



## Sensei's message

### Living the Monk Life

March 2020 has awakened a new era for the world. This awakening is the exact human issue that we as Buddhist have been dealing with since birth. Do you know the issue I am referring to? This issue is the truth of life. IT IS FRAGILE and IT IS IMPERMANENT. The emerging of the virus has changed our thinking, but most of all changed our lives. The past 3 months have caused us to stay at home. In this effort to keep ourselves and others safe we have removed ourselves from the regular routines that we are accustomed to. Many of the people around us have rarely left their homes.

Let us think about this new life. Do you remember simpler times when there was only school or work? You might have spent your days. I have and started to imagine the settlers that first moved to and work the land. I think about the farmers that had no one except themselves. Have you thought about what life was like back then? What kind of material possession would have? What would you have needed? Start to apply these questions to your life today? Do you have everything you need? Many of us probably do have most of our day to day items covered. This simplified existence has greatly helped us to realize what is valuable or even more importantly helped us to see what we deeply want. What is valuable is our health. What we deeply want or crave rises to the surface when we are deprived of it. Not all of us have been able to receive a hug or even a handshake. Have you felt like it would be nice to get one?

In the Dhammapada it states, *"The mind is difficult to control; swiftly and lightly, it moves and lands wherever it pleases. It is good to tame the mind, for a well-tamed mind brings happiness."* Before Jodo Shinshu, life 800 years ago for most Buddhists was living away from others and society. This allowed them to practice, to concentrate, and to focus. I think we are finding out how hard it is to control the mind. We are reminded of how much we really do not need, but we do want. We look to the future for better times or an easier life. When we do this, it is actually causing us more problems and diverts us from a truly happy life.



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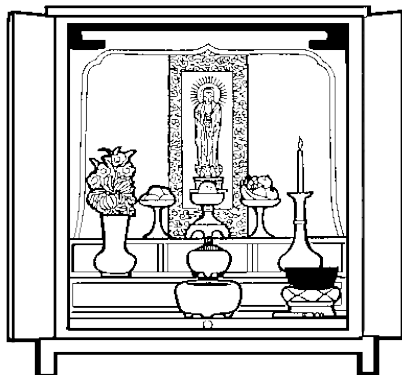
Today we are getting a taste of what it was to be isolated. What feelings are you feeling? Sometimes there may be some angst, some frustration, and also some calm. This calm comes when we relax and accept life as it is. I constantly tell myself that there is nothing that I can do except to be here and now. I hope these thoughts and quickly changing desires help awaken us to recite the Nembutsu. *Namo Amida Butsu*. As we continue to live this life with limited contact, it is ok to be human reach out to others. In Jodo Shinshu, we have many tools to help us through these trappings of the mind. One of these tools is to have an Obutsudan. Below is a description of a Butsudan.

### **Butsudan : The Buddhist Altar**

In Jodo Shinshu, a box containing a statue or picture of Amida Buddha or a scroll with the characters NaMo AMiDa Butsu(南无 阿弥陀 佛) written on it. The Butsudan can range from a simple scroll to wooden boxes of varying degrees of carving and embellishments. Traditionally, each Buddhist family has a Butsudan which is placed in a prominent place in the home or in a special room. Daily offerings are placed in or in front of the Butsudan and daily rituals are conducted. Records of deceased relatives and their memorial dates were kept in the Butsudan drawer and all family gatherings first centered around the Butsudan.

How is having Butsudan helpful? Have you ever sat and relaxed in front of the Naijin or temple altar? We are not monks. We are not accustomed to this new life yet. By reflecting on the life of a monk we can see how far from a Diamond like mind or Buddha mind we are. Having a Butsudan in the home provides us a contemplative tool to help us to internalize the Buddha's teachings. With Amida Buddha in a central place in the home, we are able to use the Jodo Shinshu template of living with Wisdom and Compassion to guide us through our efforts. We have limited our activities, and our exposure. This has led to the need for all of us to work together, support one another, and to awaken us to the True Joy of Being Alive. *Namo Amida Butsu*

**Rev. Kory Quon**



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# President's Message

## Practice Compassion

Although I haven't been associated with the temple as long as many of you, my guess is that these are the most "interesting" times that the temple has faced in its 60 year history. A pandemic has forced the closure of the temple for over three months, with the re-opening still somewhere in a vague far-off future. Our obon festival, by far our most popular event, as well as the activity which brings in a significant portion of our temple's income, has been cancelled. The closure of the temple has also meant that a major social hub for many of our members, particularly our seniors, is currently not available.

The hardships imposed by the pandemic, though, has also given us the opportunity to express our compassion. Towards the beginning of our county's Safer at Home order, when only essential businesses were allowed to remain open and we were required to wear face coverings when venturing out, our Sewing and Crafts club made dozens of masks for our temple community. About 30 of those masks went to the Venice Japanese Community Center's Senior Nutrition program. As all of the government health advisors have stated, masks are an essential tool in helping to prevent the spread of the COVID virus, so we are very appreciative of the non-stop effort put forth by the sewing club members so we can stay safe.

Then, in June, our Sangha Initiative (which you will read about later in this newsletter) started a program called Senior Dana Deliveries. Through a collaborative effort of our temple organizations, goody bags were stocked with snacks, fruit, a mask with a cleverly knitted device called an "ear saver," a roll of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, a puzzle book, tea bags, and

hand drawn cards from our Girl Scouts. The bags were then delivered by our Scout parents to our Keiro (over 80 year old) members. We've heard back from many of those seniors about how appreciative they are for thinking of them.

Finally, even though we aren't holding a physical obon festival, many of you have continued to support our temple through the obon activities that we are able to have, including our obon sponsorships, opportunity drawing, silent auction, and market place purchases.

In closing, please know that we all appreciate how so many of you have practiced your acts of compassion during this time of uncertainty.

**In gassho,  
Ron Gee**



*Wearing a mask made by our Sewing Club*



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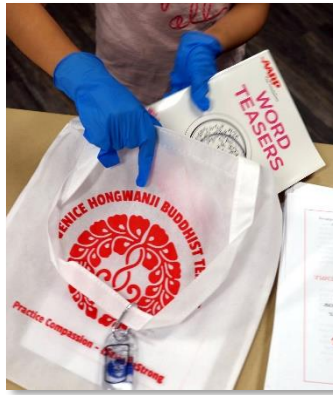


A big “thank you” to our temple’s Sewing and Crafts club, who sprang into action just as the city of Los Angeles mandated face coverings for everyone venturing outside during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is just a small sampling of the close to 200 face masks that they created.



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## Senior Dana Delivery

Our new Sangha Initiative group planned and coordinated a Senior Dana Delivery program. This collaborative effort brought together all of the temple organizations (ABA, BWA, Dharma School, Jr. YBA, Cub Pack 79, and Girl Scout Troop 5325) to solicit and collect donations, make hand-drawn cards, put together the bags, and deliver them in a safe, contact-less manner to our Keiro seniors (those over 80) who have been shut-in and isolated due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The first delivery of 84 bags took place on June 14, with a delivery scheduled for July and another for August. Contact the Sangha Initiative (see next page) if you would like to help.



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# Sangha Initiative

The Sangha Initiative was launched in April by the VHBT Board as part of an effort to assess and enhance the future prospects of the Temple. The core of this initiative is a group of creative and energetic Members and Friends (currently about 25 strong ranging in age around 22 to 45 years old) who will focus on developing programs and providing guidance on how to build an even stronger sense of Community and to better serve the needs of the Sangha, with special attention towards growing participation among younger adults and families.

Using social media to keep us better connected (as a complement to Live Streaming Sunday services) is one of our initial areas of focus. Currently we are exploring how to more effectively use Facebook and other online sources, and one of our first efforts is developing an online adventure for all ages involving posting selfies and videos (stay tuned for more details).

Other Sangha Initiative actions will include providing advice to the Temple board and other affiliated organizations on issues like Temple membership dues, religious programs, and Community outreach, particularly focusing on what resonates most with our younger (and young at heart) populations.

As we move forward, we will work to collaborate with the Board in implementing a variety of Sangha-building programs in an effort to create a warm, fun environment for all. After 2 meetings, the group (very enthusiastic) is considering events such as mentoring/networking for college students and young adults, an event for younger adults combining religious discussions in a Happy Hour type framework, development of cultural and recreational class offerings for children and adults, and the revival of the Family Fun Night Fund Raiser (dinner, Bingo, movies).

We're just getting started, and anyone interested in joining us is welcome. Meetings are currently held bi-weekly via Zoom. Our main objective in addition to helping the Temple is to have a lot of fun in the process. Check the VHBT website (in the future) for Sangha Initiative updates, and contact Jerry Iseda for more information on joining the group.



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# Buddhist Women's Association

The VHBT Fujinkai hopes all Temple members have safely sheltered in place during this coronavirus19 pandemic. We hope that those who are 65 and older have younger family members/friends who can run their errands to the pharmacy, grocery store, bank, or other essential destinations. If you need assistance, please contact Fujinkai co-presidents Vicki Tokirio or Judy Hopfield by email at [vtokirio@hotmail.com](mailto:vtokirio@hotmail.com) or [judyhopfield@yahoo.com](mailto:judyhopfield@yahoo.com) or telephone Vicki at 310-980-3617, or Judy at 310-308-6717. We will coordinate a pick up and delivery for you.

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, the Fujinkai hosted the annual Fujinkai Memorial for departed Fujinkai members; Lady Takeko Kujo, founder of the Buddhist Women's Association; and Eshinni-sama and Kakushinni-sama, wife and youngest daughter of Shinran Shonin, respectively. Reverend Kory Quon officiated and delivered the Dharma message.

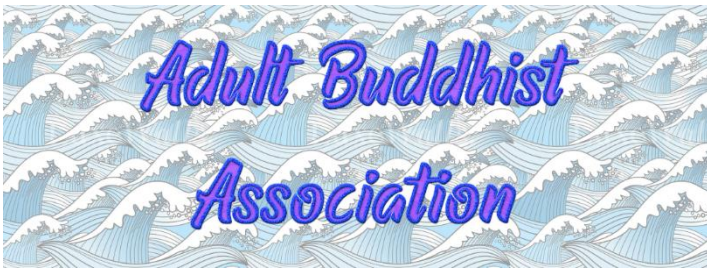
After the Memorial Service, the Fujinkai shared a potluck lunch, which included Mrs. Omote's homemade chirashi rice. Fujinkai members assembled lunch boxes and dessert boxes to deliver to those Fujinkai members who could not attend the service at the Temple.

In other Fujinkai news, both the VJCC Festival in June and the VHBT Obon in July have been cancelled for 2020, out of consideration for the safety and health of Fujinkai preparers of wonton, and of customers to the VJCC from the Westside and from Buddhist Temples in the Southern District. Obon Odori shirts, newly reduced to \$15 per shirt, and wide-bottomed VHBT Obon totes available for \$10 each, however, are still for sale. Please visit the VHBT website at [vhbt.org](http://vhbt.org) to place your orders on the printable order forms.



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Hello to all. Hope you are all healthy and surviving.

In my 67 years, I have experienced many things, but I can attest that the Pandemic is new to me. It has brought to me to be thankful for life, and to all those around me.

Too often, I have used the excuse of being buzzy (busy). Yes, buzzy. Just buzzing around. Not stopping for a moment. Not even taking the time for 10 minute to think and relax. To say thanks. I want to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU. Thank you to the temple. Thank you to Reverend Kory. Thank you to all the ABA members. Thank you to all the Temple members, and friends of the Temple. Thank you to everyone. To support the temple and to make it a place that allows us to gather and to make us a close community.

I cannot tell what the future holds for us? Only that the sun will rise and set. How we spend the time if of essence. I am grateful for each day. My hope for everyone is to have GREAT Days ahead. I look forward to seeing everyone in the near future, face-to-face, to have that "Connection".

For ABA, our next planned gathering is in September at our annual Member Memorial Service. More information to follow.

Thank you.... TTY

Feel free to contact me at: [tommyyami@gmail.com](mailto:tommyyami@gmail.com)

In gassho,  
Tom Yamaguchi  
*President, VHBT Adult Buddhist Association*

Dharma School is beginning to offer monthly virtual Dharma School classes and Virtual Dharma Kids' Meet-ups in the month of May. These activities include Dharma discussions, stories, crafts and more. Additionally, we have been sending out weekly emails with other activities families can work on at home. These activities are geared toward ages 2-11, but any kids are welcome to participate. If you would like to receive more information please contact [jaymeheyl@yahoo.com](mailto:jaymeheyl@yahoo.com).



Memorial services for those who passed away in the following years:

2019: 1 year  
2018: 3 year  
2014: 7 year  
2008: 13 year  
2004: 17 year  
1996: 25 year  
1988: 33 year  
1971: 50 year

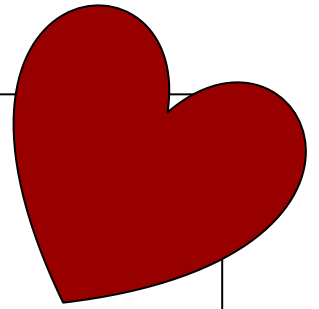


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## A Note From Jr. YBA...



Even though our year was cut short, we want to thank you for all your support over the years. We hope to see Jr YBA grow and continue all the traditions, make memories, and new friends as time goes on. A special thank you to Reverend Kory, and our high school Dharma school teacher, Emily Kariya, for being there to guide us and give us direction along the way. We will take what we have learned and what you have instilled in us as we move on to the next chapter of our journey. Due to the cancellation of Obon, we are saddened we are unable to make our last batch of Dango for you. Please be sure to stay safe, healthy and well, and we hope to see all of you soon.

In Gassho,

Your Jr YBA Class of 2020,

Chrissy Wakasa, Lindsey Kojima, Amanda Matsubara and Karlee Nakamura



*Jr. YBA Installation Service, Sept. 2019*



*Venice / Senshin August 2019 Conference*



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*Hannah Chang*



*Iris Kirata*



*Leila Fernandez*



*Ally Yamashita*

*Girl Scout Troop 5325*

*Congrats*  
*Class of*  
**2020**

*We are so proud of all of you!*  
*Wherever you go, go with all*  
*your heart. We will be rooting*  
*for you all the way!*



*Lindsey Kojima*



*Ally Lee*



*Inori Kawauchiya*



*Jacklyn Oldorp*



*Chrissy Wakasa*



*Amanda Matsubara*



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# Cub Pack 79

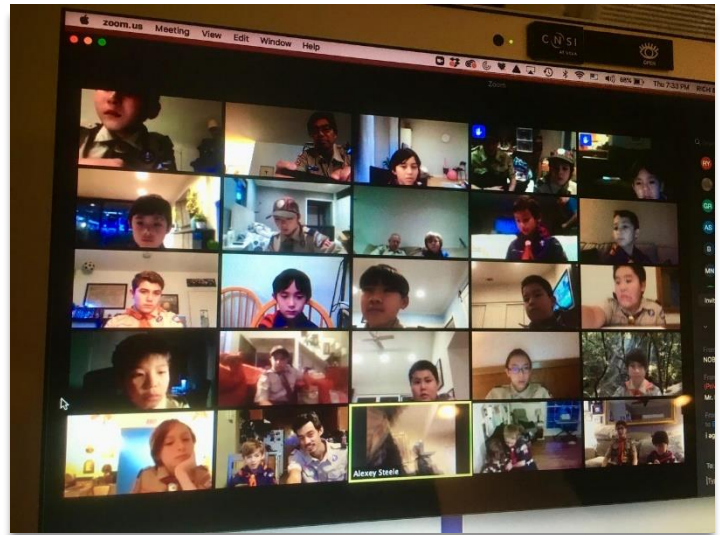
Spring 2020 got off to a very nice start as we were off to the races at the beginning of March with our annual Pinewood Derby Race! This event is a traditional Cub Scout event where the scouts work together with their parents to design and build a car to race down a track, starting with just a block of wood, 4 nails and 4 wheels. We had over 25 entries including a guest Tiger Scout, Ayumi Saita from Pack 67 who raced her “Flying Fish” car with us after missing Pack 67’s race due to a cold. We had a new race timer and scoring software which allowed us to calculate a scaled speed on the track. Our fastest car was clocked at an equivalent 160MPH! The scouts and parents had a great time at the event and we handed out many awards for best design, most creative, best paint job, along with the 1st 2nd and 3rd place finishers.



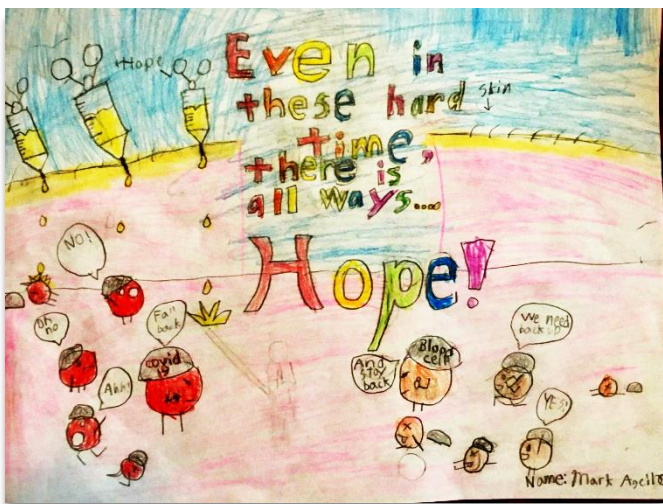
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Mid-March brought the Stay at Home order and most of our planned events and activities were canceled or postponed to later in the year. However, after a few weeks of adjustment as each of us had to find our 'new North' our Parents committee met via Zoom and we planned our first Pack meeting via Zoom. The dens also found that with some adjustments, they were able to continue meeting via Zoom and continue fun activities and work on their advancement. We also had our scouts participate in a biweekly interactive streaming event online called 'Scout Saturday Live!' (<https://bsa-la.org/ssl/>) and other online scout activities and events. On April 16th Pack 79 held its first Pack Meeting via Zoom. With over 35 scouts and Den Chiefs, we were able to do a scavenger hunt and a community service art project.



Our next pack meeting in May will have a Family Camp @ Home theme as we encouraged our families to share pictures and videos of their backyard or living room campouts. We also hope to demonstrate some scout skills and have virtual campfire. Looking ahead as we plan to graduate/bridge our Webelos 2 scouts into their new Boy Scout troops, we're working with local scout troops to see what we can come up with for a virtual and special ceremony in June. We're learning the lessons of impermanence and realize that a strange situation may keep us from doing what's always been, but doesn't necessarily mean we can't keep looking ahead. It probably means trying something new and not sitting still as we continue to use this time as an ongoing teaching moment to emphasize the importance of the Scout Oath and Scout Law; and what it means to do a Good Turn Daily.



We continue to welcome new families and scouts in Pack 79. For the first time, Pack 79 now welcomes girls to the pack and are looking for interested families to embark on this new adventure with us! If you or family members/friends would like to learn more about Pack 79 please send a note to [cubpack79@vhbt.org](mailto:cubpack79@vhbt.org) or check out our public site at <https://marinacubpack79.shutterfly.com/>



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Senior Outreach has been very quiet since we are not able to access the Temple. However, we have been in phone contact with each of the members, as well as seeing one another of various Zoom activities ie. Virtual chair Yoga (Tuesdays at 1:00 pm), virtual chair Zumba (Thursdays at 1:00 pm) and Bingo (Fridays at 1:00 pm). Please let me know if you are interested in joining any of these free activities and/or if you need to know how to connect on Zoom or don't have the right equipment. The instructors also taught these classes at VJCC before activities were cancelled.

If you miss our morning services there are many ways to hear Dharma talks. Bishop Marvin Harada records a "Dial a Message" every week in English and Japanese. The phone number is 1-800-817-7918. In addition to our weekly Zoom Sunday Services online, there are many BCA Temples that offer services also through YouTube.

Our Senior Outreach Program has also supported the new "Sangha Initiative" group led by Jerry Iseda. Through our Marie Callendar fundraisers we were able to pay for hand sanitizers that will be included in the "Dana Delivery" bags! These bags are for seniors over 80 years old and will be delivered by our young Sangha Initiative members!

Everyone has done a wonderful job with social distancing, wearing masks, and frequent hand washing, hopefully we will be able to see each other soon! Thank you all who have supported or members during this challenging time!

Please contact me if you have any questions about any of the Senior activities!

In Gassho,

Barbara Fukuji (310-754-9604)



Even though we are not having a physical, in-person festival this year, we have many obon activities planned for July, including:

- Opportunity Drawing, with prizes up to \$1000.
- Silent Auction, featuring handmade items, gift baskets, a wine tasting class, membership to the Japanese American National Museum, a basketball autographed by the Los Angeles Clippers basketball team, and more.
- Virtual Marketplace, selling obon tote bags, "Obon Dancer in Training" t-shirts, and our famous temple cookbook.
- Virtual Workshops, where you can learn how to make obon lanterns, shaved ice, or learn and practice some of our favorite obon dances.
- Virtual Scavenger Hunt, a fun, multi-generational activity where you have 24 hours to complete as many of the 100 missions as possible.

For information on any of these activities, please visit our web site at [vhbt.org](http://vhbt.org).



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## OBON SPONSORS

Although we are not able to hold a physical obon festival this year, we appreciate the generosity of those who support the temple through obon sponsorships and would like to recognize them.

### \$1,500 Sponsorships

In Memory of George Ta-Min and Tsui Lin Chan Ching  
In Memory of Chikao & Mary Kujubu and Dino &  
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### Membership Categories:

FAMILY MEMBERS	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	SENIOR MEMBERS
<b>Family Membership</b> (Includes children under age 22 yrs) <b>\$500</b>	<b>Individual Membership</b> (Single Adult age 30 and older) <b>\$250</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro – age 80 yrs. during or after 2018) <b>\$125</b>
<b>Young Family Membership</b> (Family under age 35 yrs.) <b>\$350</b>	<b>Young Adult Individual Membership</b> (Single adult under age 30 yrs.) <b>\$125</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018) <b>Complimentary</b>



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# Temple Wish List



## Needed Items and Facility Service Projects

- 60" Commercial gas BBQ grill
- Build 2 new wooden box/stands for kama/rice cooker
- Build 2 new wooden stands for usu (lg. granite bowls used for pounding rice at Mochitsuki)
- New Mochi grinder
- 2 Gorilla racks
- Replace 2 doors at east side of Temple
- Hose, 25' heavy duty (1); small head size rakes (2); heavy duty push broom (1)
- Install new double pane windows downstairs in social hall
- Large sturdy tables from Mity-Lite Tables, 12 needed – (approx. \$275 ea.)
- New storage shed at south side of garage
- 32 gal. Commercial "Rubbermaid Brute" gray trash cans with lids (4) - (approx. \$30 ea.)
- Commercial Rubbermaid plastic trash can "Dolly" (4) - (approx. \$35 ea.)
- Install smoke detectors; install new intercom at side door
- Uchishiki - 4 triangular matching brocade cloths for Onaijin, 1 Mizuhiki - table skirt, 1 Tocho - hanging brocade curtain surrounding Amida Buddha – (approx. cost for all pieces: \$45,000)
- Obuppan-ki - holders for rice offering, set of 2 - (approx. cost: \$800)
- Kebyo set - matching altar water holders, etc. - (approx. cost: \$6000)

## Ongoing Needed Items

- Hand Sanitizing Gel – must contain at least 70% isopropyl alcohol or 60% ethyl alcohol
- Clorox Disinfecting wipes
- 2" Blue Painter's Tape
- Small battery operated clocks with second hand (4) & batteries
- Forever postage stamps; Glue Sticks (Elmer's brand)
- Water, 1 gallon size; Brita water filters
- 33 gal. heavy duty trash bags
- Paper towels, Ziploc bags (all sizes), napkins, 6-8 oz. paper hot cups
- Pyrex glass food storage containers with lids
- Large ( 10 ¼") paper 3-sectional dinner plates
- Regular coffee (ground); Green tea bags
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers; Bathroom liquid hand soap
- Ajax or Dawn Dish Soap, Bon Ami cleanser; sponges

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*March 2020 to May 2020*

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