

Usagami Sore Project

June 23, 2022 Distribution

Recipient 1:

She is a mother of three children ages 9 (girl), 8 (girl), and 5 (boy).

She said that she is in the middle of divorce mediation presently, so she currently manages the house budget within her salary only. She said that she has a full time job, but it is so hard to raise three children by herself. She hopes to get support from the government in the future after her divorce is completed. The ongoing situation has made her feel very anxious. She appreciates the food distributions because it makes her think that someone understands and supports her situation.

Almost two years ago, her friend mentioned the 2hj food distribution event, but she did not join immediately because she could not believe the food was free and she thought some people must have been suffering more than her. After 2hj food distribution in May, her children especially enjoyed upgraded and delicious mayonnaise and Hokkaido milk that she cannot afford for them. Because all food prices have been increasing, she wishes to have seasoning, such as shoyu (soy sauce), ketchup, cooking oil, and miso.



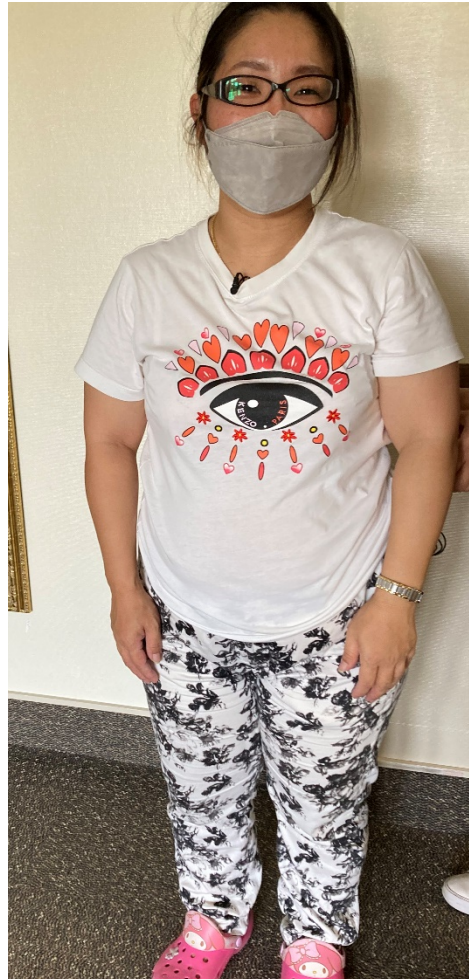
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Recipient 2:

She was a single-mother with one child. Then after getting married she had a second child who is now six months old. When she was a single mother, she received support from the local government. However this support was cancelled right after she got married. Her husband works but salaries in Okinawa are extremely low. She looks for free food support all the time for her family. She claimed the recent inflation of not only food but also daily goods for her life, such as toilet paper, have made life much more challenging. She wishes to receive pasta, bread, vegetable, cooking oil, nori (seaweed), and furikake (seasoning) for warm rice.

She also supports her sister because she recently became a single- mother with two children (one is disable) and cannot leave her house easily. Both sisters appreciate 2hj food support with 5kg rice each month.



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Recipient 3:

She is a single mother with two daughters (7 and 13 years old). She heard about 2hj food distribution in Okinawa beginning of this year and joined January and February.

In March 2hj sent her an invitation to join this pilot project in Okinawa city starting in April, she decided to participate.



She really appreciates all the food from 2hj. The monthly package includes miscellaneous items that sometimes she has never seen, and it is so fun to try them. Her family loved and enjoyed especially the mayonnaise and milk in May. She added that she cannot afford to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. So, she usually purchases affordable canned fruits only, pineapples, peach, and cherries. The daughters mentioned they love any all of the snacks, chips, candies and rice crackers. She usually cooks fried vegetables called Champuru or curry rice and wishes to have meat and egg if it is possible.