



Ku`i Na Lono

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WINTER 2013

Airmarket USA Gives More than a Meal

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Brian Kahele serves Thanksgiving dinner at the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program. Airmarket donated 1,000 meals to HCAP for the holidays.



Makani Christensen, Elisabeth Galvin, and Gina Galvin with a Head Start family who won a trip to Maui from Airmarket USA and Hawaiian Airlines at the Waianae Keiki Spring Fest.

Elisabeth Galvin, President and CEO of Airmarket USA, first learned about HCAP when she and her daughter volunteered at the Waianae Keiki Spring Fest in 2011. Since then, Elisabeth and her company have quietly, behind the scenes, organized fundraising projects to raise support for Hawaii's children and families. Airmarket has donated meals and snacks, laptop computers, Keiki Fest activities, and along with Hawaiian Airlines, a trip for two to Maui. The winner was a Head Start parent who was raising twins on her own and putting herself through school. This November, Airmarket's gift of 1,000 meals were given to formerly homeless residents of Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center and distributed throughout Oahu to children, families and seniors in need. Elisabeth's daughter Gina was so inspired by the Keiki Spring Fest that she wrote a poem, *Happy Faces* (see page 5), and created her own Lei Day fundraiser at her school, raising \$2,000 for HCAP. Airmarket is an independent company devoted to providing quality in-flight services, including meals made with wholesome, all-natural ingredients. Mahalo Airmarket, for your generous support of HCAP!

Honolulu Community Action Program is a non-profit community action agency serving low-income Oahu residents. In 2012, HCAP assisted over 17,000 seniors, adults, youth & children with employment, education, housing & basic needs.



Kawika is back at work full-time (with a raise!) after his construction career left him with back injuries and unable to work

Kawika's Story: Unemployed to Full-Time Job for Former Construction Worker

After 30 years of working in construction, Kawika's back problems were so bad that he could no longer work in the industry. His wife was also losing income as her massage therapy business struggled during the recession. Kawika really wanted to get out of the house and get to work, so he enrolled in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), where his employment counselor, Pat Dison, matched him with a part-time training position at Waikiki Health Center. The match was a good fit, and after only five months on the job, he was hired by the agency with full benefits. The site supervisor was so pleased with his work that Kawika was promoted to full-time in January with a salary increase.

Hope for the Homeless through Financial Literacy

For the past three years, Hawaiian Community Assets has played a key role in helping the residents of Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center manage their finances as they transition to permanent housing. HCAP and Hawaiian Community Assets became partners through the Financial Literacy/Renter Education and Credit Counseling for Families Living in Transitional Shelters on the Waianae Coast Project.

Through this partnership, Kumuhonua residents participated in one-on-one sessions and group workshops on financial education, including debt reduction and credit building. This support is critical for homeless adults, who often have high debt and are in need of financial management skills. Hawaiian Community Assets is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, a Community Development Financial Institution, and Hawaii's only non-profit mortgage broker.

"Hawaiian Community Assets plays a big role in making my goals happen and building my financial stability."

- Kumuhonua resident

SUCCESS STORY!

"Bryson," a Kumuhonua resident, started working with Hawaiian Community Assets in October 2010. He had a history of criminal activity, a range of medical issues, and was living on a fixed income. During nine months of weekly meetings with his HCA Community Services Specialist, he worked on his spending plan, paid down his debt, and found rental housing. He also became the first enrollee into the Renters MATCH Savings Account, an individual development account created by Hawaiian Community Assets and funded by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Participants qualify to receive a 5 to 1 match on savings up to \$500, for a total of \$3,000, to assist with housing.



Mahealani Mehe'ula (right) from Hawaiian Community Assets has provided individualized financial counseling to formerly homeless Leeward Oahu residents, like Dee.

Head Start's Cheryl Castro Takes a Stand as Mrs. Hawaii Filipina

By Cheryl Castro, Head Start Staff Development and Training Manager

I am a survivor of domestic violence. As I and my children were growing up, we were also victims of bullying. Unfortunately, bullying is even worse now because of the accessibility to technology. Holding the title of Mrs. Hawaii Filipina 2012 has opened up opportunities for me to advocate for domestic violence prevention and other causes I am passionate about, such as homelessness and child abuse. Most recently, I have been asked to get involved with breast cancer awareness. Regardless of my platform, I am eager to be involved in making our world safer for those who cannot speak out. I enjoy meeting people and since I am passionate about Head Start, I try to connect community opportunities to the program. Although people might view the title as a "beauty queen," having this title is far beyond what is often perceived. It is advocating, involvement with community partners and their missions, and it is being a role model to women of all ages. I am so grateful for this opportunity to serve Hawaii.

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The late United States Senator Daniel Inouye with Mrs. Hawaii Filipina 2012 Cheryl Castro, who is also the Staff Development and Training Manager for HCAP Head Start

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Time With Dad: Engaging Fathers in Children's Education



Football Fun

By Traci Akimoto,
Head Start Teacher

William Kia, a Head Start parent and youth football coach, is helping out with physical fitness at the Jefferson II and PrePlus classrooms. Every Friday, Uncle William runs a football practice with all the children. For one practice, the children ran through a course that had them stepping through a "ladder," catching a football and running another ladder.



Evan and his dad Everett enjoy their time together in the classroom at Head Start Kuhio PrePlus

Breakfast with Dad

By Theresa Ioane, Head Start Family Advocate

Head Start Kuhio Pre Plus hosted a "Breakfast with Dads" at the classroom to help encourage positive father and child interaction. The dads joined in the morning routine as the children sang their good morning song, received their assignments of their helper duties for the day, and got ready for the morning's activities. The children carefully showed their fathers how to properly wash their hands and then they all sat down to breakfast. Before eating, they identified each of the items on their place and which food group each item belongs to. It was a great morning having the dads there! All of the children were so proud to show off everything they had learned. The staff did a great job organizing the event and encouraging the parents to attend. We're looking forward to more opportunities for parents to engage themselves in the program.



Xander and his papa Ricky share a healthy breakfast



Warlito Dela Cruz reads a book to his daughter Serina's class for the Family of the Week program

Family of the Week

By Jennifer Fremgen, Head Start Teacher

We started a "Family of the Week" program at our Kalihi Uka class to promote Family Engagement, one of the Head Start program's main goals. Each week, we highlight one family from the class. The child shares a family photo with the class and we encourage the family to visit the classroom. Our goal is to show families that it is not so intimidating to be in the classroom and promote more family involvement overall. The week before each family's turn, we work with the family to find an activity that fits their comfort level and schedule.

From the HCAP Mailbox



I am on the Head Start Policy Council as a parent representative from Head Start Kahikolu in Waianae. I would like to acknowledge HCAP Head Start on their generous contribution to me, my family, and all the other families and communities they serve statewide.

This program has given my daughter an enriched and enjoyable preschool education people would pay thousands of dollars for. She began this school year barely knowing the essentials such as alphabets, numbers, shapes and colors. Nine months later, my daughter has developed skills beyond our wildest imaginations. She is showing an impressive variety of abilities and talent and her peers are showing that same development.

We would like to credit and acknowledge our teachers Carlene Olguin and Liza Pang, and our manager Karen Hanabusa, for giving our students the best education a parent could ask for.

Michael Chong



Happy Faces

by Gina Galvin

Hula Spring Fest

Dedicated to the HCAP 'Ohana at

Hundreds of kids running around with untied shoelaces
I am here to paint their faces
Although I'm no pro
Their faces sure did glow
They get in line then come to me
They tell me what they want to be
The little girls like ladybugs and butterflies
I painted them next to their pretty eyes
The boys prefer Batman masks
They all wanted that - I didn't even have to ask
All these children come from families who have seen better days
We were all there to help cheer them up
in our own special ways
Although this was Hawaii over my spring break
Not going to the beach was a good decision I did make
Sometimes it's the little things in your day
You could tell as the kids walked away
Eyes shining bright
They smile with delight
There is nothing better than causing hundreds of
happy faces.

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Job Training and Diploma Program Prepares Youth for the Workforce



Weston Angang greets Kristina Jenkins before his mock-interview, which helped him prepare for job interviews to pursue a career in culinary arts

HCAP Youth Services held mock interviews for the students in the Competency-Based Community School Diploma (C-Base) program. As part of their Occupational Knowledge unit, the students brought their resumes and sat down for one-on-one interviews with Nita Camaganacan, Starbucks District Manager, and Kristina Jenkins, HCAP Planning and Development Specialist. Ms. Camaganacan is an active community volunteer dedicated to helping at-risk youth and homeless adults build interview and job readiness skills. She and Ms. Jenkins provided the students with valuable insight into the “do’s and don’ts” of job searching and what interviewers are seeking in job candidates.

A high school education is critical to the success of young adults seeking to maintain a living in Hawaii. However, according to the Alliance for Excellent Education (2011), an estimated 5,700 (36%) of all Hawaii students who were enrolled in high school for four years, did not graduate with their class. HCAP Youth Services is committed to breaking this cycle by providing education and job training to youth ages 14 to 21.

Working for three months is a requirement for students to get their C-Base diploma, so Youth Services has formed a network of partnerships in the community with other non-profit organizations, as well as private businesses. The program is always looking for employment opportunities that will help our students move forward, so if your business has openings, please call Youth Services at (808) 591-1766.



The Youth Services students after their interviews, with Starbucks District Manager Nita Camaganacan (far right)

Employee Anniversaries!

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

30 YEARS

Sue Quinn

25 YEARS

Laura Guillermo, Joanne Kam

20 YEARS

Melanie Ho, Cheryl Castro,
Willadean Grace, Carlene Olguin

15 YEARS

Darlene Kay

10 YEARS

Rimiko Kido, Alsiaann Wilson,
Keleana Sabalboro

5 YEARS

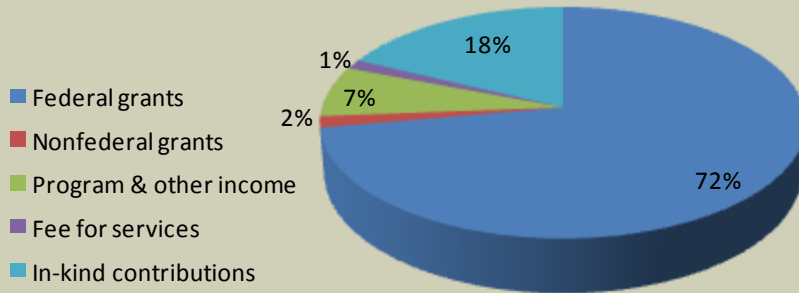
Jill Wood, Brandon Sparks,
Minerva Garcia, Darin Olson,
Ivy Yokotake, Val Tavai

***Congratulations to Senior Community
Services Manager Sue Quinn
for 30 years of service!***

Interim Financial Update

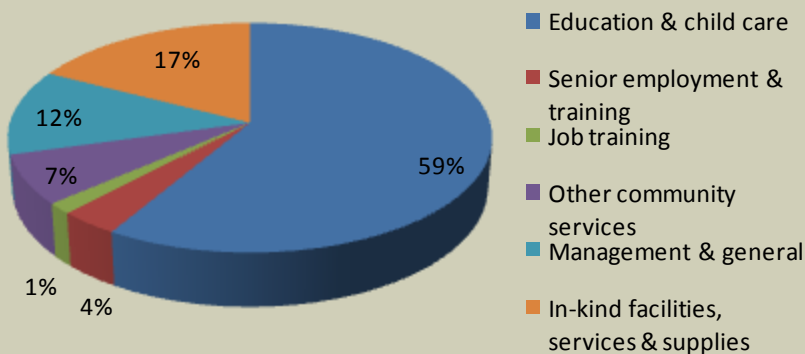
Third Quarter FY 2012
October 1, 2012—December 31, 2012

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	12,130,592
Nonfederal grants	265,612
Program & other income	1,188,461
Fee for services	222,600
In-kind contributions	2,994,033
Total	16,801,298

EXPENSES



EXPENSES	QTR 3	YTD
Program services:		
Education & child care	3,728,277	10,099,840
Senior employment & training	190,805	613,246
Job training	43,339	259,762
Other community services	310,304	1,207,726
Supporting services:		
Management & general	667,472	2,075,502
In-kind facilities, services & supplies	1,242,299	2,994,033
Total	6,182,496	17,250,109

PROGRAMS

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/12 - 09/30/13	1,944,141
Head Start	04/01/12 - 03/31/13	12,416,411
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/12 - 03/31/13	1,209,600
Ho`o Kahua Project	09/01/11 - 07/31/13	219,953
Early Reading First (Research Corp. University of Hawaii)	07/01/10 - 05/31/13	416,040
Youth Services	07/01/12 - 06/30/13	521,868
Youth Services (Oahu WorkLinks)	09/01/12 - 12/31/12	67,250
STEM After-School Program (Friends of Hawaii Charities)	07/01/12 - 06/30/13	5,000
STEM After-School Program (Hawaii P-20 Partnership)	08/14/12 - 08/13/13	2,650

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
STEM After-School Program (Rev. Takie Okumura Foundation)	08/29/12 - 08/28/13	4,988
STEM After-School Program (Atherton Family Foundation)	11/27/12 - 11/26/13	10,000
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/12 - 06/30/13	863,117
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/12 - 09/30/13	106,226
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	05/01/12 - 04/30/13	118,008
Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center (DHS Stipend)	08/01/12 - 07/31/13	360,000
Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center (Program Income)	08/01/12 - 07/31/13	244,627
Leeward Construction (Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation)	11/03/10 - 11/03/12	1,360,000

Your Helping Hand: Local Schools Give Holiday Cheer



HCAP partnered with local elementary schools to make food baskets for needy families during the holidays. Partners included Holomua Elementary, Helemano Elementary, Kipapa Elementary, Mililani Ike Elementary, Mililani Mauka Elementary, Mililani Uka Elementary, Mililani Waena Elementary, Mililani Middle School and Mililani High School. Altogether, the schools donated 5,314 cans of food!



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