



Older American Awardee Lucy Makuakane pictured with Hawai'i County Mayor Mitch Roth

### **Lucy Makuakane**

Lucy is 72 years young and resides in Pahala, Hawai'i. The Hawai'i County Nutrition program nominated her for the Hawai'i County Office of Aging 2022 Outstanding Older American Award.

Lucy is a Ka'u girl that grew up in Na'alehu, Hawai'i. Lucy is helpful, kind, talented, and is a great example of someone living their senior years to the fullest. Her support of both the Na'alehu and Pahala Senior programs makes her outstanding in the eyes of her friends in both communities. She currently serves on the executive boards of both the Na'alehu Senior Club (President) and the Pahala Senior Club (Advisor).

She is a willing volunteer as part of the Hawaii County Nutrition Program (HCNP) van transportation team and helps to run the Nutrition site when the Site manager is away.

A matriarch to a large family (Mother of 8, grandma of 20 and great grandma of 2) may be where she developed her super organization skills and can-do attitude. She is the kind of worker that makes life easier for everyone around her, noticing when something needs to be done and "just doing it!" In her own words, "I'm not much of a talker; I'm more of a doer!"

She is an accomplished tennis athlete playing in the Nationals seven times and placing twice since joining the USTA Senior Tennis League.

Lucy is a creative individual who has taken on playing ukulele, dancing Hula, Japanese Bon Dance and Line Dancing in her senior years.

Lucy is an active volunteer in her church, where she assists with the church's project of providing meals to mothers and families after they bring a new baby home.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to her as the Hawaii County's Office of Aging Outstanding Older American.