

November 2025

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Season of Giving

As we enter this season of giving, we're filled with gratitude for everyone who continues to support our programs. Your generosity, through time, talent, and financial gifts, sustains our mission of compassionate, culturally attuned care for elders in our community.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to our dedicated volunteers, including the Ayame Kai Guild, whose hard work and dedication give us events like the Ayame Kai Holiday Market on November 15! Their efforts bring such joy to the community and raise vital funds that help us enhance daily life at Nikkei Manor.

As you consider your year-end giving, we've included below a summary of upcoming 2026 charitable giving tax changes to help you plan thoughtfully and make the most of your generosity this holiday season.

Looking for a simple way to give back? Our residents have been asking for new puzzles and games! You can browse our [Amazon Wish List](#) and purchase any items that haven't yet been fulfilled.



Ayame Kai Holiday Market: Saturday, Nov.15, Tukwila Community Center

Important reminder: The Ayame Kai Holiday Market has a new venue this year! We're excited to host this year's Ayame Kai Holiday Market at the Tukwila Community Center — **not at Blaine**.

Please help spread the word to friends and family so nobody accidentally shows up at the wrong location.

This year we are looking at **50+ vendors**! You can find a full-list on our event website linked below.

The market is free to attend, plenty of parking, all major credit cards and Apple Pay accepted and encouraged! Follow signs to the east entrance of the community center where you'll find us. Don't forget to stop by the bakery table early before they sell out.

Proceeds benefit Keiro Northwest's eldercare programs, Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai.

Ayame Kai Holiday Market
Saturday, Nov. 15
Tukwila Community Center
12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA 98168

Thank you to our event sponsors: Gobo Enterprises, Beacon Pointe Wealth Advisors, and Day-by-Day Nursing

[More Event Details](#)

RAFFLE: 5 Unique Baskets

Pre-Sale tickets are available now - the 14th at Nikkei Manor. See the receptionist to purchase. Pre-sale is cash only.

You can also buy your tickets at the Holiday Market on 11/15.

How it works:

Tickets: \$5 each

Entries: Unlimited—buy as many as you like!

Baskets: 5 themed baskets to choose from containing everything from gift cards to sports team merchandise!

Where to purchase: Keiro Northwest Board table near the bake sale, or Pre-Sale at the reception desk of Nikkei Manor

Winner announcement: **Saturday, Nov 15 at the Ayame Kai Holiday Market. You do not need to be present to win.**

Proceeds from raffle tickets help fund Ayame Kai wish list items that directly benefit Nikkei Manor residents and Kokoro Kai participants.

[Raffle Items Here!](#)

Shop Unique Finds: Vendor Sneak Peak



We are excited to again offer Charaku Fine Japanese Teas at the Ayame Kai Holiday Market this Saturday. Charaku specializes in traditionally crafted Japanese teas, sourced from tea-growing regions in Japan, and also offers tea-related items that enhance the overall tea experience.

This year, they have also generously committed to support Ayame Kai by donating 15% of tea-leaf sales (online only) through December 31, 2025 when “Ayame Kai” is noted at checkout.

Thank you, Charaku!

Flyer with additional details here: [Charuka Ayame Kai Information](#)



Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for the latest event and vendor updates!

You can explore more participating vendors at the link below.

[More Vendor Sneak Peak!](#)



2026 Tax Changes & Charitable Giving

Starting in 2026, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) updates how charitable deductions work.

- **Non-Itemizers:** May now take an above-the-line deduction of up to \$1,000 (single) or \$2,000 (joint) for cash gifts to qualified charities.
- **Itemizers:** Only the portion of contributions exceeding 0.5% of AGI will qualify for a deduction.

Planning Tips:

Consider accelerating larger gifts before Dec 31, 2025, when current rules expire. Some donors may also benefit from “bunching” several years of donations into one. Give where your values align! Supporting Keiro Northwest / Nikkei Manor directly benefits culturally attuned elder care in our community.

Learn more: [Beacon Pointe Advisors: Thoughtful Charitable Giving](#)

(Keiro Northwest does not provide financial or tax advice. Please consult your advisor.)

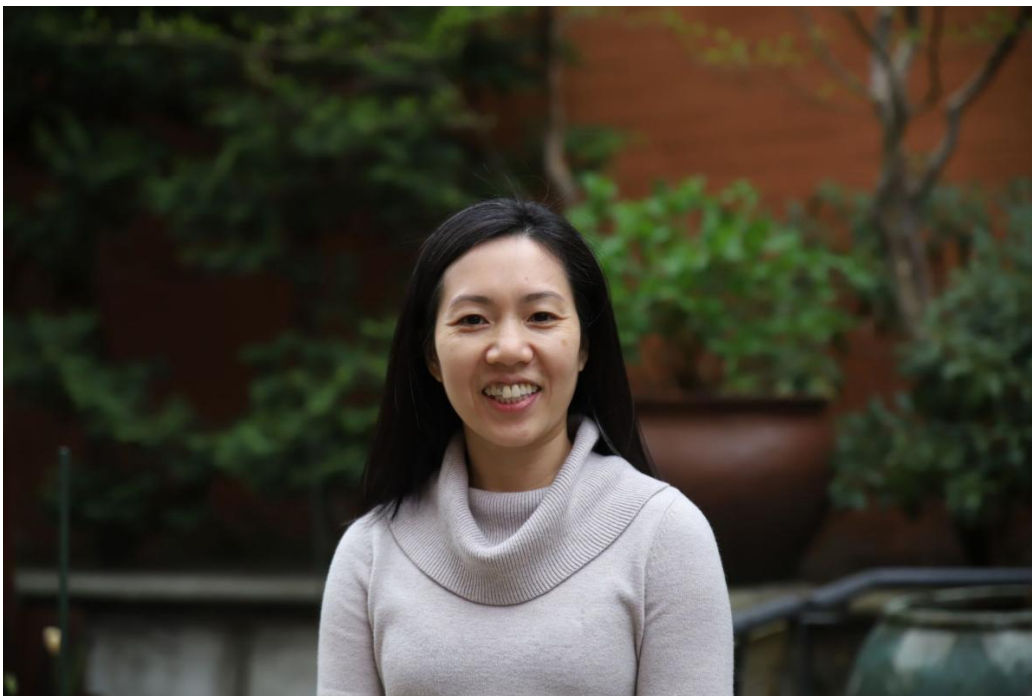
ICYMI: 2024 Annual Report is Available



We're pleased to share Keiro Northwest's 2024 Annual Report, which highlights the accomplishments, community support, and milestones that shaped the past year. We invite you to take a look at the impact of your support and the work being done across our programs.

[View Annual Report](#)

From the Desk of Nikkei Manor's Executive Director



Throughout October, we embraced the spirit of Fall with a variety of fun and festive activities. Residents enjoyed pumpkin decorating, Halloween-themed games with our Kokoro Kai participants, an outing to Maruta store and Coulon park, and a lively costume dress-up day. On Halloween itself, despite Seattle's heavy rain, our residents still had a wonderful time as managers dressed up in costumes and went to each floor handing out treats. It was pleasing to see so many smiles and laughter throughout the building, a true reminder of the joy these small moments bring to our community.

Family & Friends Christmas Social – December 6th at 1:30 PM

Please join us at Nikkei Manor for a special Family & Friends Social to celebrate the holiday season together! Enjoy an afternoon filled with warmth, music, and community as we gather for Christmas carols and festive treats. We look forward to sharing this joyful time with you and your loved ones.

A Season of Gratitude. This year has brought many changes for our team, and through it all, our staff has continued to show incredible dedication, compassion, and resilience in caring for our residents. As we enter this season of gratitude, I invite you to join us in showing appreciation for their hard work by contributing to the Nikkei Manor Employee Fund. All contributions are pooled together and distributed among team members as a year-end bonus, a small gesture that goes a long way in making their holiday season a little brighter. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Nikkei Manor and note "Employee Fund" in the memo line, you may also donate cash at the front desk, or [make a donation online](#) and chose "Designated Fund" then "Employee Recognition Fund" from the dropdown menu.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for being such an important part of our Nikkei Manor family. I am deeply grateful for our compassionate staff, supportive families, and dedicated volunteers who make this a truly special place to live and work.

Nikkei Manor is hiring! We are looking for CNAs, Med Techs, Nurses, and servers. Various shifts available. Apply today!

Visit our website for more details, [Keironw.org/Donate](https://www.keironw.org/Donate)



Photo of 442nd Regimental Combat Team courtesy from the National Veterans Memorial and Museum website.

Honoring Our Veterans Today

This Veterans Day, we pause to honor the courage and sacrifice of all who have served our country, especially the Nisei veterans whose legacy continues to inspire our community.

From members of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service to those who have served recently, their devotion to duty and country remains a powerful reminder of resilience and honor.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the veterans among our residents, families, and supporters. Your service has paved the way for future

generations and strengthened the bonds of community that Keiro Northwest strives to uphold every day.

Join Us For These Upcoming Events

You're invited to Lunch!

Saturday, December 6

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Nikkei Manor

Join us for a special lunch program to learn more about Kokoro Kai Adult Day Program

- Enjoy a delicious lunch with us
- Meet staff and learn about services
- Ask questions in a relaxed setting
- Family members are welcome to join

Please RSVP — Space is limited

For more information or to RSVP, contact:

Tomoko at TFassuamalie@keironw.org or 206.726.6474



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Date: Saturday, December 6 Time 11:00-1:00 PM

Location: Nikkei Manor

700 6th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104

COLLAGE

CLASS

Free Workshop!



Workshop with
instructor
Shari Kaufman with
Seniors Creating Art

Genki Wellness Program
Nikkei Manor
700 6th Ave S.
Seattle, WA 98104

1:30-3:30 PM
21 November

Join us for a hands-on Collage Workshop led by instructor Shari Kaufman with Seniors Creating Art. Explore color, texture, and storytelling through collage in a relaxed, supportive setting. Materials will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP, contact:

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Space is limited

Date: November 21, 1:30-3:30 PM

Location: Nikkei Manor

700 6th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104



SUMI-E PAINTING
WORKSHOP

墨絵

DEC 19
1:30 - 3:30 PM
NIKKEI MANOR
700 6TH AVE SOUTH
SEATTLE, WA 98104

JOIN US FOR THIS **FREE CLASS**
LED BY HIROKO NAGATOMO

 **KOKOROKai**
Genki Wellness Program

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*ART BY HIROKO NAGATOMO

Genki Wellness Program: Sumi-e 墨絵 Workshop with Hiroko Nagatomo

Discover the beauty of Japanese ink painting in this special sumi-e workshop for seniors, presented by Kokoro Kai's Genki Wellness Program! Led by Artist Hiroko Nagatomo, this is a beginner-friendly session with all materials provided.

This workshop is free and open to all seniors!
Come enjoy an afternoon of art, connection, and wellness.

For more information or to RSVP, contact:
Tomoko at TFassuamalie@keironw.org or 206.726.6474
Space is limited

Date: December 19, 1:30-3:30 PM
Location: Nikkei Manor
700 6th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104



Gary with NM resident enjoying the Halloween costume party!

October's Highlights

- 10-3** Gentle Tai-chi with Tomoko
- 10-8** Pumpkin decorating
- 10-13** Blackjack and relay game at Kokoro Kai
- 10-17** Maruta store shopping
- 10-22** October Birthday party
- 10-27** Shuji Class
- 10-29** Halloween Party with Kokoro Kai



Trick-or-treating surprise! Staff wearing costumes to bring treats to residents during mealtime.

October: Upcoming Activities & Events

11-8 Saturday BINGO with volunteers

11-11 & 11/25 Watercolor class by Seniors Creating Art

11-14 Drug store shopping outing

11-15 Ayame Kai Holiday Market shopping trip

11-20 Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church will host a Tea Ceremony demonstration

11-24 November Birthday Party

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](#)



Years of Service

October Staff Anniversaries

Hilda Layacan 5 years

Julieta Bacani 20 years

Imee Cabugon 2 years

Haruka Tang 11 years

Saori Cullen 13 years

Tami Hailemeskel 13 years

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

Ways to Give This Giving Season!



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 - *New Items Added*

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](#)



Everyone enjoys gentle exercises with Tomoko-san.

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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