



# HCAP Weekly

A weekly e-newsletter of Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.  
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## HCAP kids prepare for robotics competition



Hā Initiative teacher Christian Miller and the Palamabots robotics team

A group of future scientists from Kalihi are putting the final touches on their robots for the **FIRST LEGO League** tournament. Their team, the Palamabots, is from HCAP's new **Hā After-School Creative STEM Program**. With the support of program manager **Chadrhyn Pedraza** and teacher **Christian Miller**, the kids have created an original presentation for this year's challenge: "Food Factor". The Palamabots will face off against other Oahu teams in a fun-filled competition this Saturday at Kalakaua Middle School. Last week, the kids hosted their families at an Open House at the Hā program site. They shared a trial run of the presentation and got to show their parents and siblings what they've learned.



Demonstrating the robotics challenges for their families



**A warm welcome to the newest member of the HCAP 'ohana**  
**Sarah Beavers, Head Start Teacher**

## Head Start parents join millions of volunteers on Make a Difference Day

It was a beautiful, sunny day on October 22<sup>nd</sup> as **HCAP Head Start** family members and staff gathered at Swanzy Beach Park and Lanakila Head Start to commemorate **Make A Difference Day**. In partnership with the City and County of Honolulu, the volunteers spruced up the beach park and playground by painting walls, powerwashing the pavement, raking leaves, trimming trees, and picking up trash. The groups



Swanzy volunteers Andy Falelua, Elizabeth Falelua, Christina Penu, Losi Tafa, Deisha Vendiola, Vai Tauala, Doreen Kaolulo, Eddie Char, Mahi and Abe Akau, Segal Penu, Psalms Falelua, Annie Byous, Jill Wood, and Sua Tauala

worked efficiently and tirelessly while having a blast enjoying each other's company! Make A Difference Day is celebrated every year on the fourth Saturday in October. Created by **USA WEEKEND Magazine**, it is the nation's largest day of volunteering, all due to the efforts of millions of volunteer like the Head Start parents.

**Mahalo to our incredible staff and volunteers.**  
**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



Derek Nishimura gets into the Halloween spirit at the HCAP main office

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