



# Ku'i Na Lono

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## Mahalo to Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard and Staff for Their Support of HCAP

In May, the HCAP Head Start Waimanalo Pre-Plus classroom had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. The Congresswoman toured the classroom and led the children in reading the book "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" HCAP Head Start staff and children thanked Congresswoman Gabbard and presented her with a lauhala basket filled with vegetables and herbs they grew in their garden.

In addition to this visit, Congresswoman Gabbard and her staff have demonstrated their support of HCAP's programs and services in a number of ways. At the Leeward District Service Center opening and blessing,



the Congresswoman's representative Vandeth Sek presented HCAP with a congratulatory message on her behalf, and he also accompanied her to the Head Start classroom visit. In addition, Jay King, Constituent Services

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Representative from the Office of Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, has reached out to HCAP to learn more about the agency's programs and services. Since meeting with HCAP management, Mr. King, who has a social services background, has provided HCAP with great support and guidance in helping us locate grant opportunities and resources, and has also assisted in connecting HCAP's Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services Program with potential employers.

HCAP would like to thank Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard and her staff for the interest they have shown in our programs and services, and the assistance they have provided in helping to ensure HCAP is able to continue delivering these valuable programs and services to the community.

## LIHEAP Services Reach Over 5,000 Applicants

As is the case each year, June is the month HCAP district service center staff are busy with the very popular Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is intended to help families keep their utilities on, especially those households that are most vulnerable, such as the elderly, disabled, and families with young children. Assistance to offset client energy costs typically is through an energy credit, although emergency crisis intervention is also available.

Each year, district service center staff conduct outreach in their communities to reach as many potential clients as possible. Preliminary counts indicate another successful year, with over 5,000 applications processed from June 2 to June 30, 2014.

In addition to the number of people receiving services, HCAP was also able to hire 30 temporary staff to assist with LIHEAP. HCAP sends a big mahalo to all of the LIHEAP team for a job well done.



## Youth Services Graduates Celebrate Their Future

This year, HCAP Youth Services held its annual graduation ceremony at McCoy Pavilion on June 18, 2014. A total of 50 students obtained their Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma as a supportive crowd of friends and family joined the students in celebrating their achievement. In very emotional and inspirational speeches, students conveyed not only the pride in obtaining the diploma, but also how the Youth Services Program im-

pacted their lives in a positive way. Not only is the graduation ceremony a celebration of the students' achievement, it also reaffirms the importance of HCAP's Youth Services Program and the vital role it plays in the community.



HCAP would like to thank all of those who provided donations for the graduation ceremony. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful supporters of the program. HCAP Youth Services and the students truly appreciate your generosity and kindness.



## Training Day Brings HCAP Ohana Together



One of the strengths of HCAP is the wide-range of programs and services it offers in the community, in addition to the over 100 sites it operates in throughout Oahu. Because of this diversity of services and locations, it is important for all HCAP employees to understand the agency and mission as a whole, as well as all of its parts that are available to help their clients. Therefore, HCAP Training Day is a time

for HCAP employees from every program to gather, engage in conversation, and learn about all the programs and services offered by HCAP. It is also a time for management to thank and acknowledge each one of its 315 dedicated and passionate employees for their hard work throughout the year.

This year's Training Day was held in April at McCoy Pavilion. Staff from each program gave a presentation, and discussed any significant changes that may have affected their respective programs. In addition, social media consultant Roxanne Darling shared HCAP's social media presence, strategy, and purpose, as well as officially introduced the new HCAP website. Long-time advocate and community leader, Alex Santiago addressed the HCAP ohana on the importance of civic engagement.

## Employee Anniversaries

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

### 35 Years

Virginia Au - Accounting Specialist II

### 30 Years

Maxine Igarashi - Assistant Teacher

### 20 Years

Sonia Chan - Head Start Manager  
John Park - Head Start Facilities Manager

### 10 Years

Leitricia Kauhi - Assistant Teacher  
Daisi-Mae Tuzon - Teacher I

### 5 Years

Carolyn Fisher - Teacher I  
Tami Mitsuka - Assistant Teacher  
Sonny-Jean Preston - Community Worker  
Susan Scholes - Teacher I

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## HCAP Launches New Website

On April 11, 2014, with assistance from social media consultant Roxanne Darling, HCAP launched a brand new website: [www.hcapweb.org](http://www.hcapweb.org). A team of staff worked for several months designing and building the new website. "It is our hope that clients, partners, and potential funders find the new website informative and easy to navigate," says Michael Hane, Director of Planning, Program Development, and Communications. Several new features of the website include the ability for parents of current and potential Head Start students to apply to the program online. In addition, HCAP's Weekly E-Newsletter is also available for viewing on the website blog. We hope you will take some time to visit our website and enjoy the new format.



## HCAP In The News

- HCAP staff, including Robert N.E. Piper (JD, MBA), Corinne Murashige (MBA), Michael Hane (BBA), and Derek Nishimura (BBA) were mentioned in the University of Hawaii at Manoa Shidler College of Business "Shidler Business" Spring 2014 newsletter. To read the newsletter, visit: <http://shidler.hawaii.edu/sites/magazine.shidler.hawaii.edu/files/downloads/latest-issue.pdf>
- The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which runs during the month of June was featured in Hawaii News Now on June 1, 2014. The full story can be viewed here: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/25665219/home-energy-assistance-program-to-reduce-high-utility-bills-for-some-oahu-residents>

## A Year of Service

By Jennifer Barillaro



AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) taps the skills, talents, and passion of more than 8,000 Americans annually to support community efforts to overcome poverty. The program's nationwide corps of VISTAs commits full-time for a year at nonprofit organizations or local government agencies to build the capacity of these organizations to carry out programs that tackle poverty. From July 2013 to July 2014, Jennifer Barillaro volunteered at HCAP as an AmeriCorps VISTA member. Here is her story:

My AmeriCorps journey started when I was a freshman in college and participated in an AmeriCorps State Program called Jumpstart. During the program year, I worked one-on-one with preschool children to improve and promote literacy in a low-income preschool. My supervisor at Jumpstart was a former AmeriCorps VISTA member and became a mentor to me for the next four years of my college career.

After being heavily involved in Community Outreach programs throughout my undergraduate career, I decided I wanted to continue to serve post-grad. Hearing wonderful and inspiring stories from my mentor about the AmeriCorps VISTA program, I did my research and decided it was a great fit.

As an AmeriCorps VISTA with the Hā Initiative, I built a foundation for their volunteer program. I created and implemented recruitment and screening processes, as well as an orientation each volunteer must go through. I created trainings and evaluations, and was able to see the impact volunteers have on the program. My year of service was challenging and very much exciting.

One of the most valuable lessons I have taken away from my experience, is that trial and error is your friend! It provides an opportunity to see what works, what does not work, and allows you to learn from both. Processes are then continually being improved, enhancing the program each step of the way. Between October 2013 and June 2014, 61 volunteers served with the Hā Initiative and contributed over 1121 hours total.

I consider myself very fortunate to have been a VISTA with the Honolulu Community Action Program. Every-day I came into work, to a place that felt like home, and learned and gained so much through my experiences.

Thank you to HCAP for the opportunity to help make a difference, it has been my pleasure!





## Kumuhonua Services Help Family Secure Permanent Housing

The Keli Ohana came to the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center from being unsheltered at Keaau Beach Park after losing their housing due to loss of employment. Jewel had to quit her job of 18 years to care for her husband Mika and her brother William. Jewel and Mika's children were living in various areas on island, and at times were homeless themselves.

During their stay at Kumuhonua, this family completed a multitude of classes, which included Money Smarts through Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA), a nutrition program, job readiness and employment training, and attended legal aid workshops. They also cared for the yard and contributed greatly to the beautification of the property.

Jewel was eventually able to secure employment which allowed her to become her husband's care-giver. This additional income helped put their household income into a higher bracket, which opened more doors when they began seeking housing. Jewel's brother William was linked with Waipahu Clubhouse, a local social service community center, through his health case manager. The assistance William received helped him to obtain part-time employment.

After collaborating with multiple agencies for continuation of care and housing assistance, Jewel was able to secure a home in Nanakuli. Upon moving out of Kumuhonua, the family received renter's match assistance through HCA at a 5:1 ratio,

which goes directly to rent, and assistance through the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Punawai Program. The family qualified for both programs as a result of their diligent savings while at Kumuhonua.

In addition to securing permanent housing, the family was reunited with one of their daughters and her children; she eventually moved into the family's new home. This family was an absolute joy to work with and the staff at Kumuhonua could not have been happier to see all the resources they were able to utilize when securing permanent housing. We wish them all the best on their path to achieving self-sufficiency.



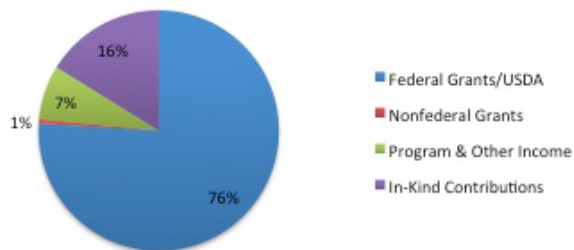
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First Quarter FY 2014

April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

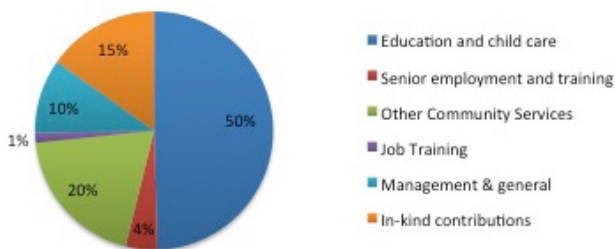
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## GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	3,761,429
Nonfederal grants	26,906
Program & other income	362,174
In-kind contributions	799,981
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,950,490</b>

## EXPENSES



EXPENSES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & childcare	2,613,021
Senior employment & training	225,146
Job training	69,890
Other community services	1,027,900
Supporting services:	
Management & general	532,994
In-kind contributions	799,981
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,268,932</b>

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/13 - 09/30/14	2,240,088
Grant-In-Aid Employment Core	01/15/14 - 12/31/14	120,405.50
Grant-In-Aid STEM	01/15/14 - 12/31/14	149,999.94
Head Start	04/01/14 - 03/31/15	12,500,192
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/14 - 03/31/15	1,080,000
Ho'o Kahua Project	08/05/13 - 05/23/14	94,779
Youth Services	07/01/13 - 06/30/14	435,559
Youth Services (Creating Employment Opportunities)	03/01/13 - 11/30/14	189,000

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
Hi'i Ola Program	08/01/13 - 07/31/14	385,000
Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/13 - 06/30/14	873,077
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/13 - 09/30/14	44,164
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	05/01/14 - 04/30/15	122,683
Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center (DHS Stipend)	08/01/13 - 07/31/14	360,000
Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center (Program Income)	08/01/13 - 07/31/14	264,280



Youth Services Graduates Celebrate with Friends and Family



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Na Lima Hana- Employment Core Services

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Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program

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Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center

Tel: 682-5494 Fax: 682-5495

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

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Youth Services

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