



Ku`i Na Lono

Spread the News

SUMMER/FALL 2012



The first set of graduates of the Aina Corps Farming Training Program, with LEAF Hawaii Executive Director David Santistevan (center, with yellow lei), State Senator Mike Gabbard (left), and Down to Earth CEO & Hawaii Organic Farmers Association Board Member Mark Fergusson (right)

HCAP Partners with LEAF Hawaii to Train New Organic Farmers

The Aina Corps Organic Farming Training Program, a partnership between Laulima Eco-Friendly Alliance of Farms (LEAF) Hawaii and HCAP, graduated its first cohort of fifteen trainees in September at a ceremony held at HCAP's Waimanalo farm site. State Senator Mike Gabbard attended the event and presented LEAF Hawaii and HCAP with a legislative resolution commending the program on its success and contributions to the community.

The Aina Corps Organic Farming Training program trains unemployed individuals on Oahu in permaculture farm design, soil fertility, organic pest management, irrigation, crop planning and production, animal husbandry, and la'au'lapa'au (Hawaiian medicinal plants). Participants also receive instruction in running a successful organic farm business, including record keeping, taxes, banking, human resources management, and more. Upon successful completion, graduates receive

Continued on Page 2

Honolulu Community Action Program is a non-profit community action agency serving low-income Oahu residents. In 2011, HCAP assisted over 17,000 seniors, adults, youth & children with employment, education, housing & basic needs.



Organic Farmers, Cont'd from pg. 1



Above: State Senator Mike Gabbard, HCAP Director of Community Services Robert Naniolo, LEAF Hawaii Executive Director David Santistevan and HCAP Planning and Development Specialist Kristina Jenkins. Below: David Santistevan and the Aina Corps trainees on a field trip to a local lo'i (taro farm) and working at the Waimanalo farm

certification in organic farming from the Hawaii Organic Farmers Association, which reviewed and approved the program curriculum. Trainers in the recently completed first cohort included Hunter Heavilin and Matthew Lynch from the Asia-Pacific Center for Regenerative Design and Steven Chiang from the University of Hawaii's Agribusiness Incubator Program.

LEAF Hawaii is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to food sustainability in Hawaii. Prior to its collaboration with HCAP, LEAF Hawaii partnered with the Institute of Human Services to create a rooftop garden and train homeless families at IHS's Iwilei facility.

The Aina Corps program is part of the statewide Green Jobs Initiative grant and is supported by the Workforce Development Council - Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Oahu WorkLinks of the City and County of Honolulu. Through the support of these government partners, the training is provided at no cost to participants.



The Aina Corps Program is a partnership of LEAF Hawaii, Honolulu Community Action Program, Oahu Worklinks, the State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the U.S. Department of Labor. For more information, call (808) 389-1819 or visit www.leafhawaii.org.

Employee Anniversaries

Congratulations to our staff who reached significant milestones of service this Summer & Fall!

25 YEARS

Bobbi Beter-Moses

20 YEARS

Debra Phillips,
Patricia Pongasi-Goldson,
Gwynne Haiola-Fossek,
Dorothy Mahoney

15 YEARS

Leona Souza, Doreen Jona,
Lori Nakamoto

10 YEARS

Elizabeth Delong,
Jessica Li, Erin Basuil,
Sandra Sagaysay

5 YEARS

Deisha Vendiola,
Shanna Maikui, Jill Wood,
Chad Iramina, Gayzel Wolf, Mary Oyama,
Ace Tufu, Winona Alapai, Luann Liftee,
Geraldine Tira, Jennifer Fremgen,
Hokulani Keola

After-School STEM Program Expands to Waianae



Program Manager Chadrhyn Pedraza serves a healthy snack at the new Waianae location.

HCAP's newest program is making science fun for elementary and middle school students. The Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program recently expanded to a second location at HCAP's Leeward District Service Center, in addition to its initial location in Kalihi. Charles Peraro, the teacher for the Waianae site is off and running with the 2012 robotics season, as well as keeping the kids engaged through science lab activities, educational computer games, and tutoring in all subjects.

HCAP believes that family engagement is key to children's academic success, as in the agency's successful Head Start program, now in its 46th year. This philosophy is also embraced by the Hā Initiative, where parents, siblings and family members are invited to join as volunteers and participants in program events.



The Hā Initiative is offered free of charge to children in Grades 2 to 8 in Kalihi and Waianae. Call 842-7686 or visit us online at www.hcapweb.org/hainitiative.

Mahalo for Your Support of the Hā Initiative!

HCAP extends its appreciation to the funders and partners of its after-school STEM program.

Friends of Hawaii Charities
State of Hawaii Office
of Community Services
Hawaii P-20 Partnership
Friends of Hawaii Robotics
Farrington High School
Waianae High School
Windward Community College

Reverend Takie Okumura Family Foundation
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
Kalihi Interagency Community Group
Waianae Civic Center—Pai`olu Kai`aulu
Hawaii Pacific University
EAH Housing
Retired Seniors Volunteer Program
Foster Grandparent Program



The program's two locations are fully equipped with computer labs, science exploration centers and music recording studios.



Every weekday afternoon, children participate in hands-on explorations in science, technology, engineering and math.



Family engagement is a key part of the program. At Family Nights, parents work on science projects with their kids which they can also make at home.



Kharly's Story

*Inspired by
Volunteering at
Head Start*

After dropping out of high school, Kharly wasn't sure what to do or where to go for help. She heard about the Competency-Based High School Diploma (C-Base) program from a friend, and called Katy and Amanda at HCAP. They helped Kharly enroll in the program and she quickly began her studies.

In addition to academic lessons, C-Base students also volunteer or find part-time employment. Kharly earned her required hours by volunteering in an HCAP Head Start classroom in her home community of Wai-pahu. She became very inspired and started to consider a career in working with children.

After seven months of hard work and study, Kharly earned her high school diploma and is now taking steps toward her goal of attending college to become a children's counselor.

Youth Services Honored for Excellence, Expands Program



The Honolulu Police Department is an important ally and supporter of HCAP Youth Services. Pictured above are Officer Pono, students Kainoa, Keanu and Chad, and Officer Cameron.

For over a decade, HCAP Youth Services has provided education, work experience, vocational training and leadership development to youth who have had difficulties succeeding in the traditional school system. This year, HCAP Youth Services was honored by the City and County of Honolulu as an outstanding program for youth. Through a competition sponsored by America's Promise Alliance, Honolulu was named one of the 100 Best Communities

for Young People. The competition recognizes communities across the country that focus on reducing high school dropout rates and creating brighter futures for young people. At the award ceremony in February 2012, Mayor Peter Carlisle presented HCAP with an award as one of the City and County's key partners. Executive Director Robert Piper and Youth Services Program Manager Krystal Ikeda accepted the award on behalf of HCAP.

Youth Services continues to offer the Competency-Based High School Diploma (C-Base) program Monday through Thursday at its classroom near downtown Honolulu. The program recently expanded its services to include driver's education and one-on-one individualized tutoring. Youth Services is also involved in an innovative partnership with the Honolulu Police Department, which brings in police officers to work with the C-Base students on leadership and team building. In addition to learning valuable skills, the positive interactions between the students and officers helps to create a shared sense of responsibility for keeping themselves and the community safe. Youth Services is also embarking on a partnership with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services on a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The grant will provide education, job training and support to young adults who have been involved in the juvenile justice system.



The HCAP Youth Services Class of 2012 at their graduation ceremony in June.

Makani's Story

Dare to Achieve the Impossible

Makani Christensen is a dedicated and tireless supporter of HCAP. Born and raised in Hilo, Makani is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the U.S. Naval Academy. Makani started his own business, Keawe Adventures, and is the local agent of Air Market, a Nevada-based airline catering company run by CEO Elisabeth Galvin. Makani and the businesses he represents believe strongly in giving back to the community through both time and resources. Last summer, Makani, an avid sportsman, competed in his first Ironman race where he proudly wore the HCAP logo on his jersey. He writes this in hopes of inspiring HCAP's youth program participants.

By Makani Christensen

"The Ironman was a goal of mine for many years. I started training a year ago and dedicated my race to the youth of Hawaii, in particular, the Head Start program run by HCAP. It was an honor to wear the HCAP logo on my jersey and I want to thank the staff so much for their hard work. Everything you do at HCAP is making a difference. All it takes is one moment and a caring person to change someone's life forever.

"I'm a prime example of that. I was out of control as a young man. I stole, ran away, fought, and didn't listen. One day, my fifth grade teachers took me aside and scolded me in a different way. Their words motivated me

and gave me a chance to excel. From that moment I changed my life and believed in myself.

"On June 24, 2012, I finished the Ironman in Coeur d'Alene with a time of 12 hours and 38 minutes. Our entire team wore the HCAP shirts with pride throughout Coeur d'Alene. Thousands of individuals saw a team from Hawaii with our black Team Ahonui shirts. (Ahonui means 'to persevere'.)

"The race was of epic proportions. Each task that I finished, each mile that I swam, ran or biked put me closer to the finish line. I felt like crying a couple times because my dreams were becoming a reality.

I knew I was part of something great—something that less than 1% of the world will ever complete or dare. When I crossed the finish line it was a feeling I had never felt before.

"This is my biggest accomplishment to this point. It was both physically and mentally demanding, and finishing the race required a lot of positive thinking. I proved to myself that I could do anything I put my mind to. I hope this motivates some individuals to strive for excellence, especially the youth. Dare to achieve the impossible!"



Makani dedicates his triathlon training and competitions to Hawaii's youth. He wore an HCAP jersey during the 112-mile bike



Celebrating at the finish line of the Ironman Coeur d'Alene in Idaho.

"I was out of control as a young man... but my fifth grade teachers gave me a chance to excel. From that moment, I changed my life and believed in myself."



Teammates Kathryn Taylor, Rick Klobuchar Jr., Makani Christensen, and Hiroyuki Haruyama proudly wear their Team Ahonui t-shirts designed by HCAP Youth Services student Tuilele Leitu.

Board of Directors

2011 – 2012 BOARD OFFICERS

Mark L. Forman
Chair
Ella Abe
Vice Chair
Rep. Isaac W. Choy
Secretary/Treasurer

2011 – 2012 BOARD MEMBERS

Resident Sector

Ella Abe
Windward District
Anne Chipchase
Leahi District
Shylo Clark
Head Start Policy Council
John Dudoit, Jr.
Central District
Aldora Kahele
Kalihi-Palama District
James Manaku, Sr.
Leeward District
Eddie Mersereau
Central District

Public Sector

Terrence Aratani, Esq.
Office of Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi
Rep. Isaac W. Choy
Office of Rep. Marcus Oshiro
Mark L. Forman
Office of Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland
Karen Iwamoto
Office of Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say
Frank Lopez
Governor's Representative
Councilmember Ernest Y. Martin
City Council
Gary Okino
Mayor's Representative

Private Sector

Roxanne U. Bolden
Aloha Independent Living Hawaii
Michael Broderick
YMCA of Honolulu
Garrick L.H. Goo, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Phyllis Ida
P-3 Windward Grant
Colleen Minami
Community Volunteer
William Shiroma
Bank of Hawaii
Kevin Souza, Esq.
Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director

Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.

Head Start Welcomes Parent Leaders to Policy Council



HCAP Head Start 2012-2013 Policy Council officers: Chairperson Isabel Quintero, Vice Chairperson Raquel Dizon-Ikei, Secretary Sheri-Ann Cabinatan, and Treasurer Tianni Kawa

“Parents are a child’s first teachers.” These words set the tone for HCAP Head Start, where parents are empowered to get involved in their child’s education and engaged in leadership of the program. Families work on goal-setting for themselves and their children, have input into curriculum planning, and participate in the governance of the program through parent committees and the Policy Council. Through all of these activities, parents develop their own skills so they can make a lasting difference in their child’s education and development.

Every Head Start classroom chooses two parents to serve as a representative and an alternate on the Head Start Policy Council. The Council members meet regularly to vote on program policy, assist with hiring staff, and manage the program’s budget. They also serve as leaders in their own communities by bringing back what they have learned to share with other parents in their children’s classrooms.



A parent volunteers in her son’s classroom at Head Start Kapalama

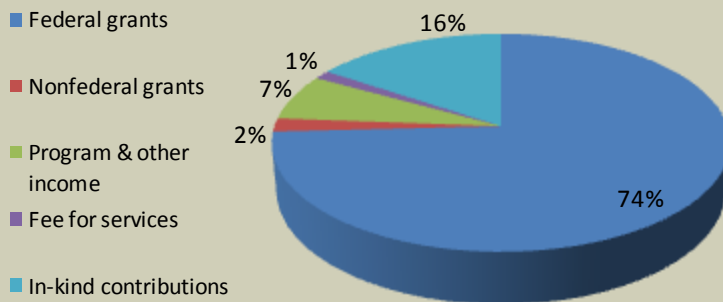
Dizon-Ikei, Sheri-Ann Cabinatan, and Tianni Kaawa, representing the Head Start classrooms at Queen Kaahumanu, Koko Head, Kuhio, and Halawa.

Within the Policy Council, parents have opportunities to join various committees to provide leadership in their areas of interest. The meetings are also a chance for parents to network with each other and form friendships that are sustained beyond their participation in Head Start. HCAP recently held elections for the new Policy Council officers for the 2012-2013 school year. This year’s officers are Isabel Quintero, Raquel

Interim Financial Update

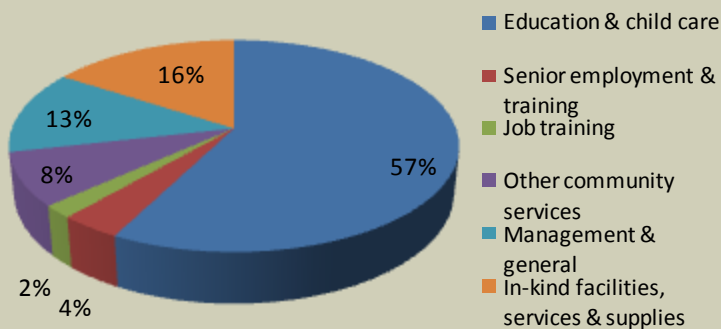
First & Second Quarters FY 2012
April 1, 2012—Sept 30, 2012

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	8,312,308
Nonfederal grants	222,406
Program & other income	769,382
Fee for services	146,635
In-kind contributions	1,751,734
Total	11,202,465

EXPENSES



EXPENSES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & child care	6,371,563
Senior employment & training	422,441
Job training	216,423
Other community services	897,422
Supporting services:	
Management & general	1,408,030
In-kind facilities, services & supplies	1,751,734
Total	11,067,613

PROGRAMS

CURRENT PROGRAMS	FUNDING PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/11 - 09/30/12	2,820,290
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
Early Reading First (Research Corp. University of Hawaii)	07/01/10 - 05/31/13	416,040
Ho`o Kahua Project	09/01/11 - 07/31/13	219,953
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	FUNDING PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
STEM After-School Program (Rev. Takie Okumura Foundation)	08/29/12 - 08/28/13	4,988
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) 2011-2012	07/01/11 - 09/30/12	915,042
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) 2012-2013	07/01/12 - 06/30/13	863,117
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/11 - 09/30/12	49,004
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)	11/03/12 - current	1,360,000

Your Helping Hand

Uncle Gene's Coffee Truck

Uncle Gene's red pick-up truck has become a regular sight at Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. A volunteer with local community organization, Touch a Heart, Uncle Gene drives to Kalaeloa each Monday to serve coffee and breakfast to the residents of HCAP's transitional housing program. Some of the food is donated from Starbucks and residents just love the morning treats.



MAIN OFFICE:

33 S. King Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, HI 96813
Tel: (808) 521-4531 Email: hcpap@hcpapweb.org

DISTRICT CENTERS:

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 PROGRAM

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

KUMUHONUA TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

Tel: 682-5494 Fax: 682-5495

Hā INITIATIVE: CREATIVE STEM AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Tel: 842-7686 Fax: 842-7689

Support HCAP by giving a secure donation on-line:
Click "Donate" at www.hcapweb.org

Thank you!

