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HCAP Head Start Preschoolers Visit With Congresswoman Mazie Hirono



Congresswoman Mazie Hirono with HCAP Head Start children, teachers Doreen Kaolulu and Alice Zeigler, and volunteer Pura Malinao

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono spent a day with the teachers, children and families of HCAP Head Start Waimanalo Pre-Plus. During her visit, Congresswoman Hirono entertained the students with pictures and stories about her family. The kids especially loved hearing about her cat, Hemic, a winner in the 2011 Congressional Pet Photo Contest.

A champion of early childhood education, Congresswoman Hirono envisioned and launched the Pre-Plus Program during her tenure as Hawaii's Lieutenant Governor from 1994 to 2002. The classroom she visited is one of ten Pre-Plus classrooms operated by HCAP Head Start. A partnership between the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services, State of

Hawaii Department of Education and local preschool providers, Pre-Plus promotes the successful transition of children from preschool to kindergarten, while supporting working families and families attending adult education and/or job training. The State builds and maintains classroom facilities on public school campuses, allowing providers like HCAP to operate preschools for children from low-income families.

HCAP Head Start is currently accepting applications for 3 and 4-year olds for the upcoming school year. Families seeking free or affordable preschool are encouraged to call (808) 847-1000 or visit www.hcapweb.org to apply.

From Our Director



Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.

“The Voice of the People”

Aloha mai kākou,

As I looked out at the sea of green t-shirts at the PHOCUSED rally, I was proud to see the faces of many of our HCAP `ohana.

People from all walks of life came to speak out on behalf of those whose voices often go unheard. For many, this was their first visit to the State Capitol. They came because they feel passionately, as I do, that abandonment of our communities' needy during these tough times is not an option.

Our leaders at the State and Federal level face difficult decisions as they set our nation's priorities. I hope they will keep our low-income families in mind as they make these decisions. By providing targeted and effective social services, we can strengthen our communities by preventing problems before they become system-wide.

Thank you for joining us as we work to restore our families, our State and our Nation to economic health.

Mahalo piha,

Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.
Executive Director

“Phocused” on Hawaii’s Children, Seniors and Disabled



Music played and shouts rose from the crowd gathered at the State Capitol for the annual PHOCUSED rally. Over 700 people attended to raise awareness in support of social services for Hawaii’s most vulnerable residents.

“If they have any rallies like this in the future, I want to be part of it” said Elsie Kusonoki, a 77-year old resident of Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. Elsie was one of over 150 clients, staff and volunteers from Honolulu Community Action Program who attended the rally, coming from all over Oahu. The rally was organized by a network of community groups dedicated to “Protecting Hawaii’s Ohana, Children, Under-Served, Elderly and Disabled (PHOCUSED).”

While the mood was upbeat, the topic was serious. Speakers urged lawmakers to support child welfare, mental health, domestic violence and housing services that had been cut during the recession. To illustrate the impact budget cuts are having on needed services, the crowd gathered around "Aquarius," the mosaic on the Capitol floor. Silently, half the people moved out of the circle, representing the children, seniors and disabled who will lose much-needed support due to the cuts.

Elsie says she understands that lawmakers have difficult decisions to make about programs like Kumuhonua, but she says, “As long as they don’t break the program. It’s important and it serves a need, a real need.”



After the rally, PHOCUSED supporters visited with lawmakers from their home communities. Above, Sili Lemafa signs the guestbook at Representative Karen Iwana’s office.



Board Members taking the oath of service: Karen Iwamoto, Lance Jyo, William Shiroma, John Dudoit, Jr., Ernest Martin, Terrence Aratani, Frank Lopez and Anne Chipchase

Leading HCAP in 2012: Board of Directors

Honolulu Community Action Program welcomes the 21 members of its 2012 Board of Directors. The Board Members attended an installation dinner at Kapiolani Community College, where they pledged to support HCAP's mission by serving on the Board. George Yokoyama, long-time director of Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council, offered the keynote address. He shared about the legacy of Community Action in Hawaii and encouraged the Board to stay focused on overcoming the challenges ahead.

HCAP's Board of Directors is unique in that it includes members from three key sectors: Resident (community members), Public (government officials) and Private (business). This diversity allows for many voices to be represented and helps HCAP respond to needs in particular geographic areas. Honolulu Community Action Program is grateful to all its Board members for lending their time, expertise and enthusiasm to HCAP's mission of promoting economic self-sufficiency.



Executive Director Robert Piper honors outgoing Board Chair Kevin Souza. Mr. Souza remains on the Board to represent the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce.



Board Member and early childhood education advocate Phyllis Ida

Our Voice in the Community

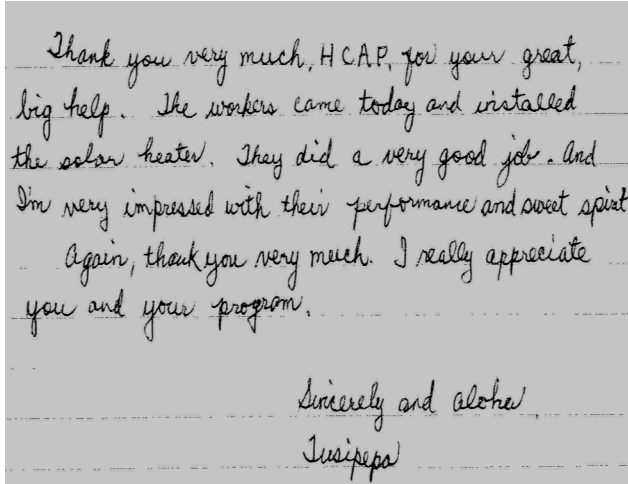
Phyllis Ida

This is the first in a series of interviews with HCAP's new Board members for 2011-2012

Phyllis Ida has always respected HCAP Head Start for helping parents "move up through the ranks" to become professional teachers. Ms. Ida joins the Board of Directors after partnering with HCAP for many years as the 619 Windward Coordinator for the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE). "The Head Start program has done wonders for our special needs kids and for our staff," says Ms. Ida. "The teaming between Head Start staff and DOE staff has been wonderful for all the children." Ms. Ida currently serves as the Windward Oahu Coordinator of the Hawaii P-3 Initiative. She helps establish partnerships with early learning providers to promote a continuum of educational experiences from birth to age 8.

Weatherization Works!

Making Long-Lasting Changes for a Greener Hawaii



HCAP's weatherization programs helped over 400 families with energy-saving appliances and energy conservation education, while creating jobs for staff & local contractors.

Hawaii residents face some of the highest energy costs in the nation. For families near the poverty level, this can mean a choice between paying the electric bill, or buying groceries.

Over the past three years, Honolulu Community Action Program mobilized an Oahu-wide effort to help families struggling to afford their energy costs. Through its Weatherization Assistance Program, Weatherization Initiative for Native Hawaiians, and State Supplemental Energy Program, HCAP has helped 410 households, serving over 2,000 people.

Every household received a free home energy audit from a trained HCAP auditor, who also met with the family to share easy ways to conserve energy at home. Then, local contractors installed energy-efficient devices, including CFL light bulbs, Energy Star refrigerators, hybrid electric water heaters and solar water heaters. Over the project period, HCAP installed over 250 of these energy-saving solar water heating systems.

Because the majority of funding was provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), HCAP will be scaling back its services significantly this Spring; however, the programs continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of the families served. Participants have realized savings of 30 to 50 percent on their energy bills and have shared that the education component will help them maintain their savings after the program ends.

"It is very important to help financially struggling families for an extended period, not just short-term results," shared one participant, whose household is seeing savings of \$80 a month. "The staff are sincere and make the process stress-free."

HCAP would like to thank and recognize its staff and partners for their efforts on behalf of these programs, especially Cerell Rivera, Weatherization Program Specialist, and Bob Dahilig, Weatherization Technical Specialist. Their professionalism and hard work created quality programs with enduring results.



Essential to the success of the programs are HCAP's Weatherization and District Service Center staff. Pictured at left: Amanda Tumuanavao, Chad Iramina, Bob Dahilig, Cerell Rivera, Sue Quinn, Katy Perry & James "Jojo" Upega. Not Pictured: Haku Lovell, Deb Warman, Sonny Jean Preston, Val Tava'i, Tayshea Aiwohi & Georgette Aki
Right: HCAP's Technical Specialist Bob Dahilig at a solar installation in Windward Oahu

Mahalo, Aunty Lorraine!

Head Start volunteer honored for 15 years of service



HCAP Head Start volunteer Lorraine Caceras at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's annual recognition breakfast

Lorraine Caceras has given an incredible 15 years of volunteer service to the community through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

"Aunty Lorraine" started volunteering for HCAP Head Start at the Enchanted Lake classroom. When the teacher was transferred to Head Start Puohala, Aunty Lorraine went too! She still makes

her way to Kaneohe to volunteer regularly at Puohala, where she enjoys reading to the children and spending quality time in the classroom.

This February, Aunty Lorraine was honored at the annual RSVP Recognition Breakfast. Training Manager Cheryl Castro attended on behalf of HCAP Head Start. The event recognized seniors from the community for the many thousands of hours they have given to support non-profit organizations and other businesses across the islands.



Helemano Elementary students with Head Start's Manny Galarza

Reaching out to Families in Need

An outpouring of generosity from churches, schools and businesses helped make the holidays a little brighter for Central Oahu's families. For Thanksgiving, families received food baskets from Helemano, Holomua, and Kaleiopuu Elementary Schools and St. John's Church in Mililani. Staff from HCAP Head Start and the HCAP Central District Service Center sorted, wrapped and distributed the baskets. The Chinen & Arinaga Financial Group again partnered with HCAP to coordinate Shoeboxes for the Homeless, in collaboration with Moanalua area schools, including Red Hill Elementary, Moanalua Elementary, Moanalua Middle, Moanalua High School, and Salt Lake Elementary. Over 900 shoeboxes filled with hygiene products, canned food, clothing and treats for children were given to homeless families throughout Oahu.



Aunty Lorraine Caceras volunteering at Head Start Puohala



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A Lifetime of Memories: Veteran Weds Sweetheart at Shelter

Dressed in shorts and slippers, Harold Brackeen and Angie Pinho said their vows in front of a small group of friends, including staff and residents of Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center.

Harold says that he has "a lifetime of memories" at the building, which is now home to HCAP's transitional housing program. Stationed at Barbers Point in the 1960s, Harold lived in the building when it was used for military housing, then again as a civilian contractor in the 1980s. In 2010, when he was struggling with his health and having trouble making ends meet, he and Angie moved into Kumuhonua to help them get back on their feet.



The newlyweds share a kiss at Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center

Harold has seen so much in the Kumuhonua building, he wanted to build new and happy memories there with his marriage to Angie. The happy newlyweds have secured permanent housing and are moving out of Kumuhonua at the end of March. Angie will continue working towards a Bachelor's degree at Argosy University and Harold, an aspiring chef, is writing his second cookbook. We wish Harold and Angie the best of luck in their new home together!

Employee Anniversaries

Mahalo to our staff who reached significant milestones this Winter in service to Hawaii's families and children



Congratulations to HCAP Head Start's Crystal Lau on 35 years of service!

35 YEARS
Crystal Lau

20 YEARS
Suzie Rodrigues

15 YEARS
Dawn Stephens, Sharynne Iwata

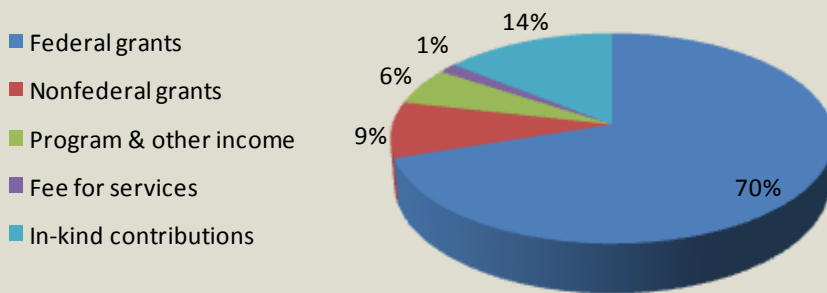
10 YEARS
Mark Mendoza, Tom Tsuha,
Laure Bayot, Joy Delacruz

5 YEARS
Tekawitha Iese

Interim Financial Update

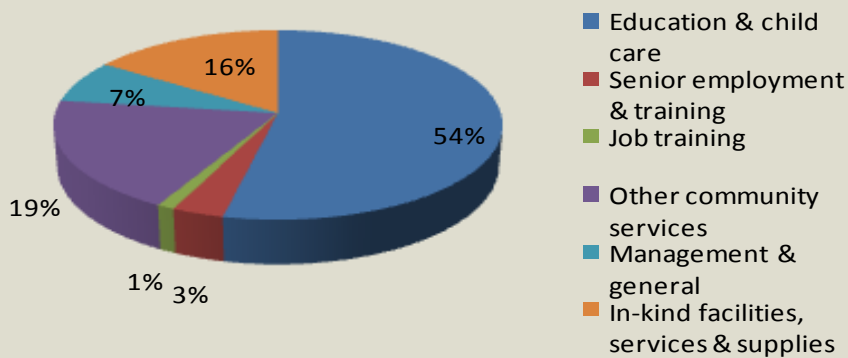
Third Quarter FY 2011
October 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	14,750,583
Nonfederal grants	1,812,126
Program & other income	1,206,630
Fee for services	320,410
In-kind contributions	3,004,758
Total	21,094,507

EXPENSES



EXPENSES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & child care	10,306,507
Senior employment & training	641,445
Job training	218,190
Other community services	3,701,278
Supporting services:	
Management & general	1,396,683
In-kind facilities, services & supplies	3,004,758
Total	19,268,860

PROGRAMS

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/11 - 09/30/12	1,950,623
Leeward Coast Community Benefits Program	05/09/11 - 05/08/12	25,000
Head Start	04/01/11 - 03/31/12	12,430,770
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
Youth Services	07/01/11 - 06/30/12	451,235
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)	10/01/11 - 09/30/12	49,004
Weatherization Initiative for Native Hawaiians (WINH-ARRA)	06/01/10 - 12/31/11	1,050,000
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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