Throughout November, HCAP encouraged the act of selflessness in each of its programs by hosting and highlighting various community events during #GivingTuesday 2014. #GivingTuesday is a new calendar day dedicated to giving back, giving smarter, and celebrating the spirit of contribution. According to their website, “[o]n Tuesday, December 2, 2014, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.” With the power of the social media hashtag #GivingTuesday, the movement invites people around the world to participate in conversations surrounding charity. “#GivingTuesday is remarkable – in a sense that it brings light to the importance of volunteering and giving back to one’s community, during a season marketed toward consumerism,” said Robert N.E. Piper, HCAP’s Executive Director. “This is an opportunity to connect our organization's stories of family and community to a strong social movement.”

Events were showcased on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and in the HCAP Weekly e-newsletter. HCAP staff were also encouraged to take #UNselfie pictures, which were shared all across social media. HCAP clients and staff gave back to their communities leading up to #GivingTuesday 2014. HCAP Youth Services students and staff collected and donated bags of various goods, including towels, blankets, and toiletries to families at the Next Step Shelter in Kaka’ako. HCAP Head Start Kunia children made holiday cards for the children at Shriner’s Hospital for Children. HCAP’s Main Office held a clothing drive to donate to Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii. Thanks in part to a donation from Hardware Hawaii, Windward District Service Center staff and volunteers revitalized their building with a fresh coat of paint. HCAP surpassed its goal of raising $2000 in monetary donations.
From The Field -Collaborations that Benefit the Leeward Coast

The HCAP Leeward District Service Center staff includes three full-time employees, two seniors from the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and engages over thirty volunteers in order to operate the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center for Community Action, Leeward District Service Center. Many volunteers, who are committed to the mission of the program have developed relationships with staff and continue to serve because they understand they are helping the district to meet a multitude of needs in the community. A significant number of Leeward's volunteers are college students. Through ongoing collaborations with Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) and the Waianae Health Academy (Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center), the district engages students in semester or year-long clinicals and practicums to satisfy graduation requirements. As a result, the Leeward District Service Center is able to meet the needs of underserved minority populations, such as seniors, homeless and runaway teens. As volunteers, college students provide educational workshops for clientele and increase visibility of HCAP’s services on the Waianae Coast. For their volunteer service, students receive required clinical or practicum hours, a hands-on educational experience of the Waianae community, and a deeper understanding for the underserved. It is a mutual exchange that benefits all.

“The collaboration with the Leeward District began because there was an interest in working in Waianae, due to the overwhelming health disparities on the Coast, specifically with the Native Hawaiian population,” says HPU Associate Professor Susan Tavai, faculty site coordinator for Kupuna Independent Life Series. “What better way to spend the final year in nursing school, than in a clinical teaching environment and learning from a community that is suffering from chronic health issues.” Professor Tavai began her collaboration with Leeward in 2012, and continues her service to the district by volunteering at the HCAP Free Health Center on Fridays as a volunteer nurse practitioner. She has also led student groups into the houseless community in the Waianae Boat Harbor (also known as “the bush”) to provide non-urgent medical care to individuals and families. In 2013, she began a new tradition at HPU for the graduating class to make a substantial donation of goods to the bush as their senior class present. “Social and health services are an important combination,” Tavai adds, “because it makes sense that without your health – you cannot support or sustain your family in a crisis. It’s important for people to have a basic understanding of their health so that they can advocate on their behalf. So many people are unable to do this – that’s why educational programs for seniors and the homeless are important. Doctors may not take the time to explain, but nursing students will – and that’s an extremely crucial difference in today’s medicine.”

College students as volunteers enable HCAP to carry on its mission of providing services to families to become self-sufficient. Through active and meaningful collaborations with local universities and colleges, the district will be able to continue its quest of providing opportunities to Waianae’s poorest communities, building upon a belief that education can and will break the cycle of poverty.
Robby The Waiter

Food, family, and robotic fun happened at the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program Kalihi STEM Exploration Center's Thanksgiving Family Night on November 25, 2014. There was a strong turnout of families from Mayor Wright Homes to Chinatown, and it was great to see the community come together, share, and learn, kids and parents alike!

To showcase their science, technology, engineering, and math skills, Hā Initiative students from 2nd to 8th grade collaborated on their biggest project to date: a fully automated robotic waiter! “Robby The Waiter” shuttled about, waving to greet parents like a gracious host, and dispensing pre-dinner snacks. He served as busboy as well, taking away trash in a plastic bag.

“I’m a really good engineer,” said Darryl, a 2nd grader who helped to design the robot’s motion-sensor-activated hand waving. “I think I could do this when I grow up.”

Employee Anniversaries
Mahalo to our staff who reached these milestones of service this Winter

20 Years
Alfred Remo - Head Start Bus Driver

10 Years
Esther Elcar - Head Start Assistant Teacher
Lalaine Hesira - Head Start Assistant Teacher

5 Years
Narcissa Seguin - Family Advocate
Georgette Aki - Community Worker
Cristina Llewellyn - Head Start Teacher
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Board Installation

The HCAP Board of Directors Installation Dinner was held on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Kapiolani Community College’s Ka’ikena room. This dinner was to recognize outgoing Board members, and to welcome the 2014-2015 Board of Directors and the officers of the District Advisory Councils and Head Start Policy Council.

It was also a time to reflect on the importance of community action, and remember those who have paved the way to allow HCAP and other community action agencies to serve those in need. As such, HCAP was honored to have Senator Daniel K. Akaka join us at the installation dinner. HCAP Executive Director Robert N.E. Piper reflected on Senator Akaka’s long history as a champion of community action, including his work in Hawaii’s public school system, as Director of the Hawaii Office of Economic Opportunity, and fighting for community action programs as a member of Congress. Senator Akaka then graciously shared his thoughts on the importance of community action and living with aloha.

Victor Geminiani, Executive Director of the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, gave the keynote speech. Mr. Geminiani spoke about the large number of low-income individuals and families in Hawaii, and the difficulties they face due to the lack of affordable housing, taxes, and income. He also discussed ways in which government can address these issues in order to improve overall living conditions for the low-income community.
Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

HCAP would like to thank the following donors and funders. In the Winter Quarter, October 1 - December 31, 2014, HCAP received donations or funding from the following:

**Bank of Hawaii Live Kōkua Campaign** - $12,382 donation to HCAP

**Colleen Minami and Friends** - $495 donation to HCAP

**#GivingTuesday 2014** - $2,350 donation to HCAP by various donors for #GivingTuesday 2014

**Jhamandas Watumull Fund** - $1,000 donation to HCAP

**Foodland Give Aloha** - $313 donation to HCAP

**Hawaiian Electric Company** - $15,000 grant award to the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program

**Saltchuk Hawaii Companies** - $10,000 grant award to HCAP Youth Services

**Sheraton Hawaii Bowl** - $1,000 grant award to HCAP Youth Services

**State of Hawaii, Department of Labor & Industrial Relations, Office of Community Services** -
- $1,857,685 grant award for the Community Services Block Grant
- $87,061 grant award for the Weatherization Assistance Program

**Thank God For Golf** - $3,868 donation to Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center

**HCAP In The News**


- On December 8, 2014, HCAP was featured in a full spread article in Metro Honolulu for the various events hosted in the community throughout the #GivingTuesday 2014 campaign. Read more by visiting: [http://www.hcapweb.org/hcap-featured-metro-honolulu-givingtuesday/](http://www.hcapweb.org/hcap-featured-metro-honolulu-givingtuesday/)

Head Start Box Car Racing

In December 2014, HCAP Head Start Maunawili classroom closed their study on wheels and chose to celebrate their accomplishments by having a Box Car Derby. Each family was given a cardboard box to decorate and turn into a box car! The children and their families returned with finished products that were very creative and adorable.

The day of the event, Head Start children and families gathered to show-off their creations and to see all of the cars. Each car was cute, special, and meaningful in its own way. The children took their own box car outside, got ready and began their race against each other in the grass.

In the end, the Box Car Derby was a big success and everybody was a winner. According to teachers and parents, the event was one of the best family engagement activities to date!
Interim Financial Update
First through Third Quarter FY 2015
April 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

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