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Serving Kupuna with Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels

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They boxed up the meals and loaded up the wheels. Lanakila "Meals on Wheels" marked it's 16th anniversary like all the rest...

"We are gonna go deliver a meal to Margaret Young," said volunteer Christine Gayagas.

Delivering over eight-hundred hot meals to home-bound seniors on Thanksgiving.

"Yes it's so amazing, because each of these seniors are very eager to get these meals," said Brandon Mitsuda, Lanakila Meals on Wheels. "So everybody has really stepped up to give thanks and to give to these seniors."

Drivers hit the road and head door to door. Gayagas brought along her daughter and niece

"I just think that if she needs a meal that we're able to help."

Meals on Wheels says, more than ever, Hawaii's kupuna are in need this holiday season.

"Right now we have a wait list of 100, and it grows every day," said Mitsuda.

But volunteers are still showing up to lend a helping hand.

"You bring me a nice hot meal, so i can take time to have a nice hot meal, i really appreciate you," said Margaret Young.

"We know they could be with their families, but they choose to be here with us helping these seniors that are in need, and we thank them so very much," said Mitsuda.

Lanakila Meals on Wheels plans to make another special delivery to eight-hundred more seniors on Christmas day.

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