

HOPE'S CORNER

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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Hope's Corner serves a hot and nutritious meal every Saturday 8am-10am, Monday 8am-9am and Wednesday 8am-9am at the corner of Hope and Mercy in Mountain View.

Hope Springs Eternal!

Spring has sprung!

Put a spring in your step!

Hop to it!

Come volunteer at Hope's Corner this Spring!



Celebrate Spring with Bara-Zushi

Yuka, one of our lovely volunteers, recently made her Japanese Grandmother's Bara-Zushi recipe for our Wednesday morning guests to celebrate the arrival of spring. They made over 200 meals, which Yuka said "could only be done with cooperation of the entire team". Sharing our cultures, grandmother's recipes, care, concern and "hope" for our friends and neighbors is the Hope's Corner way.

Thank you to the Bara-Zushi team for ushering in the season.

See full recipe below and watch Yuka's Youtube video





Let's go over
the **3** STEPS
to make
"Barazushi".

STEP
1.

Make Rice

STEP
2.

- a. Make Vinaigrette
- b. Cook Vegetables

STEP
3.

Combine everything

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Yuka's Grandma's Bara-Zushi Recipe

Step 1: Cook 5 cups of rice, makes 10 servings.

Step 2 a: Make sweet vinegar for 5 cups of rice. Mix together 3 Tb sugar, 1 Tb salt, 100 ml vinegar (could use sweet vinegar called "Sushi-Zu").

Step 2 b: Chopped ingredients to cook. Cut in small pieces 1 cup carrots, 1 cup mushrooms, and 1 Tb ginger. Add to a pot with 1 cup water, 1 Tb sugar and 2 Tb soy sauce. Boil for 10 minutes. Put the chopped and cooked ingredients into the rice mixture and stir.

Step 3: Combine everything! Pour the sweet vinegar over the rice and stir. Top with anything you like! Shrimp, tofu, salmon, broccoli, seaweed paper, spinach, egg.

[Bara-zushi Youtube Video!](#)



Thank you, team leads! Wishing you all the best. A message from our Hope's Corner Volunteer Coordinator.

Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be. Keeping that in mind, I (sadly and optimistically) want to bid adieu (or "see you later") to 4 of our team leads who will be leaving Hope's Corner (AND California). We send our warmest wishes that all of them have a smooth move, settle in beautifully and find amazing new adventures in their new hometowns! From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank:

Marilyn - best known as our Saturday morning barista as well as a board member. Marilyn has been volunteering at Hope's Corner almost right from the start. Pre-pandemic, Marilyn was our morning greeter, passing out trays and condiments to our guests. Post-pandemic, she has been our staple barista on Saturdays making "cadillacs" which are a mixture of coffee and hot chocolate for our guests. A decade of thanks to you!

Yuka – who volunteered over 160 hours in just 2 years; this is IN ADDITION to the time she spent as one of our staff members who handled the shower/laundry program as well. Her husband Wataru also started volunteering for Saturday breakfast shifts with her. We will miss both of their positive personalities as they move back home to Japan. Arigato for being a part of the Hope's Corner family during your stay in the States!

Josh - who is one of our team leads for the Friday Afternoon Kitchen Prep shift. Josh started volunteering with us during the summer of 2022 and quickly became a regular on that shift. Ultimately, he was nominated to join our Green Apron crew by another Team Lead. He still has a few more months with us, and we appreciate his commitment to help out till the very end of his stay!

Jo – our dear friend who was a key dish scrubber pre-pandemic and has been a regular on our Friday crew. She's been a huge support on Saturdays as one of our Dishwashing Leads and will be sorely missed! Your can-do attitude and energy are an inspiration to us all! I'm glad we also have some more time to hang out/volunteer before you move!

I do hope that our paths will cross again and that you know how much good you've done for many through your work here at Hope's Corner! I wish you wonderful new chapters in your lives that will bring much joy!

Thank you very much for your service and friendships - Alice

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