



# Ku`i Na Lono

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## Helping Hands Honors HCAP with Partnership Award

HCAP gratefully accepted the 2013 Mau a mau Na Lima Hana community partner award at the Helping Hands Hawaii (HHH) annual fundraiser in February. The award was named by Auntie Malia Craver, and translates to "Everlasting, the Helping Hands." HHH Program Manager Ryan Yamamoto serves on the HCAP Board of Directors with Mark Forman, HCAP Chair, who accepted the award on behalf of the agency. Mr. Forman quoted Carlos Santana's song "Oye Como Va," which he liberally translated to "Howzit! Our rhythm when we work together is good." Showing his more serious side, Mr. Forman extended his appreciation to Helping Hands, stating, "HCAP is thankful not only for tonight's honor, but for the long, close and productive relationship that we have with Helping Hands Hawaii." HCAP and Helping Hands Hawaii have partnered together for close to 30 years to support Oahu's low-income and disabled residents.



HCAP Board of Directors Chair Mark Forman and State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland at the Helping Hands Hawaii annual fundraising dinner

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*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.*

## Boston Museum of Science Pilots New Curriculum at HCAP After-School Program

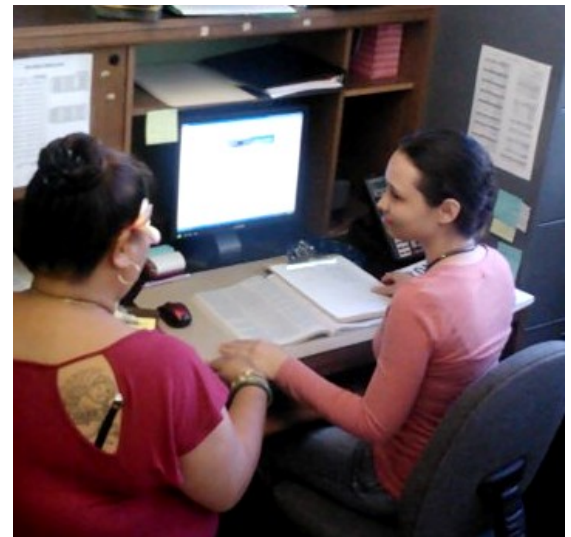


Volunteer Teri Savaiinaea tests the strength of Michelle and Rachel's paper tower, which they built as part of the Boston Museum of Science pilot curriculum project

The Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program was selected as a pilot site for the Boston Museum of Science's Engineering Adventures Curriculum. The purpose of the curriculum is to provide after school programs the ability to deliver top quality experiences that match the museum's in-school curriculum "Engineering is Elementary." The easy to follow adventures are teacher-friendly and easy to implement, even without an engineering background. In March, the participants at the Hā Initiative's Kalihi location recently completed the first prep adventure, "Tower Power," where the kids designed a 10-inch tower strong enough to hold a stuffed animal. The Engineering Adventures "Green Racers" curriculum focuses on the Engineering Design Process and takes kids through 10 lessons in which they design structures using only recycled materials. HCAP is grateful and honored for the opportunity to partner with the Boston Museum of Science to create a quality after-school curriculum that can be used at a national level.

## Helping Working Families Claim Earned Tax Credits

Congratulations to all our outstanding staff and volunteer tax preparers who helped HCAP surpass the \$1 million mark in refunds for clients! HCAP's Free Tax Help Program grew even larger this year, serving over 500 families with quality tax preparation services. As an additional service, the program assisted clients to purchase savings bonds to start investing in their future. HCAP would like to recognize all of the talented and hard-working tax preparers who made this program a success. Deb Warman was the overall Tax Preparation Coordinator, Katy Perry and Jojo Upega managed the Main Office tax preparation operation and Emma Somildam was in charge of electronic tax filing. We would also like to thank Susan Tamanaha from the Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) for her work in coordinating the statewide program.



An HCAP tax preparer works with a client on her tax returns

### 2013 HCAP Tax Program Results

Federal Tax Returns Filed :	589	Federal Refunds :	\$ 1,082,801
State Tax Returns Filed :	583	State Refunds :	\$ 165,232
<b>Total Returns Filed :</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>Total Refunds :</b>	<b>\$ 1,248,033</b>

Number of EITC Clients : 314  
Total EITC Amount : \$ 564,362





Makani Christensen, Gina Galvin, Elisabeth Galvin, Rusty Oppenheimer, Latifeh Alyousef, Billie Jo Naleieha-Betiru, Leticia Haire, Eddie Mersereau, and Karl Espaldon

## Go College! Essay Contest Winners Announced

Honolulu Community Action Program hosted its first ever Go College! Essay Contest, awarding 12 new Acer laptop computers to the winners. The contest was open to graduates of HCAP's Competency-Based High School Diploma (C-Base) Programs and to HCAP Head Start Program parents who are pursuing higher education. The winners were announced and awarded at a special ceremony on Friday, April 26 at the HCAP main office in downtown Honolulu.

The contest asked the entrants to write an essay about their educational and career goals and how a new computer would help achieve them. Billie Jo Naleieha-Betiru, a mother of five, all of whom attended Head Start, said, "HCAP has been a blessing to my family and me, and this is another blessing. I'm graduating from KCC this semester and going into Elementary Education focusing on Special Education, so this computer will be a really big help!"

The contest was sponsored by Airmarket USA and Delyse, Inc., two companies founded by Elisabeth Galvin with headquarters in Reno, Nevada. Ms. Galvin was among the panel of judges, as well as the contest sponsor. "I was truly honored to be at the awards ceremony with my daughter, Gina, and to have met some of the winners of the essay contest," said Ms. Galvin. "All of the contestants



Contest sponsors Gina Galvin and Elisabeth Galvin, Head Start parent Billie Jo Naleieha-Betiru, Board of Directors Vice Chair Eddie Mersereau

provided such inspiration to us as I felt all their hope, ideas and passion built up in their hearts and minds. I am so happy to know that having their own computer will give them access to more knowledge, the world, and allow them to pursue their dreams."

"It was extremely difficult to narrow down the field of winners as we felt everyone did an excellent job," added Eddie Mersereau, HCAP Board of Directors Vice Chair, who was also on the panel of judges. "Each essay was heartfelt and compelling, and each demonstrated a resolve and perseverance to succeed in life. Everyone was deserving."

### Congratulations to the Winners of the Go College! Essay Contest

Latifeh Alyousef  
Micheala Belden  
Kahelelani Brady  
Chante Galton  
Leticia Haire  
Billie Jo Naleieha-Betiru

Joshua-Nicholas Nguyen  
Rusty Oppenheimer  
Sherine Quintal  
Loreal Russell  
Kehaunani Tai  
Jesse Young

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## Head Start Director Appointed to Early Learning Advisory Board



HCAP Head Start Director Lynn Cabato (center) with Namaka Rawlins & Kerrie Urosevich, all members of the Early Learning Advisory Board

Congratulations to HCAP Head Start Director Lynn Cabato on her selection to the State of Hawaii Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB). Ms. Cabato was nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie and confirmed by the State Senate Committee on Education. The ELAB board will advise the State of Hawaii Executive Office on Early Learning as it develops a comprehensive, statewide early childhood education system. At the confirmation hearing, fellow ELAB board members Namaka Rawlins and Kerrie Urosevich were also confirmed. The State Senators in

attendance were impressed by the candidates and unanimously confirmed their appointment. The senators even shared their own thoughts on the value of a pre-school education. "We are not necessarily born great parents," said State Senator Jill Tokuda at the confirmation hearing. "Preschool teaches us as much as it teaches our children."



HCAP Head Start Director Lynn Cabato shares her knowledge and experience in early childhood education with Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Michelle Kidani at her confirmation hearing





Representative Lauren Cheape reads to the children at Head Start Waialua

## Lawmakers Invest in Inspiring Local Youth

State Representative Lauren Cheape visited the Waialua Head Start classroom to read two books to the children, *Good Night Moon*, and *My Lucky Day*. This wonderful opportunity was made possible by Lawmakers Read Aloud to Preschools, a project that engages state lawmakers in seeing all of the wonderful learning that takes place in Early Childhood programs. The project is a collaboration of Read to Me International, Rotary Club of Honolulu, and Good Beginnings Alliance.



Youth Trainer Cristal Garan, Program Coordinator Krystal Ikeda, Loreal Russell, Training Coordinator Velvet Fujita, and State Senator Clayton Hee



### Employee Anniversaries

Congratulations to our staff who reached these milestones of service this Spring!

#### 25 YEARS

Margaret Higa

#### 15 YEARS

Ivy Pang

#### 10 YEARS

Amanda Tumanuvao,  
Grant Kogami

#### 5 YEARS

Trisha-Lynn Noa, Helen Alcaria,  
Marlene Fonoti, Jamie Pila,  
Paula Hasegawa, Ida Vimahi  
Tiarre Ranis-Alameda

State Senator Clayton Hee recognized the potential of HCAP Youth Services student Loreal Russell when she visited the State Capitol to testify on a bill. Impressed by her testimony and inspired by the obstacles she had overcome, Senator Hee contacted Youth Services Program Coordinator Krystal Ikeda to offer Loreal an internship position in his office. This April, the State Legislature presented Loreal and the staff of HCAP Youth Services with a certificate acknowledging their efforts to educate and inspire excellence for youth who struggled to succeed in the traditional school system. Loreal is also one of the winners of HCAP's Go College! Essay Contest (see page 3). "I was never the kid who wanted to go to college," Loreal wrote in her essay. "[Now] I am a graduate of HCAP youth services class of 2013." Loreal credits the "aunties" at Youth Services for helping her through her journey. She is currently pursuing her associates degree in liberal arts at Kapiolani Community College.

# Encouraging Hope & Health for Oahu's Seniors

Auntie Harriet joined the Kupuna Independent Life Series, to learn how to deal with her grandson. She regularly attended the workshops, which focused on grandparents raising grandchildren. Little did she know she would receive overwhelming support for another family issue. Without medical insurance, Auntie Harriet's daughter was suffering from constant pain due to pancreatic cancer. Distraught, Auntie Harriet turned to Hawaii Pacific University Assistant Professor Dale Tannenbaum and her class of nursing students for help. They contacted the American Cancer Society and soon Auntie Harriet's daughter was evaluated and approved to receive medication at no cost. The nursing students became a source of emotional support for Auntie Harriet each week. And when they said their goodbye's at the end of the semester, Auntie Harriet clung to the students and wept.

The Kupuna Independent Life Series is a collaboration between the HCAP Leeward District Service Center and the Hawaii Pacific University School College of Nursing and Health Sciences. With the understanding that by 2020 a third of Hawaii's population will be elderly, the workshops reach out to a population that is significant in its economic and social needs, as well as its health and emotional welfare. During the Spring and Fall semesters, nursing students in a fifth level community health class teach health and social issues each week for a period of 10 weeks.

The workshops are coordinated by HPU Assistant Professor Dale Tannenbaum and Leeward District Service Center Manager Val Tavai. Professor Tannenbaum directs her students in weekly health promotion and disease prevention and



Moe Tauai and Claudio Borge at the Kupuna Prom, one of the many HCAP events that bring seniors together for companionship, learning and support

management workshops, while Val Tavai facilitates the community learning experience for students and kupuna. Beyond the benefits to the seniors, the workshops help the students better understand kupuna living on the Leeward coast. At the end of the semester, a student from Kalihi shared that she had never had any interaction with kupuna who were Native Hawaiian and that the experience had helped to correct her misconceptions of Wai'anae.

The next series of workshops will begin in September 2013 with workshops focusing on Native Hawaiian healing, emergency preparedness, traditional Pacific Island cooking, exercising to relieve pain, starting a business, and much more. Workshops begin at 10 am and lunch is served at 12 pm. After lunch, kupuna are invited to stay for support group discussions on issues ranging from Medicare to dating.

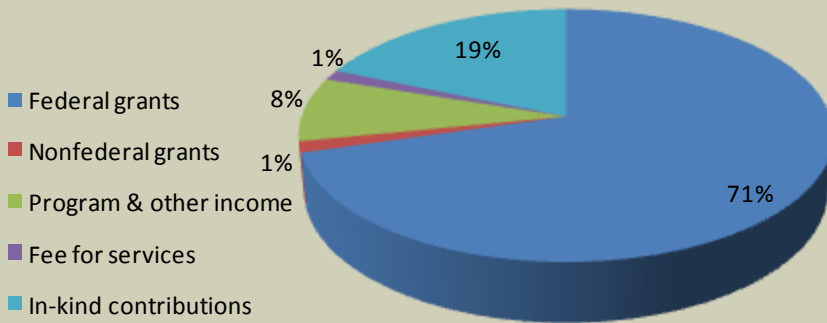




# Interim Financial Update

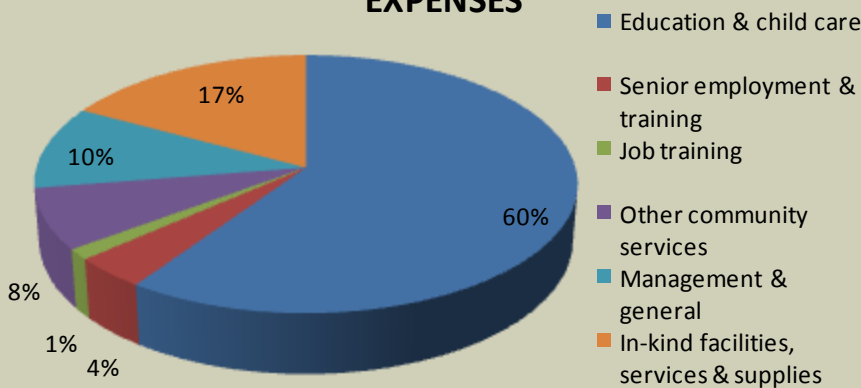
Fourth Quarter FY 2013  
January 1, 2013 — March 31, 2013

## GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	15,560,460
Nonfederal grants	312,112
Program & other income	1,812,061
Fee for services	289,625
In-kind contributions	4,107,659
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,081,917</b>

## EXPENSES



EXPENSES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & child care	14,309,077
Senior employment & training	950,351
Job training	320,574
Other community services	1,837,661
Supporting services:	
Management & general	2,505,062
In-kind facilities, services & supplies	4,107,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,030,386</b>

## 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 - 12/31/13	67,250
Youth Services (Creating Employment Opportunities)	03/01/13 - 11/30/14	189,000
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
STEM After-School Program (Friends of Hawaii Robotics)	01/30/13 - 12/31/13	900
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

### Kailua High School Class of 2014



The Kailua High School Class of 2014 volunteered to excavate rocks, pull weeds, and prepare soil at HCAP's Kalaniwai Farm in Waimanalo. The farm, a partnership between HCAP and Laulima Eco-Friendly Alliance of Farms (LEAF), was the site of the Aina Corps Organic Farmer Training Program. LEAF and HCAP are working on developing a keiki-kupuna learning garden. This is the second year that the Kailua High School Junior Class has dedicated its annual community service day to support the farm. Mahalo to the students, teachers, and coordinators Raylene Peters & Melinda McConnell!



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##### SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

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##### WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

##### KUMUHONUA TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

Tel: 682-5494 Fax: 682-5495

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Tel: 842-7686 Fax: 842-7689

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Fax: 847-2302

##### HEAD START KUNIA

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