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# Ku`i Na Lono

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**SUMMER 2010** 

## DAROLL'S STORY: Finding a way out

Daroll graduated in 2006 from HCAP Youth Services' Competency-Based (C-Base) High School Diploma Program. He shared these remarks with this year's graduates.

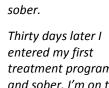
In my last semester of senior year, I was kicked out of my house because of a falling-out with my family due to drugs and alcohol. Considered a runaway, I wasn't allowed to finish the school year and I was turned down by three schools to attend as a fifth-year student. That was when I began experimenting with crystal meth. I spent the next five years living on and off the streets, fueled by an addiction to ice.

At age 20, I found HCAP Youth Services. Even though I was homeless, the staff openly accepted me into the C-Base program. I'd show up to class with my duffle bag full of dirty clothes, hungry and emotionally broken, often under the influence of ice, yet there was never a moment when I felt I didn't belong or wasn't genuinely cared for.

Despite my successes (getting my diploma at age 21 and winning the Academic Achievement Award), I still would not give up my addiction to ice. That was until a near death overdose became the defining moment of my life and my faith.

I had just gotten out of jail and spent three days getting high. I found myself in a bathroom stall at the mall, my body numb, sweating and sick. For the first time since I started using, I truly believed I was going to die. So, I did the only thing I

could think of: I prayed. I apologized for all I'd become and promised God that if He would just take away my high, I'd never go back. And just like that, with a snap of His fingers, I was brought



down and back to normal, as if I was

treatment program and I'm now two and a half years clean and sober. I'm on the Dean's list at Pacific Rim Christian College with a 3.6 GPA and I am an intern at the State Capitol. I plan on getting my Bachelor's in Pastoral Leadership and eventually running for State office.

If there is one thought I want to leave with this year's graduates, it is this: There will be times when you feel like all the world is against you and nothing is going right, but holdfast, press on, and always be willing to push yourself beyond your circumstances, your environment, and the influence of your so-called friends. Second chances, like HCAP's C-Base program, are few and rare in life. Through your willingness to grow and persevere, you will find that there is always an answer, always a way out. What you will also find is that the solution almost always begins with you.



Daroll with HCAP's Wendy Higa & Cristal Garan



# 2010 highlights

- 10 year anniversary! HCAP Youth Services got its start in 2000
- 100 graduates earned high school diplomas (our largest class ever!)
- 1st annual 3-on-3 basketball tourney
  - 54 young adults participated in job readiness training and work experience placement



### From Our Director



Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.

### "Old Problems, New Solutions'

For 45 years, HCAP has been a leader in the war on poverty. This is not a new war, but its face is constantly changing. As our economy fluctuates and our state and nation face new and evolving challenges, HCAP must evolve as well. We continue to dedicate ourselves to providing new and innovative solutions to meet the changing needs of our local families.

We fight homelessness by bringing Preschool on Wheels to parks and shelters. We fight substance abuse by giving our young people a better option through earning their high school diplomas. We fight unemployment by teaching job skills and helping families reduce energy use so they can keep more of their hard-earned dollars.

None of this would be possible without the efforts of our incredible staff, working hard on the front lines and behind the scenes. It is an honor to serve as your director and I thank all of you for your heartfelt service.

Mahalo piha,

Robert N.E. Piper, Esq. **Executive Director** 





## Head Start preschoolers celebrate world cultures through dance

The kids from HCAP Head Start brought a shining performance to the Laie Elementary School May Day Program. The event was held May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Polynesian Cultural Center. In the spirit of this year's theme, "Treasures Around the World," the children performed dances in costumes as vibrant and exciting as the countries they represented.

Along with kids from Laie's special education classes, the Head Start kids dressed in colorful Mexican attire made by staff members. Wearing sombreros, the children and staff clapped, jumped and moved to the beat of



Shaianne and Kalaina partner up as Sifa finishes his turn.
Behind them is Aunty Kaimi.

the Mexican Hat Dance. They also showed they could limbo, the Laie way, to the energetic song La Bamba. The audience clapped in amazement as the three- and four-vear olds displayed their creative dancing and



Aunty Barbie and the kids do the Mexican Hat Dance

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movement skills. The parents and staff were so proud of the children's willingness and excitement to participate in this spectacular day of celebration, once again.



Rachael (center) with her son and her sister

# RACHAEL'S STORY: Keeping the lights on

When Rachael and her sister Jessica moved into their apartment, they didn't understand the arrangement with their utilities until they found out that their electricity had been turned off May 1<sup>st</sup>. They made an initial payment of \$400 but were still behind in rent and utilities when they came to HCAP for help. The staff of the Kalihi-Palama District Center helped them apply for the Energy Crisis Intervention service through LIHEAP, an emergency payment to keep families from having their electricity turned off. The sisters enrolled as HCAP clients and are also applying for rental assistance to help them stabilize their situation as they look for jobs.

Rachael and Jessica are two of over 4,000 people HCAP helped with their energy bills through LIHEAP this summer. Offered once a year, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is one of HCAP's most popular programs. LIHEAP helps families who are having difficulty paying their electricity or gas bills and gives participants, like Rachael, the chance to learn about HCAP's many other programs and services.



### Leading HCAP in 2010: Board of Directors

HCAP welcomed six new members to our Board of Directors for 2009 - 2010. We asked two of these volunteers to share why they serve, what HCAP means to them, and what they hope to accomplish.

Frank Lopez joined the HCAP Board this Summer as the representative for the Governor's office. He serves the State of Hawaii as Administrator of the Corrections Program Services Division for the Department of Public Safety. Over the past several years, Frank has appreciated the opportunity to serve the community in professional positions he never dreamed



of. Each time, he was impressed by the commitment and dedication of people simply trying to do what they could to help their community. During his brief exposure to HCAP over the past few months, he has seen that same commitment and dedication throughout the organization. In a time that puts so much emphasis on personal gain, Frank finds it refreshing to see cultural and community values redefining people's perspective.

Lance Jyo has worked for the State of Hawaii Department of Education for 22 years. In his most recent post, he serves as Vice Principal for the Moanalua/Aiea Community School for Adults. Joining the HCAP Board as the representative from the Central District Council has been an honor and privilege for Lance. He has learned so much in the past



year and looks forward to being involved in the many exciting initiatives that HCAP takes part in. Watching how hard Sue Quinn and her staff at HCAP Central work to provide support services to the community has been tremendously inspiring to Lance. He would like to thank the program staff and administration for their support as well. For Lance, it is this collaborative effort that epitomizes the heart of service.

### Bank of Hawaii helps renovate Mayor Wright's community hall

With paint peeling and most of its windows broken by vandalism, the Mayor Wright Homes' community hall was unsafe and unusable. Concerned members of the Tenant Association, led by their president, Fetu Kolio, came to HCAP for help. With the support of HCAP Board Members Lori Honda and William Shiroma, the Bank of Hawaii got involved and a project began to take shape.



Board Member Bill Shiroma and the Bank of Hawaii volunteers

On a Saturday in April, over 20 volunteers from the Bank of Hawaii, HCAP and the Mayor Wrights' **Tenant Association** got together to repair the neglected hall. They replaced broken windows with wooden louvers, repaired light fixtures and painted the walls. Through their hard work, they transformed the hall into a safe, functional space that



Painting the community hall at Mayor Wright's

tenants can use for social activities, meetings, classes and needed services, like food distributions.

HCAP would like to thank Bank of Hawaii, Lori Honda, Bill Shiroma, Paul Hoe, Doug Pedro, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Fetu Kolio and the Mayor Wright's Tenant Association for their efforts on behalf of the Kalihi community.



## TARA'S STORY: Stepping forward

Tara Wynn, a case manager at HCAP's Kumuhonua Transitional Shelter since February 2009, shares about her work and her dream of attending law school.



Working at Kumuhonua has been supremely rewarding, especially when I see the progress our residents make. It can also be frustrating, because there are not a lot of housing opportunities or jobs for them, especially in this phase of our economic cycle. Frustrations and set-backs come alongside every step forward, but our residents show incredible courage as they transition into independent living.

This year is a transition for me too, as I leave HCAP to attend the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. To be honest, I'm a little anxious, and I worry about the people I'm leaving behind at Kumuhonua. At the same time, I feel exceptionally fortunate to have this opportunity. For a long time, I put aside my own self to support the interests of others in my life. Now, I'm in remission from breast cancer, and it's my time to do this. I almost couldn't believe it when UH called to tell me I had been accepted, then I was in tears when I realized it was true. I thought to myself, "My parents would have loved to see this!" This is the culmination of so many people's dreams for me.

I am passionate about working in law and I see it as the highest form of advocacy. Throughout our country's history, things have turned on a dime because of one court case (Brown vs. Board of Education, suffrage for women). I've also lived in neighborhoods in Hawaii and New York where I've seen lives left in shambles because they didn't have good legal counsel.

Although it is hard for me to leave, I know Kumuhonua is in capable hands. Maile Keliipio-Acoba is a supportive and inspiring manager, our application process is streamlined and the team works like clockwork.

I will always remember my time at HCAP and I would like to say Thank You to the residents of Kumuhonua, to Maile, Robert Piper, and my co-workers



# ACCEPTING NEW RESIDENTS!

Kumuhonua Transitional Shelter welcomes adults who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness.

Call us at **(808) 682-5494**or go online to <u>www.hcapweb.org/kumuhonuashelter.htm</u>

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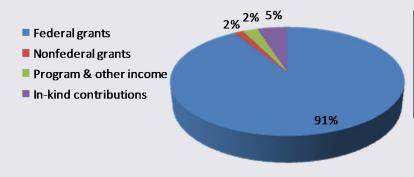




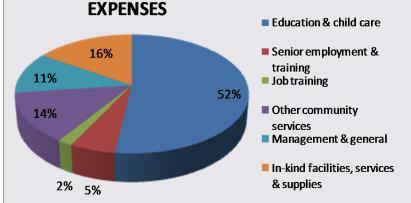
# Interim Financial Update

First Quarter 2010 April 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010

### **GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT**



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	18,926,692
Nonfederal grants	342,285
Program & other income	500,177
In-kind contributions	1,020,475
Total	20,789,629



EXPENSES	QTR 1	YTD
Program services:		
Education & child care	3,391,988	3,391,988
Senior employment & training	357,552	357,552
Job training	116,962	116,962
Other community services	892,027	892,027
Supporting services:		
Management & general	741,521	741,521
In-kind facilities, services & supplies	1,020,475	1,020,475
Total	6,520,525	6,520,525

### **PROGRAMS**

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Community Services		
Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/09 - 09/30/10	2,858,952
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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 Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/10 - 03/31/11	1,917,000
Infant & Toddler Care for Teen		
Parents (Waianae High School)	07/01/09 - 06/30/10	119,787
Pre-School Program	07/01/09 - 06/30/10	38,912
Early Reading First (Research Corp. University of Hawaii)	04/01/09 - 09/30/10	31,168
Malama Pono Youth		
Mentoring Program	09/29/09 - 09/28/10	100,000
Youth Services	07/01/09 - 06/30/10	529,795
Low-Income Home Energy		
Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	05/01/10 - 05/31/11	129,461

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/09 - 06/30/10	1,197,976
Senior Community Services Employment Program (ARRA)	04/17/09 - 06/30/10	250,137
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	07/01/10 - 03/31/11	45,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP-ARRA)	06/15/09 - 09/30/10	1,280,461
Weatherization Initiative for Native Hawaiians (WINH-ARRA)	05/07/10 - 09/30/10	1,050,000
State Supplemental Energy Program (SEP-ARRA)	07/19/10 - 09/30/10	210,000
Kumuhonua Transitional Shelter (Renovation)	10/01/09 - 06/30/10	250,000
Kumuhonua Transitional Shelter (Operations)	09/01/09 - 07/31/10	329,175



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# Windward District Center (call 239-5754)

- Gift cards from clothing stores
- **USB** flash drives
- # Hygiene products/toiletries
- Computers, computer desks
- Color laser printer
- Heavy duty storage rack or cabinet
- 16- or 24-compartment literature organizer
- Refrigerator

### Youth Services (call 591-1766)

- Inspirational framed photos/posters
- Black picture frames
- Standing fans

# Kumuhonua Shelter (call 682-5494)

- Household cleaning supplies
- Pots & pans
- Plates, bowls, utensils
- Men's & women's clothing (especially need larger sizes)
- # Hygiene products/toiletries
- Sewing machine
- Small microwave oven
- Twin mattress covers (vinyl/plastic)

### Volunteer Time

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