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### **EASTER KIDS/FAMILY FUN DAY FOR MOMS AND KIDS HELD AT THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

HONOLULU – The Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) held their Easter Kids/Family Day today at the facility, sponsored by Wellspring Covenant Church. This year 20 mothers and 40 of their children, ranging in age from infants to 17-years old participated. The Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center on Maui helped by flying 13 children and 6 caregivers over from Maui for the event.

The special day included a traditional Easter egg dash, face painting, a rabbit petting zoo and other family activities meant to help the incarcerated mothers reconnect with their children.

"This is a special time for the mothers to build relationships just by talking to their children and spending quality time with them," said Susan Soken, Wellspring Covenant Church Kids Day Coordinator. "This is a critical bonding time in their young lives when they need that connection to their mothers most. This is also a chance to re-educate the moms about positive ways to have fun with their kids while creating lasting memories. What better way than an Easter celebration?"

"This program is something the women look forward to as much as the children," said WCCC Warden Eric Tanaka. "We appreciate all of our community partners who work tirelessly with the families in an effort to mend relationships and break the cycle of incarceration".

Wellspring Covenant Church Kids Day Program also coordinates a Halloween party and a summer barbeque at WCCC.

For more information on Wellspring Covenant Church's Kid's Day ministry at WCCC contact them at (808) 484-8880 or email them at [wellspringcchawaii@gmail.com](mailto:wellspringcchawaii@gmail.com).

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