



A New Face to YouthGrace

Say hello to Emily Vincent. She jumped on the Common Grace train a month ago heading the YouthGrace department. Aside from working part time here, she works as head trainer & ankle taper at Castle High School. When asked about what she's hoping for YouthGrace, she answered, "Big kids mentoring little kids and both benefitting from the experience."

A Time For Everything

August of this year, Kelly Miyamura resigned as a board member. She faithfully served for 6 years, contributing much wisdom and warmth. We will miss her and wish her the best as she raises and mentors her own kids. Kevin, (husband) you and the boys can have her back --- much grace to the beautiful Miyamura family.



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They were truly generous in seeing that our 10th Year Party succeeded.

We can't name all the folks who contribute but one guy --- Paul Yee served as the real "mastermind".

The Awefull Boys were wonderful.



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A Letter From the Executive Director....

Dear Ones, Open up this letter and gaze on photos & a proclamation that honors the 10th Anniversary of Common Grace. It was a PARTY! So grateful for 10 good years of God's good grace + a large measure of humility mixed in.

This work is supernatural. Who would have dreamed the public schools would be receptive? Most churches want to stay safe inside but over 50 churches have stepped out into their neighborhoods to love neighbor children. People are busy. But more than 1000 mentors have been trained and carefully screened.

It's been an awesome decade. Thank You, Jesus.

What's next? Keep working to deliver kindness to kids! We've learned a lot in 10 years and we want to stay teachable and agile. Simplicity is powerful! Jackie says God will prune our branches that we bear more fruit. "Pruning" sounds painful but, if more fruit is promised, I'm all for it. Cut away, Lord! Any trimming by Your hand will be followed by the tender binding of Your grace.

One thing I'm positive about --- I am passionate to see kids lifted & loved.

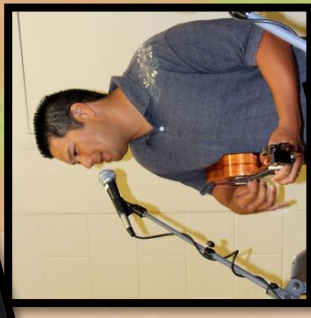
Please continue your personal involvement. Send the envelope. Stay with us!

In His gracious grip,

Jay Jarman

10th Anniversary Celebration

If you missed it, check out these pictures and
more at www.commongrace.org!



Council of the City and County of Honolulu

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HONORING COMMON GRACE
UPON THE EVENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"Mentor - A structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee."
A mentor is not a foster parent, therapist, parole officer, or cool peer."

- Definition of Mentor by the National Mentoring Partnership
"Matching the kindness of a neighborhood church with the needs of a kid in public school."
- Common Grace's Motto

Founded ten years ago in 2003, Common Grace is a nonprofit organization that arranges partnerships between public elementary schools and local churches. Former youth minister Jilly Jarman, who serves as the Executive Director, is founder of the program. He and his staff and a board of directors from religious and educational communities as Common Grace provides opportunities for caring adults to provide encouragement and support to individual children. The idea for Common Grace came in the aftermath of the Columbine High School shootings and Jarman, who was a storyteller at a public school, spoke with a local high school principal, and both assessed how a similar tragedy could be prevented from happening in Hawaii and that those who committed those acts did not have adult mentors. Mentors or hanai Aunties and Uncles are and will be there for the children for their good and bad days, to celebrate successes and to support the individual.

Common Grace's mentors and personnel must go through and complete screening and training processes. There is no religious agenda for the mentors and children and adult volunteers are expected to commit for one school year although it may be extended. The school assigns a coordinator from the faculty or administration who then selects the children, matches them with the available mentors and tracks the progress of each mentor-mentee pair. Children have a need or desire for attention beyond the classroom, someone to talk to and have someone there to listen to them, one-on-one.

From their humble beginnings at Kaimuki Christian Church, Common Grace has brought together more than fifty church-school partnerships in its ten years of existence. Common Grace is the centerpiece of the church-school collaborations that occurs weekly, one-on-one mentoring of highly vulnerable children chosen by their teachers and counselors. The sincerity and affection of those hanai Aunties and Uncles have impacted and improved the lives of over a thousand elementary school-age children.

Therefore, the Honolulu City Council, on behalf of the City and County of Honolulu hereby commends and applauds the faith based, not for profit organization known as Common Grace for their work with students throughout the schools. The Honolulu City Council is proud to honor the volunteers, mentors, trainers, staff, financial supporters, board of directors and especially it's Executive Director Jilly Jarman whose graciousness gives meaning to the organization's name, "COMMON GRACE" for achieving ten years of faithful service to the community. Furthermore, congratulations to the churches and schools who joined forces in seeking the common good for the sake of the children. The Honolulu City Council wishes to further extend its warmest aloha, deepest gratitude and Mahalo and highest hopes for success in all their future endeavors.

DATED: August 31, 2013

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