

# Ku'i Na Lono

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January - March 2017

### **HCAP Bids Farewell to Head Start Director Lynn Cabato**



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On March 22, 2017, HCAP Head Start Director Lynn Cabato was recognized and congratulated by the Hawai'i State Senate during Education Week at the State Capitol for her years of service. Lynn devoted the last 41 years to HCAP Head Start and retired on March 31, 2017.

Lynn was first hired as a Social Service Aide by HCAP Head Start. She went on to become the Head Start Program Manager and Assistant Director. In 2005, Lynn became the Head Start Director and worked to fulfill the HCAP Head Start mission of Enriching the Lives of Children; Engaging Families; and Strengthening Communities.

In her tenure with HCAP, Lynn served in some of the most challenging positions in the organization, developing her skills, knowledge, and abilities in the areas of early childhood development, program development, fiscal management, collaboration, and networking. She was a role model, mentor, and inspiration to many HCAP staff throughout the years. HCAP would like to thank Lynn for her dedication and passion to Head Start's philosophy and mission, and send our best wishes on a well-earned retirement!



Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. is a non-profit community action agency serving low-income Oahu residents. In 2016, HCAP assisted over 20,000 seniors, adults, youth & children with employment, education, housing & basic needs.



### HCAP Recognized by Hawaii State Legislature for Homeless Initiative

In March, HCAP's Director of Community Services Tehani Diaz attended a special presentation at the State House of Representatives and Senate Gallery. The Hawaii State Legislature recognized Aloha United Way and

partner agencies, like HCAP, for their work to combat homelessness as part of the Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative.

HCAP's Hāle Kakou- Rent, Deposit, and Utility Assistance Program was offered from October 2016 to January 2017. The program disbursed \$124,234 and helped 72 individuals and families.

In total, 270 men, women, and children were positively impacted by HCAP's program.



## Couple Receives Much-Needed Income Tax Assistance



Paul and Jamie Lynn have been filing their taxes at the Central District Service Center for the past few years, but this year they were particularly grateful for the free income tax services HCAP offers through the Hawaii Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

Paul was the only working person in the household when he suffered a heart attack. Due to several complications, Paul's doctor placed him out of work. Jamie Lynn has been volunteering with the Central District Service Center to develop her skills and gain more work experience. She has also worked as a seasonal aide for HCAP's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in the past and was recently notified that she was accepted as Assistant Teacher Substitute in the

HCAP Head Start program. Paul and Jamie Lynn are looking forward to using their tax refund to pay their back rent and bills.



# HCAP Head Start Staff and Parents Visit the Hawaii State Capitol to Advocate for Early Childhood Education



In March, HCAP Head Start staff and parents visited the Hawaii State Capitol. They took part in an annual event in which both Head Start staff and parents visit the offices of the Hawaii State Senate and House of Representatives to advocate and share about the importance of Early Childhood Education.

HCAP's organized group of staff and parents visited over 75 State Senator and Representative Offices, and hand delivered HCAP 2017 calendars and packets containing HCAP Head Start program information. Staff and parents had the opportunity and pleasure of sitting in a State Senate session, where they were recognized by state legislators. While visiting the Capitol, Policy

Council Secretary-Treasurer Karla Rios, Assistant Director Suzie Uyeda, and Assistant Director Donna Manibog reunited with Andrew Barroga (pictured on the right), a former Head Start student. It was a pleasure for staff members to meet up with former students and hear their testimonies on how Head Start has had a positive impact upon their lives.



# **Employee Anniversaries**

#### 25 Years

Jade Mai-Duong - HS Data Entry Operator

#### 20 Years

Gloria Yoshikawa - HS Teacher I

#### 15 Years

Reza Galindo - HS Teacher I Hanh Minh Lam -HS Assistant Teacher Marjorie Manangan - HS Assistant Teacher

#### 10 Years

Traci Akimoto - HS Child Health &
Development Specialist
Jazzery Kauhi - HS ERSEA Family Advocate
Samatha Keawe - HS Assistant Teacher
Sheree Vandaele - HS Assistant Teacher
Jill Wood - HS Assistant Teacher

#### 5 Years

Lenora Henderson - HS Behavioral Health Specialist Leigh-Tasha Luna-Leiato - HS Assistant Teacher



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### Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

HCAP would like to thank the following donors and funders. From January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, HCAP received donations or funding from the following:

<u>Ihamandas Watamull Fund</u> - \$2,000 grant award to HCAP

<u>State of Hawaii Department of Human Services</u>- \$675,000 to HCAP's Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center

#### **Individual Donors**

Francis & Patricia Lopez Colleen Minami Corinne Murashige

### **Kumuhonua Helps Couple Once At-Risk of Homelessness**

In January 2015, Zenaida and Alvin were forced to vacate their home in Waianae and found themselves at risk of becoming homeless. Alvin was the sole breadwinner in their household, and made just enough to get by. The year before their eviction, Zenaida had been left wheelchair bound after suffering from a stroke. With a limited household income, Zenaida and Alvin had nowhere to go.

Fortunately, within a few weeks, Zenaida and Alvin were referred to Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. Over the course of their time at Kumuhonua, Zenaida and Alvin gained valuable skills on budgeting and financial planning for emergencies and other unforeseen events. After almost two years, Zenaida and Alvin were able to save up enough money to obtain permanent housing. In December 2016, they were able to make the full transition from Kumuhonua to a rental unit in Waipahu.





### SCSEP Program Aide Accepts a New Job Offer



When Nancy first applied to the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) in April 2015, her husband had just passed away, and she was left emotionally and financially devastated. Nancy needed to obtain employment to make ends meet.

After passing the initial eligibility assessment, Nancy was accepted into the program and assigned to the SCSEP office as Program Aide. In her new position, Nancy was responsible for the timely and accurate processing of all the enrollee time sheets and disbursement of enrollee paychecks. It was also Nancy's responsibility to notify enrollees of recertification deadlines, Pre-Employment workshops, and Individual Development Plan update workshops. Under the SCSEP Coordinator's guidance, Nancy was instrumental in reorganizing the SCSEP participant recordkeeping system and making it more efficient.

In February, Nancy received a job offer from the River of Life Mission, a non-profit organization, to be an Administrative Assistant to the new executive director. She is happy to be transitioning to a position that will allow her to utilize the office skills she gained while enrolled in SCSEP. Nancy was also thrilled to receive an increase in pay and hours, which is the ultimate goal for many SCSEP participants. Congratulations and mahalo, Nancy!

### **HCAP Corporate Office Moves to New Location**

In March, HCAP successfully relocated HCAP's Corporate Office to 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 100, Honolulu, HI 96813. The direct entrance to our new office is conveniently located on Fort Street Mall, across the mall from eateries such as Red Pepper and Fort Street Cafe. Our phone number remains the same at (808) 521-4531.

If you have any questions about the new location or our services, please call us and we will be happy to help. We look forward to seeing you at our new location.





### At Kalihi STEM Exploration Center, Coding is Fun and Games



In January, students at the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program's Kalihi STEM Exploration Center honed their computer programming skills by creating their own video games in Scratch, a free visual programming language developed by MIT Media Lab. Many of the kids are devoted Star Wars fans, so they were thrilled to learn that this week's challenge involved creating a space invaders-themed game.

In order to complete their projects, the students had to use and apply their knowledge of rotations in degrees, x-y grids, and variables. Once everyone in the class finished, there was a big in-class expo and competition in which the kids presented their completed projects. They were judged on style, functionality, and creativity. The winners of the competition were awarded healthy snacks. But in the end, it was the journey that was worthwhile. "The important thing is that we all learned a lot, and had a lot of fun," said Aladdin, a 5th grade student.

### Beautifying Pu'uokapolei for MLK Day

In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Starbucks partners around the world commem-orated the day with a nationwide day of service. Starbucks partners and HCAP Youth Services chose to restore and beautify Pu'uokapolei, a hill located at the top of Kapolei Regional Park.

The students helped to paint the inside of a WWII bunker, remove weeds from the hula mound, and do minor landscaping of the grounds.

Guest speakers included Mikiala Lidstone, the Executive Director of the Ulu Ae Learning Center and Vandeth "Ali" Sek, from the office of Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. Sek urged students to find what they're most passionate about, set goals aligned with their passion, and then work hard to achieve these goals.





# **Interim Financial Update**

### Fourth Quarter FY 2017

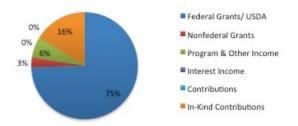
### April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

\*Unaudited, Cash Basis

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)	01/25/16-06/30/17	350,000
Alaska Airlines Foundation - Youth Services	11/18/16-11/17/17	7,500
Aloha United Way - Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative (CSHI)	08/12/16-02/28/17	106,000
Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation - Youth Services	05/16/16-12/31/16	13,720
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/15-09/30/16 10/01/16-09/30/17	2,016,929.57 1,949,870.80
Cooke Foundation - Youth Services	05/13/16-05/12/17	13,720
Friends of Hawaii Charities - Kupuna Independent Life Series	05/26/16-01/31/17	4,000
Head Start	04/01/16-03/31/17	12,762,900
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/16-03/31/17	1,507,135
Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center - DHS Stipend	08/01/15-07/31/16 08/01/16-01/31/17 02/01/17-07/31/17	360,000 180,000 675,000
Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center - Program Income	08/01/15-07/31/16 08/01/16-01/31/17 02/01/17-07/31/17	301,185 153,000 216,743
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	05/01/15-09/30/16 10/01/16-09/30/17	280,000 218,530
Mayor's Office of Economic Development (OED) Grant	07/01/16-06/30/17	10,000
Residential Energy Solutions Initiative (RESI)	04/14/16-04/30/17	211,824.70
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/15-06/30/16 07/01/16-06/30/17	853,410 822,009
Starbucks Foundation - Youth Services	08/01/16-07/31/17	25,000
Department of Human Services - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - STEM	01/01/16-12/31/16 01/01/17-12/31/17	100,000 100,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	12/07/15-09/30/16 10/01/16-09/30/17	94,957.71 127,055.37
Youth Services	07/01/14-06/30/16 07/01/16-06/30/17	372,500 132,148

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants/USDA	16,941,042.20
Nonfederal grants	698,798.86
Program & other income	1,397,645.19
Interest Income	1,139.88
Contributions	9,434.60
In-kind contributions	3,697,782.92
Total	22,745,843.65

#### **GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT**



PROGRAM SERVICES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & childcare	14,074,921.74
Senior employment & training	676,473.16
Job training	210,210.69
Other community services	1,973,907.21
Supporting services:	
Management & general	2,021,353.72
In-kind contributions	3,697,782.92
Total	22,654,649.44

#### **PROGRAM SERVICES**







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#### <u>Programs</u>

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Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center

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Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

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Program (SCSEP)

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Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

**Youth Services** 

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Head Start Dillingham

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