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HCAP Head Start teachers and students were visited by national & regional Head Start administrators, including Jan Len, Shirley Karrer, and National Office of Head Start Director Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes (third from right)

Weinberg Foundation awards HCAP \$1.36 million to build new Leeward District Service Center

HCAP's vision of a new, state-of-the-art Leeward District Service Center received a tremendous boost recently from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, which has awarded HCAP \$1.36 million to construct the 10,600 square foot multi-purpose community service center at the agency's old building site on Farrington Highway in Waianae. Construction began in September and is slated to be completed in Fall 2011.

"This project has been over five years in the making, and HCAP is extremely grateful to the Weinberg Foundation for this award," said HCAP Executive Director, Robert N.E. Piper. "The Weinberg Foundation's generosity allows HCAP to complete the project as planned and construct a facility that HCAP and the community can be proud of." In addition to the Weinberg Foundation grant, HCAP has also received \$2.5 million in

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the City and County of Honolulu for building construction.

The new Leeward District Service Center will provide a centrally-located space for area residents to avail themselves of HCAP services and programs, access available resources, and engage in community building and mobilization activities. The facility will boast a learning center, community meeting space, computer lab, a certified kitchen, and private client counseling rooms. The Center will house all of HCAP's Leeward programs and will offer food case management services, job readiness training, early childhood education, financial literacy assistance, parenting support, intergenerational activities, and much more.

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From Our Director



Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.

“Power in Partnerships”

As a community action agency, HCAP has a mandate to mobilize people and organizations to work together for those in need. As I reflect on recent months, I am struck by the tremendous impact these partnerships are making every day.

HCAP is privileged to partner with the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation on the construction of a center for community action in Waianae. Through the Foundation’s generosity, thousands of people will be able to gather, learn, and serve together at the new center. HCAP has also forged an exciting partnership with Hawaiian Community Assets, which will provide credit counseling and financial literacy education to homeless adults transitioning into housing.

Through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), HCAP partnered with a wide network of non-profits, businesses, educational institutions and community groups. Every ARRA dollar went to promote employment, housing and much-needed services for Hawaii’s most vulnerable residents.

This is a hopeful time for HCAP as we see the positive effects of our collective action. Thank you for partnering with us in building a strong, thriving Hawaii community.

Mahalo piha,

Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.
Executive Director

Leeward Service Center, cont’d



HCAP’s Leeward District staff are working out of a temporary office at the site during construction

Prior to the commencement of construction activities, local area pastors, Revs. Jay and Geri Amina and former HCAP Board Member, Rev. Bob Nakata, led HCAP executives and staff in a blessing of the site. Also present



was Mr. Robert Irvine of Construction Management & Development, Inc. (CM&D), the construction manager for the project. The general contractor is MJ Construction, Inc.



At the construction site: Robert Naniolo, Karl Espaldon, Reverend Bob Nakata, Pastors Jay & Geri Amina, Robert Piper, Project Director Robert Irvine & Leeward Manager Val Tavai

National Director of Head Start visits HCAP

The children of HCAP Head Start welcomed Ms. Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes with lei and hugs when she visited their classrooms in September. Ms. Sanchez-Fuentes is the Director of the National Office of Head Start, within the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Accompanying Ms. Sanchez-Fuentes were Jan Len, Region IX Program Manager, and Shirley Karrer, Region IX Program Specialist.

Escorted by Lynn Cabato, HCAP Head Start Director, the delegation visited two HCAP Head Start classrooms at Ben Parker Elementary School in Kaneohe and Ulu Ke Kukui in Waianae. These classrooms were chosen because they represent unique partnerships that HCAP has formed to address the needs of our local keiki.

Ben Parker is an inclusion classroom, where special needs students from public school are enrolled in Head Start. Ulu Ke Kukui is a transitional housing center where HCAP offers preschool services to homeless children.



Head Start's national director, Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes, reads to HCAP Head Start's class at Ben Parker Elementary

During the visits, the Head Start children showed the guests their projects and learning activities, listened to a story

read by Director Sanchez-Fuentes, had lunch, and of course, brushed their teeth! HCAP Head Start was honored to host the Director and her team and looks forward to another productive school year.

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Grant Announcements

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

Leeward District Service Center

\$1,360,000

U.S. Administration for Children & Families

Malama Pono Youth Mentoring Program

\$240,000/yr for 3 years

Leeward Coast Community Benefits Program

Head Start Playground—Kahikolu Ohana O Waianae Transitional Housing

\$25,000



Jobs, food and housing assistance through Recovery Act programs

As part of the Federal stimulus plan, the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided funds to non-profit programs to assist with economic

growth and stabilization. Through ARRA, HCAP received close to \$6 million in stimulus funding to offer support services and assistance to those most affected by the economic recession.

The largest ARRA program at HCAP was the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - ARRA, which ended on September 30th. This grant provided the agency an additional \$3 million to support employment and social services for low-income individuals and families.

Through CSBG-ARRA, HCAP offered direct services and program assistance to eligible clients at its five District Service Centers. HCAP also created linkages with community partners that focused on employment readiness training, job placement and retention, and emergency and crisis stabilization. Services included rental assistance to working families, job training, job placement, transportation, continuing education, and basic needs such as food and clothing.

The HCAP staff did a tremendous job within a limited time-frame as they mobilized outreach efforts and provided essential services. HCAP also owes much of its CSBG-ARRA success to its key community partners: Goodwill Industries, Hawaii Literacy, Institute for Human Services, Catholic Charities Hawaii, River of Life Mission, Pacific Gateway Center, Med-Assist and Hawaii Technology Institute.

CSBG-ARRA Outcomes

- 254 jobs obtained
- 673 people received job readiness or vocational training
- 1,540 people received rental assistance
- 2,484 people received emergency food
- 444 people gained access to transportation

Youth celebrate diversity at Cultural Awareness Day

The students of HCAP Youth Services get to practice researching and show their creative side at Cultural Awareness Day. Held several times a year as part of the Competency-Based High School Diploma Program curriculum, the day gives



Jason Jim and Chylailah Autele demonstrate the *tinikling*, a traditional Filipino folk dance using bamboo sticks

the students a chance to learn about and appreciate the cultures that have made a significant impact in Hawaii. For this Fall's event, the students were divided randomly into groups and assigned one of six cultures: Hawaii, Samoa, Mexico, Philippines, United States and Japan. They researched and studied the cultures and history of their assigned countries, created presentation boards, cooked food, made costumes, and visited local cultural centers. In September, they gave their final presentations to HCAP's executive director, staff, and youth counselors from the City & County of Honolulu. The students' presentations made for a lively celebration of the diverse cultural heritage of the islands.



Tasia Gualdarama and Ikaika Pahulu discuss the history of the monarchy during their presentation on Hawaiian culture

HCAP weatherization program helps struggling foster family

“Rob” has been a hotel employee for almost 20 years. He and his wife “Lani” have six children, ranging in age from grade school to college. They also have two adopted children out of foster care, ages 15 and 16, who have been a part of the family for seven years. Until recently, the couple was financially stable due to Rob’s income and funds provided by the First Care fostering program. However, when the couple was forced to stop accepting foster children due to unforeseen family circumstances, they lost the support they were relying on through that program.

They fell behind on their bills, their electricity was eventually disconnected and they were forced to go to family members for financial help. If not for HCAP’s Weatherization Assistance Program and Helping Hands Hawaii, Lani says that she would never have known where to find help.



Through its weatherization services, HCAP installed a new solar water heating system for the family and taught them how to reduce their energy use and save money. Helping Hands Hawaii provided household goods and school supplies the family could not afford. Lani writes, “Our story will have a good ending because we understand the hard work that we have to do, but just knowing that there are ‘Good Neighbors’ in your organizations, makes the burden of our load a bit easier. Mahalo nui loa.”

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New program saves energy, money for Hawaiian families

HCAP’s newest energy program, the Weatherization Initiative for Native Hawaiians (WINH/Hale Maika`i) has set a goal of serving 140 households. The program provides energy-saving appliances and education, free of charge, to qualifying families living on Department of Hawaiian Homelands properties.

Jeremiah and Tammy of Waianae joined the WINH/Hale Maika`i program in July. One of the first families to participate in the program, they received a new solar water heater and learned easy ways to conserve energy in their home. They have reduced their electricity use by about 142 kilowatt hours per month, which translates to cost savings of close to \$400 a year.

So far, WINH/Hale Maika`i has provided 28 solar water heating systems and 397 CFL retrofits to Hawaiian Homestead families. The program is funded by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act through the U.S. Department of Energy, State Office of Community Services, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

To learn more or to apply for any of the HCAP weatherization programs, please call (808) 521-4531.

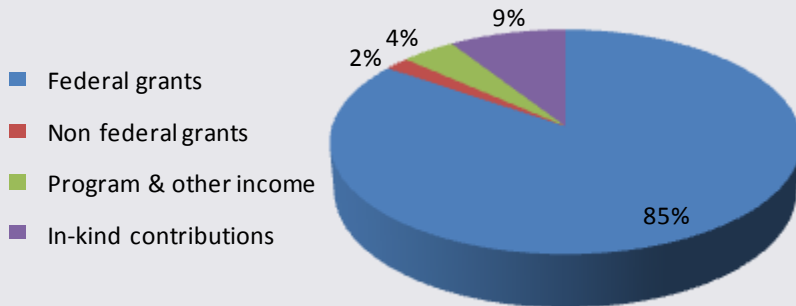


Jeremiah and Tammy with their new solar water heater

Interim Financial Update

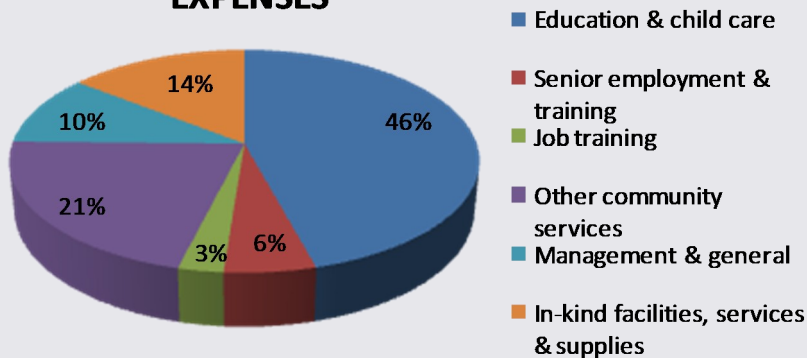
Second Quarter 2010
July 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	19,644,884
Non federal grants	444,489
Program & other income	988,675
In-kind contributions	2,129,445
Total	23,207,493

EXPENSES



EXPENSES	QTR 2	YTD
Program services:		
Education & child care	3,374,530	6,766,518
Senior employment & training	444,307	801,859
Job training	280,859	397,821
Other community services	2,270,384	3,162,411
Supporting services:		
Management & general	779,273	1,520,794
In-kind facilities, services & supplies	1,108,970	2,129,445
Total	8,258,323	14,778,848



PROGRAMS

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/09 - 09/30/10	2,858,952
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG-ARRA)	10/19/09 - 09/30/10	3,066,314
Head Start	04/01/10 - 03/31/11	12,138,123
Head Start (ARRA)	07/01/09 - 09/30/10	835,190
Head Start (ARRA Supplemental)	05/01/10 - 09/30/11	91,237
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/10 - 03/31/11	1,917,000
Infant & Toddler Care for Teen Parents (Waianae High School)	07/01/10 - 12/31/10	59,894
Early Reading First (Research Corp. University of Hawaii)	07/01/10 - 08/31/12	416,040
Malama Pono Youth Mentoring	09/29/09 - 09/28/10	100,000
Malama Pono Youth Mentoring Program 2010-2011	09/30/10 - 09/29/11	240,000
Youth Services	07/01/10 - 06/01/11	529,795

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	05/01/10 - 05/31/11	129,461
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) 2009-2010	07/01/09 - 12/31/10	1,197,976
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) 2010-2011	07/01/10 - 06/30/11	1,277,187
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) Special Funds	07/01/10 - 06/01/11	329,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	07/01/10 - 03/31/11	45,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP-ARRA)	06/15/09 - 09/30/11	1,280,461
Weatherization Initiative for Native Hawaiians (WINH-ARRA)	05/07/10 - 09/30/11	1,050,000
State Supplemental Energy Program (SEP-ARRA)	07/19/10 - 09/30/11	210,000
Kumuhonua Transitional Shelter	08/01/10 - 07/31/11	360,000

Your Helping Hand

Recent Highlights...

-  **VOLUNTEERS** During program year 2009-2010, volunteers donated over 100,000 hours to help provide opportunities and inspiration at HCAP. In September, the HCAP district centers hosted Volunteer Appreciation events to thank their many volunteers.
-  **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** The HCAP Board Installation Dinner was held in October to honor out-going Board Members and to welcome those joining the Board. We look forward to introducing you to the new Board Members in our upcoming newsletters.
-  **DISTRICT & POLICY COUNCILS** By providing a voice for their home communities all across Oahu, the members of the HCAP District Councils and Head Start Policy Council are essential to HCAP's success. We welcome our new 2010-2011 Council Members.



Employee Anniversaries!

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

30 YEARS

Naomi Kahikina,
Joni Ekimura

25 YEARS

Akie Kashiwai

20 YEARS

Robyn Antonucci,
Maryvick Domingo-Tang,
Sandra Malachi, Doreen
Kaolulo, Sara Neves

15 YEARS

Jayna Cassidy
Terri-Ann Asato,
Traci Garma, Iva Tuck,
Shannon Ancheta, Raynell
Namu, Jaci Nishimiya,
Dani Rowland

10 YEARS

Michielle Fong, Laverne
Bernardino, Jayme Henna,
Richelle Kimura-Gonzales

5 YEARS

Tammy-Dawn Miyamoto,
Camilia Hilo



Clockwise from top left: District Council members are sworn in; Kalihi-Palama Volunteer Clarissa Hosino with Executive Director Robert Piper; Leeward Volunteer Appreciation Lunch; Kalihi-Palama volunteers

You can make a difference!

To learn about volunteering for HCAP, please call **(808) 521-4531**

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For help with jobs, finances, family support, or questions about our programs, call the District Center nearest you.

LEEWARD

Tel: 696-4261 Fax: 696-0169
85-555 Farrington Hwy. Waianae, HI 96792

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 Honolulu, HI 96817

LEAHI

Tel: 732-7755 Fax: 735-6034
1915 Palolo Ave. Honolulu, HI 96816

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)

Tel: 847-2400
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 PROGRAMS

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

KUMUHONUA TRANSITIONAL SHELTER

Tel: 682-5494 Fax: 682-5495

MALAMA PONO

(Mentoring Children of Prisoners)

Tel: 239-5754 Fax: 239-3912

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