



# Ku'i Na Lono

*Spread the News*

January - March 2018

## Family Moves into New Affordable Housing Village in Waianae with Help from HCAP



On Monday, March 19th, the City and County of Honolulu opened Kauhale Kamaile, a 16-unit modular housing village for homeless and formerly homeless families; Mayor Kirk Caldwell presented three families with keys to their new homes. It was a poignant moment for Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center's Rapid Re-Housing Program Specialist Nara Uli and Leeward District Service Center's Senior Community Services Manager Val Tavai, who were on hand to witness William Joshua, his wife Bernice, and their four children move into their three-bedroom complex. The Joshua family will receive rental subsidies through Kumuhonua's Rapid Re-Housing Program for six months.

The rental subsidies allowed the Joshua family to move from a beach in Nanakuli to a home of their own right across Waianae High School, next to Maluhia Lutheran Church on Farrington Highway. The Joshua family also received household items from Kumuhonua and the Leeward District Service Center. The Leeward District Service Center provided the entire project with pillows and sheets, donated by Marriott Ko Olina Beach Club Bell Team.

### In this issue:

- HCAP Youth Services Bid Farewell to Class of 2018 (pg. 2)
- HCAP Head Start Staff and Families Visit the State Capitol (pg. 4)
- HCAP Holds 2018 Annual Training Day (pg. 6)



## HCAP Youth Services Staff Reflect on Program Achievements and Impact



March 16th was a bittersweet day for HCAP Youth Services Program Coordinator Krystal Ikeda. It was the Graduation Ceremony for the HCAP Youth Services Class of 2018, but also the last day of the program, which HCAP had been running for the past 18 years. On paper, Krystal is the program coordinator and administrator. But in real life, Krystal has also been “Auntie Krystal” to the HCAP Youth Services students – someone the students can always confide to whenever life gets tough.

It is the culmination of the graduates “going onto achieve bigger and better things” that has made Krystal’s work at Youth Services so rewarding. She has been able to witness her graduates turn their lives around and achieve milestones that would have never

been possible five or six years prior: I’ve been able to see them “get better jobs, have children, buy their first houses.” This lasting impact has made the program a success and rewarding for both the students and HCAP throughout the years.

## HCAP Youth Services Bid Farewell to Class of 2018

On Friday, March 16th, Youth Services held the Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony at Pomaika’i Ballrooms at the Dole Cannery. In her delivery of “A Word to the Class,” HYS Teacher Mhoana Cruz addressed the members of the graduating class and encouraged them to be ready for the unexpected. “It is okay to feel scared, and mistakes will be made,” Mhoana said. “But as long as you persevere and stay determined with your goals, success will come.”

The theme of determination was also echoed by Alumni Speaker Daniella Rodrigues, who talked about how her mother’s absence growing up, only made her drive to succeed even stronger. Graduating students Jake Serious and Mikayla Peleras talked about the obstacles they overcame during adolescence and acknowledged the role Youth Services played in “opening doors”.

After all the speeches, HYS Program Coordinator Krystal Ikeda presented special awards to outstanding graduates.

The big moment finally arrived when Mhoana led the Presentation of Diplomas; the students, one by one, walked onto the stage to receive their hard-earned Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma. To close the ceremony, everyone in the crowd joined the students in singing their class song, “Today My Life Begins” by Bruno Mars.





## Former Youth Services Graduate Becomes Working Professional, Files Taxes



For Denmark, his move to Hawaii at age 16 was tough. Denmark had completed 10th grade in the Philippines, but a high school entrance exam placed him back in 10th grade. Language barriers and large class sizes did not help Denmark in his transition to American high school. Upon a friend's suggestion, he enrolled in HCAP's Youth Services Program, shortly after dropping out of high school.

Youth Services provided Denmark with the resources needed to excel in school. In a class of 25, he received individualized instruction and support from two teachers. Within three to four months, he was ready to take the General Educational Development (GED) test. Denmark took the GED and passed the test.

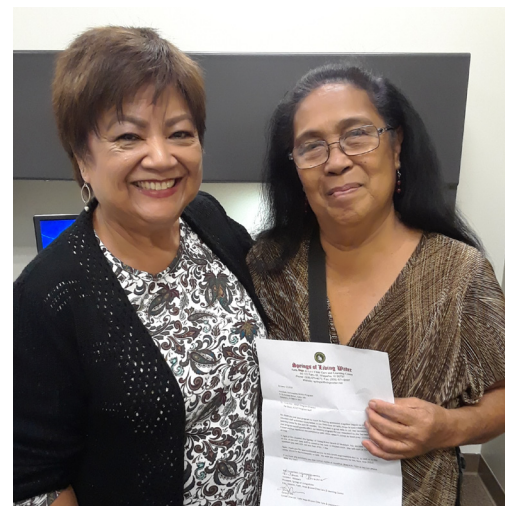
Youth Services opened doors for Denmark. Denmark had always wanted to join the military. With a high school diploma in hand, Denmark enlisted in the military. Following active duty in Kuwait and Iraq, Denmark returned home to Hawaii and served two years in the Reserves. Using the G.I. Bill, he enrolled and completed an associate's degree at Kapiolani Community College.

Today, Denmark works for the state's Department of Taxation. In March, Denmark returned to HCAP – this time as an adult and as a taxpayer – filing his taxes as part of HCAP's ongoing Income Tax Services/ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program. Reminiscing about his Class of 2002 Youth Services cohort, Denmark said, "Everyone was motivated to graduate. All of us. We knew we could make it." It has been sixteen years since graduation but Denmark still keeps in touch with a handful of his classmates.

## SCSEP Participant Obtains Permanent, Unsubsidized Employment

In February 2014, Angelina applied for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), seeking job training and employment. Prior to coming to SCSEP, she was living with her son and relying on him to cover expenses. Upon enrollment, she was placed at the faith-based social service agency, Springs of Living Water, as Kitchen Helper.

Angelina has been a SCSEP participant for four years and her last day at the Springs of Living Water was supposed to be January 22nd. But upon hearing that her SCSEP term was coming to an end, the Springs of Living Water Board of Directors, citing her skills in food prep, cooking, and serving, decided to hire Angelina as a regular part-time employee. Congratulations Angelina!



## Board of Directors

### 2017-2018 BOARD OFFICERS

Kiani F. Cockett  
Chair  
Terrence H. Aratani, Esq.  
Vice Chair  
William Shiroma  
Secretary/Treasurer

### 2017-2018 BOARD MEMBERS

#### *Resident Sector*

Keola Iaela  
Head Start Policy Council  
Kiani F. Cockett  
Central District Council  
Julianna Moefu-Kaleopa  
Central District Council  
Glenn J. Silva  
Kalihi-Palama District Council  
Rebecca Allen  
Leahi District Advisory Council  
Naomi Digitaki  
Leeward District Advisory Council  
May Pakele  
Windward District Advisory Council

#### *Public Sector*

Frank J. Lopez  
Governor's Representative  
Colleen E. Minami  
Mayor's Representative  
Terrence H. Aratani, Esq.  
Office of Senator Brian T. Taniguchi  
Garrick L.H. Goo, Esq.  
Office of Senator Clarence K. Nishihara  
Blake K. Oshiro, Esq.  
Office of Representative Calvin K.Y. Say  
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Esq.  
Office of Representative Linda Ichiyama  
Rep. Mark J. Hashem  
Office of Representative Mark J. Hashem

#### *Private Sector*

Roxanne U. Bolden  
Aloha Independent Living Hawaii  
William Shiroma  
Bank of Hawaii  
Manu Anana  
Hawaii Department of Education  
Joanna Markle  
Hawaiian Electric Company  
Samuel Moku  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Donald Aweau  
Kilina'i Consulting  
Elmer K. Kaai  
Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

#### *Executive Director*

Robert N.E. Piper, Esq., MBA

## HCAP Head Start Staff and Families Visit the State Capitol



On Friday, March 9th, HCAP Head Start made its 5th annual visit to Hawaii's State Capitol. HCAP Head Start staff along with parents from several Head Start classrooms visited the offices of our legislators (Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Rep. Calvin Say, Rep. Linda Ichiyama, and Rep. Mark Hashem), the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor, and presented each one with a 2018 Head Start calendar and a packet containing

program information and success stories from Head Start families.

This annual visit reminds our lawmakers the benefits that Early Childhood Education programs have in all communities in the State, and their support is needed to provide early childhood education services for all families in the State of Hawaii.

## Wraparound Services Client Obtains Employment, Self-Sufficiency

Chantel is a single mom who has benefited greatly from HCAP's wrap-around services. She first came to the Kalihi-Palama District Service Center looking to fulfill community service hours. Upon fulfilling her volunteer hours, Chantel enrolled in the Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program, actively seeking permanent employment. Chantel was hired for the temporary position of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Intake Aide at the Kalihi-Palama District Service Center. Chantel and her family, in the meantime, applied and were approved for LIHEAP, which helped with the family's home energy bill.

Once her position as LIHEAP Intake Aide had ended, Chantel found work as Assistant Manager for a food pantry in Waikiki. She has been working there since September and is very dedicated to her job. In February, Chantel came to the Kalihi District Service Center to file her taxes at HCAP's Income Tax Services/ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program. For her federal return, she received a significant amount in tax refund.

## WAP Clients Receive New Solar Water Heater and Refrigerator

Druearilyn was let go from her job when the airline company she had been working for years suddenly shut down. Since her job loss, Druearilyn and her husband, Stanton, have been struggling with their finances. They kept their expenses to a minimum. Broken home appliances that should have been fixed or replaced a long time ago had to wait; these appliances included a broken water heater and an old refrigerator. Druearilyn and Stanton came to the Leeward District Service Center and applied for HCAP's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

Druearilyn and Stanton were thrilled when their application for WAP was approved. Through the program, the family received a new solar water heater, allowing them to have hot water for the first time in months. Their old refrigerator was also replaced; the cracked seal on the refrigerator door had compromised the refrigerator's cooling capabilities and spiked energy costs.

In addition to these newly installed appliances, Druearilyn and Stanton were given LED light bulbs, new showerheads and aerators for the sinks. Stanton, a giving and kind hearted man, who loves to share whatever he has with others, has been sharing information about WAP assistance to those in need. Since servicing Druearilyn and Stanton's home, WAP staff have received several referrals in the neighborhood.



## Employee Anniversaries

Mahalo to our staff who reached these milestones of service this quarter

### 30 Years

Margaret Higa - Head Start Teacher II

### 15 Years

Grant Kogami - Head Start Director

### 10 Years

Helen Alcaria - Head Start Assistant Teacher  
Paula Hasegawa - Head Start Assistant Teacher  
Trisha-Lynn Kealii - Head Start Assistant Teacher  
Tiarre Maileleilani - Head Start Assistant Teacher  
Brandon Sparks - IT Manager  
Val Tavai - Senior Community Services Manager

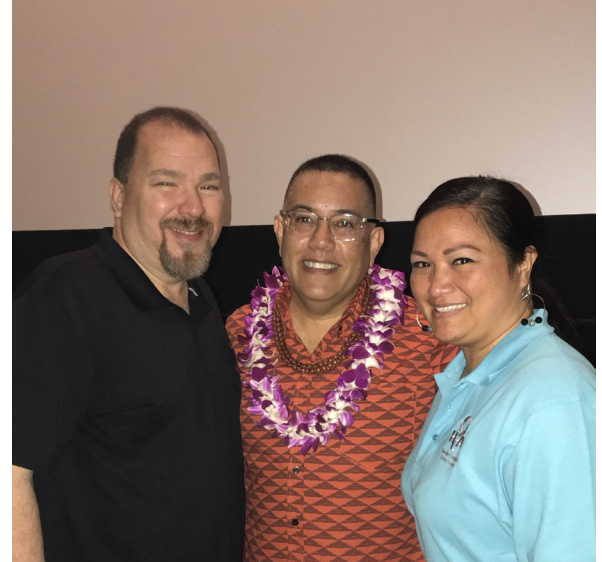
### 5 Years

Moana Flores - Assistant Teacher Substitute  
Aurelia Sapinoro - Head Start Teacher I



## HCAP Holds 2018 Annual Training Day

On Tuesday, February 13th, over 250 HCAP staff gathered at the Consolidated Theatres Kapolei for HCAP's 2018 Annual Training Day. The Training Day theme, "Building a Happy & Healthy HCAP" was reflected in the topics discussed and food provided throughout the day. Gift baskets, donated by HCAP's various programs and departments, also contained items that promoted fitness and personal well-being.



The guest speakers reaffirmed the importance of teamwork in a happy and healthy workplace. Special guest speaker, Sean Craig, shared with HCAP staff the values and pillars that make the Hawaiian way of life so special. As Sean eloquently put it, "One person's success is everyone's success. There is no job more important than another job. It is only by respecting your fellow coworkers do you bring dignity and honor to each and every person in the workplace." In another presentation entitled "Getting Organized," the speaker from WorkLife Hawaii provided details of HCAP's Employee Assistance Program and reminded everyone about the importance of establishing trust with others at work.

After recognizing employees for achieving educational goals and years of service milestones, and announcing the winners of HCAP's second annual "I'm for Quality" contest, HCAP staff were treated to a surprise movie and popcorn.

## Former Kumuhonua Resident Transitions into Permanent Housing



Born and raised in California, Saline accepted an offer by his uncle and aunt to live with them in Hawaii. Saline lived with them for two years until a year ago, when he had to leave his uncle and aunt's home to make room for his aunt's relatives. Even though Saline has steady employment, he could not afford rental market rates.

With nowhere to go, Saline bounced from one relative's home to another, and used public restrooms at beaches to shower and bus stops to sleep. Shortly thereafter, Saline entered the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. With the help of his case manager and housing specialist at Kumuhonua, Saline secured permanent housing within 90 days with assistance from the Rapid Re-Housing Program. Saline is grateful for the support he received and is confident that he will be able to maintain permanent housing.

# Interim Financial Update

Fourth Quarter FY 2018

April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

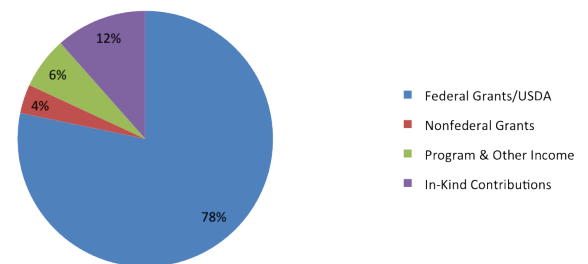
\*Unaudited, Cash Basis

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
City Grants in Aid -Kupuna Independent Life Series	10/01/17-09/30/18	76,332
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/16-09/30/17	1,949,871
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/17-09/30/18	2,771,877
Cooke Foundation - Youth Services	05/13/16-05/12/17	13,720
Friends of Hawaii Charities - Kupuna Independent Life Series	N/A	3,000
Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk - Youth Services	N/A	9,990
Hawaiian Electric Company - STEM	N/A	10,000
Head Start	04/01/17-03/31/18	12,873,854
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/17-03/31/18	1,338,797
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS Stipend	02/01/17-07/31/18	675,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income	02/01/17-07/31/18	216,743
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	10/01/16-09/30/17	218,530

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	10/01/17-09/30/18	218,530
Mayor's Office of Economic Development (OED) Grant	07/01/16-06/30/17	10,000
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/16-06/30/17	822,009
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/17-06/30/18	756,200
Rapid Re-Housing	05/01/17-06/30/18	390,794
Residential Energy Solutions Initiative (RESI)	04/14/16-04/30/17	211,825
Starbucks Foundation - Youth Services	08/01/16-07/31/17	25,000
Starbucks Foundation - Youth Services	N/A	15,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - STEM	01/01/17-12/31/17	100,000
Verizon Foundation - STEM	N/A	7,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/16-09/30/17	127,055
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/17-09/30/18	109,986
Youth Services	07/01/16-06/30/17	132,148

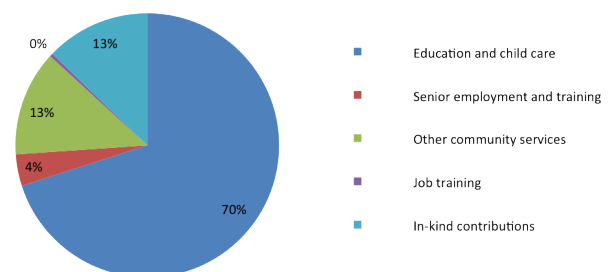
GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants/USDA	16,518,693
Nonfederal grants	774,634
Program & other income	1,380,997
In-kind contributions	2,438,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,112,906</b>

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



PROGRAM SERVICES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & childcare	13,351,245
Senior employment & training	738,442
Job training	77,027
Other community services	2,459,927
Supporting services:	
Management & general	1,668,956
In-kind contributions	2,438,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,734,179</b>

PROGRAM SERVICES





## Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.

Corporate Office

1132 Bishop Street, Suite 100, Honolulu, HI 96813

### District Service Centers

#### Central

Tel: 488-6834 Fax: 488-7862

99-102 Kalaloa St. Aiea, HI 96701

#### Kalihi-Palama

Tel: 847-0804 Fax: 841-7971

1555 Haka Dr. #2408 Honoulu, HI 96817

#### Leahi

Tel: 732-7755 Fax: 735-6034

1915 Palolo Ave. Honolulu, HI 96816

#### Leeward

Tel: 696-4261 Fax: 696-0169

85-555 Farrington Hwy. Waianae, HI 96792

#### Windward

Tel: 239-5754 Fax: 239-3912

47-232 Waihee Rd. Kaneohe, HI 96744

### Programs

Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center

Tel: 682-5494 Fax: 682-5495

Na Lima Hana- Employment Core Services

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

Youth Services

Tel: 591-1766 Fax: 591-1768

### HCAP Head Start

Head Start Waipahu

Tel: 847-2400 Fax: 847-2302

*Support HCAP by giving a secure donation on-line. Click "donate" below or on our website at*

[www.hcapweb.org](http://www.hcapweb.org)

**Donate**

