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Governor Neil Abercrombie Attends Opening and Blessing

HCAP was delighted to have Governor Neil Abercrombie attend and speak at the opening and blessing of the Leeward District Service Center on January 10, 2014. Following the program, all guests were given the opportunity to tour the facility. Governor Abercrombie led the way through the building, stopping to greet the Leeward District Service Center staff and volunteers. He eventually made his way to the STEM Exploration Center, where HCAP staff showed him the STEM lab and recording studio, and explained more about the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program. Governor Abercrombie was also able to speak with one of the Hā Initiative and FIRST LEGO League participants about her experiences in the program.

Senator Mazie Hirono Visits Leeward District Service Center

Having not been able to attend the Leeward District Service Center opening and blessing in person, Senator Mazie Hirono visited shortly thereafter to tour the facility and get to know a little more about HCAP’s programs and services. While sitting through HCAP’s presentation, Senator Hirono shared her experiences and viewpoints as they related to the issues and challenges that HCAP faces in delivering its programs and services. After the discussion, Senator Hirono played with a LEGO robotics creation made for her by Hā Initiative participants. She also took the time to talk with staff and Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) participants. In addition, she visited the Head Start classroom to say hello to the children.
Mayor Kirk Caldwell Presents HCAP with Grants-In-Aid

In January, HCAP was awarded with City and County of Honolulu Grants-In-Aid funding for the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program and Na Lima Hana (“for the working hand”) Employment Core Services Program. In February 2014, Mayor Kirk Caldwell presented HCAP Executive Director, Robert N.E. Piper with a check representing first payment for each of the grants.

Na Lima Hana- Employment Core Services Grant-In-Aid

With the Grant-In-Aid funding, HCAP was able to introduce the Na Lima Hana-Employment Core Services Program. The program is an Oahu-wide employment preparation, development, and support program for unemployed and underemployed income eligible individuals. The program provides clients with employment preparation training, as well as assists them in securing full or part-time employment. These services are offered at each of HCAP’s five District Service Centers.

James Upega, Program Coordinator, is responsible for oversight of program services and administration. Mr. Upega began with HCAP in 2008 as a volunteer, and was subsequently employed at HCAP as a Program Aide for HCAP’s Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Community Worker at the Kalihi-Palama District Service Center.

Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program Grant-In-Aid

The Hā Initiative is a Creative STEM After-School Program for kids in Grades 2-8 to explore the worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in a fun and creative environment. The program includes fun after-school activities including a snack, tutoring, and exciting hands-on projects from digital story-telling to robotics.

The Grant-In-Aid allows HCAP to continue providing the program in existing classrooms in Kalihi, Waianae, and Aiea, as well as expand to its fourth exploration center at the Waiahole Elementary School in Windward Oahu.
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Head Start Parents and Staff Visit Hawaii State Capitol

Head Start parents and staff visited the Hawaii State Capitol for their Legislature Day event on February 7, 2014. Parents and staff were greeted by HCAP Board Chair, Representative Isaac Choy. They were escorted to the Executive Conference Room, where they had the honor and pleasure of meeting and talking story with Governor Neil Abercrombie regarding the importance of advocacy for Early Childhood Education. Parents then made their way around the Capitol to meet legislators and share information about the Head Start program. The day at the Capitol ended with HCAP Board member Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and Representative Choy introducing Head Start parents and staff members in their respective chambers.

HCAP In The News

- HCAP was listed in the top ten of Nonprofit Service Providers in the 2014 Pacific Business News Book of Lists, as ranked by 2012 revenue. The Book of Lists is a compilation of Lists that appeared in the weekly issues of Pacific Business News during the previous year.

- HCAP’s Leeward District Service Center Opening and Blessing was featured in the February issue of Westside Stories “The Pride of the West Side.”

- On February 4, 2014, HCAP’s Na Lima Hana- Employment Core Services program was featured in Pacific Business News’ Online Morning Edition. To read the article, visit: http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning_call/2014/02/honolulu-community-action-program.html
Stories From the Field- Leahi District
By Rachel Yeager, Community Worker

As a community worker at the HCAP Leahi District Service Center, my day consists of meeting people from all walks of life who come into the office needing support. My job is to help and assist these individuals and families so that they may become self-sufficient. The job can be a challenge at times- sometimes it is a long, slow, steady process for my clients. Several clients have made an impact on me and deserve recognition. One client that stands out is Hermeleen. Hermeleen is originally from Micronesia and has been part of the Palolo neighborhood since the age of four. She attended Palolo Elementary School, Jarett Middle School, and Kaimuki High School. Hermeleen is a single mother of two. It has been a rough path for her, but with the assistance of HCAP, she has been able to create a better life for herself and her two young daughters. Her daughters attend the Head Start program, and last year they received Christmas gifts provided by programs such as Toys For Tots and Adopt A Family. Hermeleen attends community college as a paralegal student. HCAP has been able to assist and guide her with information regarding jobs and education. She obtained employment at Kapiolani Community College as a student helper, assisting first year college students. Her goal is to provide a better life and more opportunities for her children. She is on the right path towards success.

Employee Anniversaries
Mahalo to our staff who reached these milestones of service in Spring 2014

35 Years
Kuulei Pili- Family Advocate

15 Years
Velvet Fujita- Training Coordinator

10 Years
Raven Tavares- Assistant Teacher
Jaydene Savella- Assistant Teacher

5 Years
Patricia Beatty- Human Resources Assistant
Summer Kaopuiki- Assistant Teacher
Lieu Nguyen- Senior Accountant & Grants Manager
Rolanda Marianon- Family Advocate
Stevi Perry- Teacher I
Earned Income Tax Credit Program Brings Federal Tax Refunds to our Communities

In partnership with the IRS and as a part of the Hawaii Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) & Financial Empowerment Coalition, HCAP’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program is helping working families and individuals get the federal tax credits they have earned. Staff and volunteers are trained and IRS certified to have a basic understanding of tax law and the TaxWise software. The EITC program runs annually from the first weekday in February through the first full week in April.

To qualify to use our services, filers should have an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of about $52,000 or less and be filing a relatively simple return. Filers make appointments at any of our 6 sites across the island, which include the 5 district service centers and the main business office.

HCAP is in a unique position to help because many of our current clients meet the qualifications of this program or are moving toward qualifying, as a stepping-stone to self-sufficiency. We can measure this success in the percentage of Earned Income Credit (EIC) eligible returns that are filed through our program. In 2014, 47.78% of our returns were EIC eligible. Success can also be measured by the ways in which this service impacts the lives of our clients.

Cenly, her husband, and 2 children have been struggling for the past 2 years because her husband has not had steady work. Cenly’s children are both active in wrestling and the costs of equipment and gym time were becoming a barrier to their participation. The family car was also on its last leg. Cenly had her taxes done at one of the HCAP sites and saved the money she would have spent on tax preparation. Cenly’s refund allowed her family to buy needed sports equipment and put a down payment on a reliable SUV that gets the entire family to and from school and sports events.

In 2014, HCAP’s EITC Program assisted 743 more families like Cenly’s. The average adjusted gross income for the program was $16,248 and the average refund was $1,829. This program brought $1,278,354 in federal tax refunds back into our communities.
Interim Financial Update  
Fourth Quarter FY 2014  
January 1, 2014 - March 31, 2014  
* Unaudited, Cash Basis

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