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Update with TRUSTEE MARGARET TSAI

Happy New year to all! We are celebrating a most unusual brand-new year. As always new year is a time of new beginnings, new projects to begin and old projects to complete. Whatever your plans, make the most out of every situation. Through the efforts of the Kei Lin Foundation, I am endeavoring to continue to do all that I can do to help others in the community who are elderly and alone with no family.

I continue to be inspired by Mother Kei Lin's example of hard work, perseverance, and willingness to meet every challenge regardless of circumstances. Mother Kei Lin built her successful businesses and achieved greater success than anyone could have attained in Japan at that time, educated or not. During the last five years of her life, my mother regained control of her companies. She was president of the company and I became her managing director. I assisted her in buying and managing real estate for her company in Tokyo, and California. I enjoyed communicating with my mother in this business venture. We did not have many telephone discussions but talked when we visited each other, always communicating how we felt. We became closer as friends, as well as mother and daughter, than at any other time in my life.

Now that the olive harvest is completed, I am returning to work on my second book, one of my current projects for the new year. As I close this special New Year's message to you, I want to leave you with the thoughts from my introduction to book 1,

"The spirit never dies." My message to you is "Do not let the light of your spirit grow dim. Regardless of your age and regardless of situations or circumstances that may create obstacles to your progress, always pursue the next step to reach another goal. Large or small, always keep each phase of your life plan in mind. Keep moving, keep working and you will succeed. Do something you enjoy. Put your mind, energy, and effort into the work at hand. Always do your best regardless of circumstances."

Wishing you a new year full of every possibility for renewed health, happiness, and hope.

Margaret Tsai

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Thanks to your support the Kei Lin Foundation made \$62,500 in grants to support seniors during 2020. These grants have helped organizations provide a safety net for those vulnerable to the isolation and disability that can accompany aging. Read two stories about the impact of your giving from 2020 grantees.

“Pricilla works as a caregiver for other seniors to make ends meet. After a shift, she went to the hospital with a headache. The doctors found she had a brain bleed. She had emergency surgery and required a 1 month stay at a rehab facility. That month set her back financially. When we found out, we knew she would need help. We were able to pay her rent and get her home cleaned up before she returned. We continued to support her with prescription costs, grocery delivery and meals so that she could heal.”



“Jerri dedicated her life nurturing foster children with special needs. She gave that up when changes in her health required her to step away. Now she needed a place to receive nurturing for herself. She connected with our center and benefited from the programs for exercise and meals. Even her doctors were surprised at how much these programs made a difference.

When COVID put an end to on site programs, the meals program became a key way to for her to get the physical and emotional nurturing she needs. “Keeping my connection to the center saved my life. These meals are a lifeline to the nurturing I need”

With some of the challenges of 2020 continuing into 2021, we will to continue to meet the needs of our seniors. Help us by donating to our foundation. Donors receive exclusive gifts like Regency Olive Oil and Mrs. Tsai’s book, “The Kei Lin Story.”

Now you can make your donation and request a Regency Olive Oil gift on our website!

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