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Lemanu-Talauenga Administration rings in the Holiday Spirit Beginning with Territorial Administration on Aging

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On Friday, December 02, 2022, the Lemanu-Talauenga Administration commences this year's holiday festivities with the annual Territorial Administration on Aging (TAOA) gift giving at the Department of Youth and Women's Affairs Center in Tafuna. Performing the invocation and benediction was Reverend Kereti (Faifeau Toeaina) from the CCCAS Church in Afono, with hymns by the Department of Human and Social Services under the direction of Director Muavaefaatasi John Suisala.

“Today is the day we honor and celebrate the matriarchs and patriarchs of our Territory,” stated Governor Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga in his special remarks. He continued, “Let today, and everyday, be a lesson to our people to remember the hardships and struggles our elders have gone through to pave the way for us. They walked so we could run. The success of this Territory lies on the shoulders of our elders.”

During the program, all senior citizens who have reached the age of 85 and above were acknowledged by TAOA Director Evelyn Lili’o Satele. Recognized individuals are as follow:

- Iuni Maaeva - 92 years old and was presented with a recliner
- Mereane Tuiolasega - 92 years old and was presented with a recliner
- Mapu Luamalae - 91 years old was presented a gift basket

Senior Citizens who have reached 83 - 89 years old:

- Tinousi Jennings (83 years old)
- Loke Tago (85 years old)
- Tinei Tunoa (85 years old)
- Alaia Filia (87 years old)
- Chienhiung Kuo (87 years old)
- Aloe Pagofie (87 years old)
- Maria Shimasaki (88 years old)
- Pela Godinet (89 years old)

“We gather here in thanksgiving as we ring in the holiday season in this joyous event,” stated Lt. Governor Talauega E. V. Ale in his closing remarks. He continued, “As mentioned by Reverend Kereti in his sermon, the greatest gift that we have received are our parents. Your guidance, prayers, and support are priceless.”

There were over hundreds of senior citizens and all received several hygienic products such as, shampoo and conditioner, cotton swab, moisturizing lotion, dental tooth paste, tooth paste, mouthwash, soap, hand soap, wash cloths, towel, towel, and throw blanket. The remaining gifts baskets will be delivered to the senior citizens residing in Manu’a, those in the Hope House, and Dialysis Patients.

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