handmade goods, vintage treasures, food, raffles, and more, all in support of Keiro Northwest's elder care programs.

Learn more at ayamekaimarket.org.

Bon Odori at Nikkei Manor

Nikkei Manor

Sunday, July 26 | 1-4 PM

Join us for an afternoon of music, dance, food, and community at Nikkei Manor's annual Bon Odori celebration. This year's event will feature special performances by Seattle Matsuri, Northwest Taiko, and Okinawa Kenjin Kai, along with a small selection of local vendors, traditional Bon Odori dancing, a mahjong station, kid's activities, and delicious poke available for purchase from the Nikkei Manor kitchen.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and join us as we celebrate culture, community, and summer together!

Legacy Education Series: Selling Your Home, Including Tax Implications & Downsizing Strategies

Nikkei Manor

August 21 | 1:30-3:30 PM

Save the date for our next quarterly L.E.S. session with guest speaker, realtor, and board member, Eric Uyeji.

More details to come.



Sponsors & Japanese Vintage Items Needed for the Ayame Kai Summer Market

Planning is underway for this year's Ayame Kai Summer Market on Saturday, June 20, and we invite our greater community to be part of this special vintage and craft market benefiting Keiro Northwest!

Sponsors Welcome

We are currently seeking business sponsors interested in supporting this year's event. **Sponsorships help offset event costs so that proceeds raised can directly support elder care programs including Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai.**

Full sponsorship details, giving levels, and payment options are available at ayamekaimarket.org. Deadline for sponsoring this year's market is June 6th.

Japanese Vintage & Resale Items Needed

We are also accepting donations of quality Japanese vintage, collectible, and resale items for market sale. If you have pieces to donate, please consider items you would view as a special find—something unique, meaningful, and deserving of a new home.

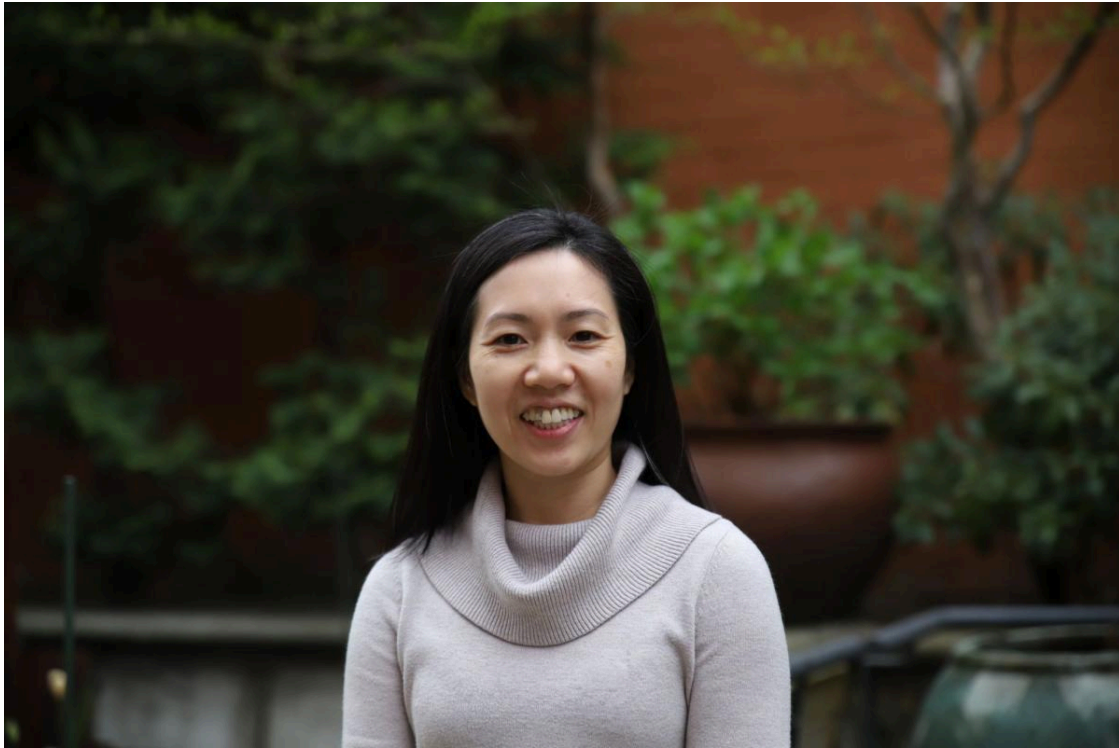
For safety reasons, we are unable to accept dolls or items in glass cases.

Donation drop-off options:

- Drop off at Nikkei Manor anytime with an intake form available at reception

- Or bring items directly to the Ayame Kai team June 16–18, from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM at Nikkei Manor

Thank you for helping make this community tradition possible.



From the Desk of Nikkei Manor's Executive Director

Hello May!

For those who love to garden, May is when everything truly begins to flourish. At Nikkei Manor, we're embracing that same sense of growth, renewal, and forward momentum throughout our community. May also brings the joy of celebrating Mother's Day, and I hope all mothers had a wonderful time surrounded by family, love, and appreciation.

This spring, we're excited to share several meaningful updates. Our recent interior lighting upgrade is now complete, bringing brighter, safer spaces for our residents while enhancing the overall warmth and functionality of our community. We are deeply grateful to the Ayame Kai Guild for generously funding this important project.

In addition, other building improvements are currently underway as we continue investing in the comfort, safety, and long-term vitality of Nikkei Manor.

We're also pleased to share that Nikkei Manor's new website is now live, offering an updated and dedicated online hub for our community. You can visit

the new website at www.nikkeimanor.org. Alongside this exciting milestone, we welcome a new marketing and sales professional who will be joining our team next week to help support future outreach and growth. And with the current availability in our assisted living community, now is a wonderful time to explore all that Nikkei Manor has to offer.

What makes Nikkei Manor truly special is the sense of connection and belonging our residents experience every day. Rooted in Japanese American heritage and culture, our community offers so much more than just care, we offer companionship, familiarity, and a place where residents feel valued and at home.

Thank you for being part of our extended community and for supporting the mission of Nikkei Manor.

Best Wishes,
Amy Nguyen
Nikkei Manor Executive Director



A photograph showing a close-up of a Mahjong game in progress on a green felt table. Several hands are visible, moving white tiles with green and red markings. The tiles are arranged in various patterns on the table.



Four decorative icons arranged horizontally, each in a white rounded square with a green border. From left to right: a green bamboo plant, a red lotus flower with green leaves, a red chrysanthemum flower, and a red plum blossom branch.



A stylized white logo on a dark green background, consisting of three curved lines that suggest a fan or a stylized letter 'N'.

Nagomi Cafe Mahjong Club

 **KOKOROKai**
A Nikkei Manor Program

Join us for tea, light snacks and Mahjong.
Beginners welcome and encouraged to
attend. Cost is \$15 per person.

New at Kokoro Kai

Beginning June 5, Kokoro Kai is introducing a new weekly Nagomi Café Mahjong Club designed for adults interested in learning, practicing, and enjoying Mahjong in a welcoming social setting.

Hosted every Friday from 10AM-12PM at Nikkei Manor, this new program invites both beginners and experienced players to gather for tea, light refreshments, friendly instruction, and community connection.

Contact Tomoko Faasuamalie to register or for more information:

206-726-6474 TFaasuamalie@keironw.org

Cost is \$15 per person



4-22 Volunteer Appreciation happy hour event to celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Month

April's Highlights at Nikkei Manor

4-16 Cherry blossom viewing ride

4-19 Student music concert from middle and high school students - piano, bass guitar, tap dance, and accordion. (pictured below)

4-20 Tomoko teaches Nagaiki Ondo

4-22 Volunteer Appreciation Event (pictured above)

4-23 High school student visit from The Northwest School

4-29 April Birthday Party



4-19 Residents enjoying a student music and tap dance concert ft. middle and high school students.

Upcoming Activities & Events at Nikkei Manor

- May 3 – Cabin Choir performance
- May 5 – Childrens Day activities
- May 16 – Faith Bible Church Senior luncheon outing
- May 26 – Dorayaki making and tasting
- May 28 – Ride outing to Kerry Park

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

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

Years of Service

May Staff Anniversaries

Vedasto (June) Cabrigas: 4 years
Li Mui Leong: 5 years

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



Looking for a simple way to support our residents and program participants?

You can support Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai by purchasing an item from our Amazon Wish List. From activity supplies to everyday essentials, each donation helps enhance programs, comfort, and quality of life for those we serve.

We are also currently accepting Amazon gift card donations to help purchase resident activity supplies, shaved ice, festival games, and other community-building items for this summer's Bon Odori celebration.

[Amazon Wish List](#)

Direct support helps sustain programs that provide care, connection, and culturally responsive services for older adults in our community. Thank you for helping us continue this work!

Donate

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 contribute directly, with 70% of the net value supporting our mission.

Get Started



4-16 Nikkei Manor resident enjoying the outing to view the cherry blossoms in full bloom

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.

www.keironw.org



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