



Ku`i Na Lono

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After-School S.T.E.M. Program Opens Doors

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HCAP's newest initiative puts a high-tech spin on after-school programs. The Hā Initiative opened its first site at Shim Memorial Hall on the grounds of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church. Offered free to kids Grades 2 to 8, the program promotes science, technology, engineering and math (S.T.E.M.) with fun, hands-on activities.



Participants in the Hā Initiative gain computer skills through fun after-school activities

"Education is vital to our efforts to prevent poverty," says HCAP executive director Robert Piper. "Our Head Start program has established itself as a leader in early childhood education. The Hā Initiative has the potential to do the same for kids in the key years of elementary and middle school."



The Palamabots at the competition, with volunteers Bob Dahilig & Kathy Hanson

Named for the hā, or "stem" of the taro plant, the program's goal is to provide a solid foundation in math and science. A teacher and team of volunteers offer tutoring, science lab experiments, and independent study every afternoon. After just two months, the kids entered a team in the FIRST LEGO League robotics tournament. The Palamabots placed ninth out of 16 teams, a strong showing for a first-year team.



Palamabots team member Mildret Maynard

The Hā Initiative is free and open weekdays from 2:45 to 5:45 pm. (Opens 1:30 pm on Wed.)
Please call (808) 842-7686 or visit www.hcapweb.org/hainitiative for more information.

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From Our Director



Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.

“The future is in their hands”

Aloha mai kākou,

It was a proud moment for me when our youngsters from the Hā Initiative competed in their first robotics tournament. Although the other teams in the competition had more members, greater resources and experience, our kids competed with poise and gracious professionalism. Most importantly, they had a lot of fun.

As we move into the holiday season, these kids remind me that there is reason for hope. With every new skill they learn, they equip themselves to build a more positive future for themselves and their families. Our world can look forward to a time when these young people are leading the way.

Best wishes for a happy and hopeful holiday season!

Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.
Executive Director

Racing For A Reason

Makani Christensen has already raised over \$7,000 for Oahu's children and youth, and his goal is to raise another \$5,000. As he trains for the Coeur d'Alene Ironman triathlon in June 2012, he is raising awareness and funds to support HCAP's youth programs. Recently, Makani's fellow triathletes from the BOCA training group lent their support at a benefit for HCAP Head Start. Thomas Sorensen and Michele Henry hosted the event, with sponsorship from Stage Restaurant and local businesses.



Triathlete and business owner Makani Christensen raises support for Oahu youth programs

Born on Maui and raised in Hilo, Makani is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the United States Naval Academy. He served as a Marine officer in Iraq and Afghanistan, where he was awarded the Joint Services Commendation medal. After returning to Hawaii, Makani started an outdoor tour company, Keawe Adventures. He is passionate about helping kids and increasing awareness of Hawaii's history, culture, and ocean environment.

To learn more about Makani's efforts, visit www.crowdrise.com/makanichristensen



Makani led a tour of Foster Botanical Gardens for HCAP's Malama Pono mentoring program



Weinberg Foundation Presents \$1.3 Million Check for Leeward Community Action Center

In a ceremony hosted by the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation on August 4, 2011, Trustee Alvin Awaya presented HCAP Executive Director Robert Piper with a check for \$1.36 million. This generous grant will allow HCAP to complete the final phase of construction on a new community center in Waianae, Oahu. The center will be officially named for the Foundation's benefactors: *The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Community Action*.

The center replaces the 65-year old HCAP Leeward District Center building, which was in deteriorating condition and contained only a meeting room and office space. The new 10,861 sq. ft. building will offer state-of-the-art facilities, including computer labs, community meeting rooms, and a certified kitchen. HCAP Leeward Community Services Manager Val Tavai, her staff, and community partners will use the center to provide opportunities and inspiration to Leeward youth, adults and seniors.



The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Community Action is nearing completion in Waianae, Oahu. The new west wing is the grey-roofed building at left.



Head Start Greets New School Year With Focus On Children's Health

HCAP Head Start began its 46th school year with new projects to provide quality early childhood education and comprehensive family services. The program opened a third classroom at the Ulu Ke Kukui transitional shelter, specifically for children who have experienced homelessness. Coming up in Spring 2012, the Head Start Family Fun Run will grow from an event involving just a few classrooms, to include all Head Start children, families and staff. The program will also focus on supporting healthy living and reducing childhood obesity through a partnership with the University of Hawaii (UH Manoa).

Head Start is partnering with UH Manoa in the \$24.8 million Children's Healthy Living Program for Remote Underserved Minority Populations in the Pacific Region (CHIL). This five-year research project will work with Pacific communities to develop sustainable nutrition and health-promoting programs. Head Start kids in three classrooms recently participated in a CHIL pilot project that measured their levels of physical activity. The kids wore accelerometer devices on their wrists and parents kept a log of their activities. Head Start is proud to partner with UH in this effort to establish culturally-appropriate, effective ways to support the health of local families.



Joanne Quon does a hearing screening with students at Head Start Kunia

Highlighted Program: Hearing & Language Screenings

As Head Start children start the new school year, their teachers, parents and staff make sure they are ready to learn. Each child has an initial screening in all developmental areas, including language, motor skills and hearing. If a child appears to have hearing issues, Head Start's audiologist Debbie Lindsey and speech and language pathologists Joanne Quon and Kate Dennis conduct a more in-depth screening. Children put on a set of headphones and hand a small toy bear to the screener when they are able to hear certain sounds. Based on the results of these and other screening assessments, the staff provide guidance to parents and teachers and can refer the children to additional support services.

ADELE'S STORY: A Place Of My Own

Adele was 31 years old and had been living in her car for two months when a friend told her about Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. Adele worked as a phlebotomist at a clinical laboratory, where she had worked for six years, but her spending habits were keeping her finances in the red. Without a place of her own, she slept on couches or in spare rooms of friends or family, before finally ending up with only her car.

"I didn't know how to handle money and that's what got me in this situation," says Adele. "I was so used to just using all my

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When Adele moved in to Kumuhonua, her case manager Luana Lester-Nelson quickly connected her with a financial counselor from Hawaiian Community Assets. "They helped me clear a lot of my debt," says Adele. "And helped me to make a budget plan and budget my money, because that was my biggest challenge."

Adele stayed at Kumuhonua for eight months. She improved her financial skills, participated in community service and learned how to be patient and take control of her own life. This year, she moved into her own apartment (her first ever!) and says she is very thankful for the help she received from the program staff.

To reach Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center, call (808) 682-5494.



From living in her car to renting her first apartment, Adele credits Kumuhonua for helping her change her life



Adele's case manager Luana Lester-Nelson (center), with HCAP staff Davilyn Chang and Rado D. Melchor

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Employee Anniversaries!

Mahalo to our staff who reached these milestones of service this Spring & Fall

30 YEARS

Roxanne Bell,
Aida Sanmiguel

25 YEARS

Karen Hanabusa,
Lilyann Moniz

20 YEARS

Heather Botelho,
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Jeannie Farr, Patricia Williams,
Staphane Paz, Cheryl Vidal,
Frank Yim, Ranja Jimeno,
Corazon Johnson

10 YEARS

Trisha Gushikuma

5 YEARS

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Darolyn Custodio, Susan Lamb,
Frances Silipa, Richard Gallarde,
Barbie Kaahu, Chelsea Shope,
Kehaulani Richadson,
Evelyn Rapoza

*Congratulations and
Thank You to Head Start
Director Lynn Cabato
for 35 Years of Service!*

PKF Pacific Hawaii Gives Kids a Head Start on Kindergarten



Head Start parent Ashley Robino & son Keola, PKF Partner Patrick Oki, Head Start Director Lynn Cabato, Head Start Assistant Director Robyn Antonucci, PKF Partner Deneen Nakashima, and PKF Partner Dwayne Takeno

Hello Kitty, Dora the Explorer, and the Transformers took over the PKF Pacific Hawaii office this summer, as PKF's partners and staff donated over a hundred backpacks full of school supplies. The backpacks will go to Kindergarteners whose families are struggling to afford their school expenses. PKF also donated books and puzzles for a new Head Start classroom in Wahiawa. True to their slogan, the enthusiastic PKF team members are "not your average number crunchers." In addition to delivering a full range of audit, tax, and advisory services to the Hawaii business community, the firm actively supports Hawaii's children, youth and families through multiple community service projects.

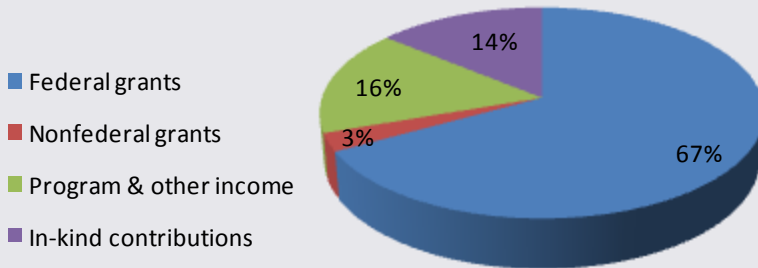


PKF Intern Cody Noyama (left) and the PKF staff gather the backpacks to be delivered to the Head Start children. Mr. Noyama and Interns Melissa Gomes and Jonathan Goto organized the drive.

Interim Financial Update

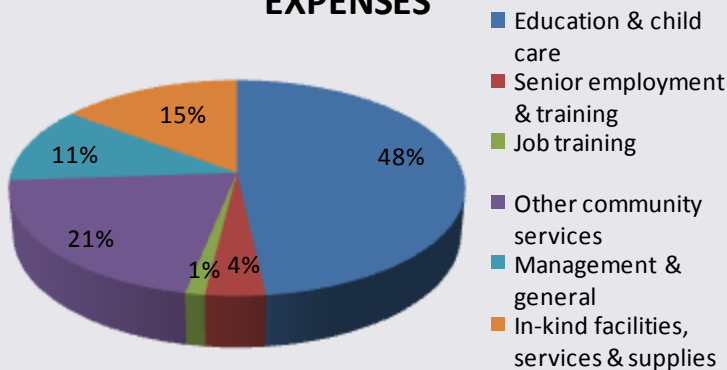
FY 2011 Quarters 1 and 2
April 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	9,128,005
Nonfederal grants	380,324
Program & other income	2,214,324
In-kind contributions	1,915,657
Total	13,638,310

EXPENSES



EXPENSES	QTR 1	QTR 2	YTD
Program services:			
Education & child care	2,991,343	3,312,270	6,303,613
Senior employment & training	282,884	202,497	485,381
Job training	58,967	99,603	158,570
Other community services	1,378,180	1,332,578	2,710,758
Supporting services:			
Management & general	868,219	625,189	1,493,408
In-kind facilities, services & supplies	968,507	947,150	1,915,657
Total	6,548,100	6,519,287	13,067,387

PROGRAMS

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/10 - 09/30/11	2,848,734
Leeward Coast Comm. Benefit	05/09/11 - 05/08/12	25,000
Head Start	04/01/11 - 03/31/11	12,384,232
Head Start (ARRA Supplemental)	05/01/10 - 09/30/11	91,237
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/11 - 03/31/12	1,449,000
Infant & Toddler Care for Teen Parents (Waianae High School)	07/01/11 - 06/30/12	119,968
Early Reading First (Research Corp. University of Hawaii)	06/15/10 - 09/30/12	416,040
Malama Pono Youth Mentoring Program	09/30/10 - 09/29/11	240,000
Youth Services	07/01/11 - 06/30/12	479,750
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	05/01/11 - 04/30/12	102,689

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) Program Year 10-11	07/01/10 - 12/31/11	1,338,187
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) Program Year 11-12	07/01/11 - 06/30/12	955,042
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) Special Funds	07/01/10 - 12/31/11	329,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP-ARRA)	06/15/09 - 09/30/11	1,280,461
Weatherization Initiative for Native Hawaiians (WINH-ARRA)	06/01/10 - 12/31/11	1,050,000
State Supplemental Energy Program (SEP-ARRA)	07/19/10 - 09/30/11	210,000
Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center	08/01/11 - 07/31/12	360,000
Ho'o Kahua Project	09/01/11 - 08/31/12	219,953



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99-102 Kalaloa St. Aiea, HI 96701

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Tel: 847-0804 Fax: 841-7971
1555 Haka Dr. #2408 Honolulu, HI 96817

LEAHI

Tel: 732-7755 Fax: 735-6034
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WINDWARD

Tel: 239-5754 Fax: 239-3912
47-232 Waihee Rd. Kaneohe, HI 96744

HCAP HEAD START:

For affordable preschool care and support & skills for parents, call us at:

HEAD START KAPALAMA (KMR)

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Fax: 847-2302

HEAD START KUNIA

Tel: 621-5099
Fax: 621-3842



PROGRAMS:

YOUTH SERVICES

Tel: 591-1766 Fax: 591-1768

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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KUMUHONUA TRANSITIONAL SHELTER

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