



Michelle come from a family of writers and family historians, and her family's official motto is "A Legacy of Love."

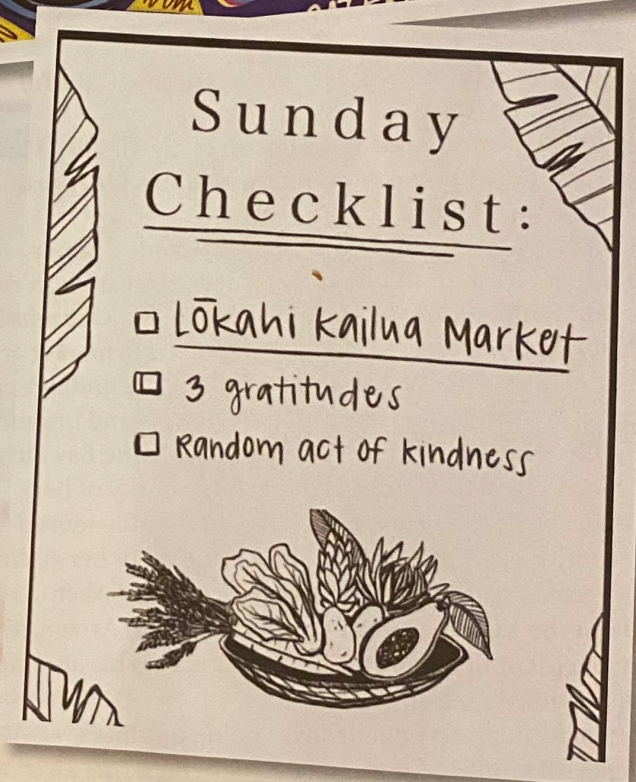
"It can be interpreted differently depending on who you ask in the family," says Michelle. "But for me, it's been a guidepost for my life. It serves as a reminder that our time here on Earth is short. Live it well, and leave your mark by serving others with love and compassion."

Including the Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian) word *lōkahi* first in her thesis and then the market's name was intentional. Michelle believes the word, meaning harmony, unity and balance, extends beyond the market itself and is applicable in most settings in life.

"All of us at the Lōkahi Kailua Market are super grateful for the community's support, especially with all the unexpected hardships brought on by COVID-19," said Michelle.

Back in March 2020, the Lōkahi Kailua Market was a relatively new enterprise, having started its Sunday morning markets in September 2019.

"The likelihood of our market surviving seemed slim at best," said Horton. The market shut down soon after the pandemic lockdown because it did not include a lot of fresh



produce at the time and remaining open as an "essential business" didn't feel right to Michelle.

During the market's four-month closure, Michelle adapted quickly by implementing new delivery and CSA (community-supported agriculture) programs, as well as an artisan bag offering. "The goal was to support our vendors through these weekly themed bags," said Michelle. "But we realized that they brought joy and hope to people during these difficult