

# Ku'i Na Lono

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April - June 2018

## STEM Students Take Field Trip to Polynesian Cultural Center



On June 1st, students at the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program, a 21st Century Community Learning Center, went on a field trip to Polynesian Cultural Center. The field trip, attended by both students and their parents, was an end of the school year activity to reward students who achieved program attendance targets.

Students and their parents explored the Fijian exhibition area, learning about the the chief's "great house" or Vale Levu, as they call it in Fiji. At the Vale Levu exhibit, the Fijian guide discussed how the chief's house was built. The students and their parents also learned how the derua (bamboo stamping tubes) are beaten on the ground to make music and how to count musical beats.

After the group explored Fiji, they then travelled to Tahiti and participated in tribal tattooing and a game of spear throwing; they also learned about the finer points of traditional Tahitian fishing. Their final journey was a canoe ride to the Pacific theater, where they learned about the moolelo (story, traditions, and legends) of Hawai'i.

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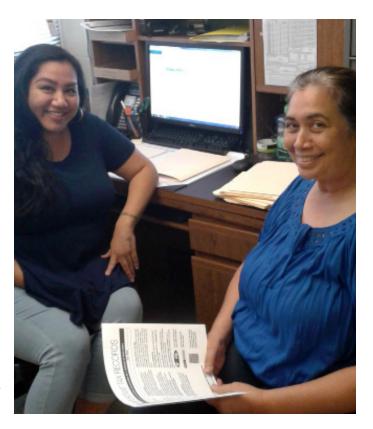
Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. is a non-profit community action agency serving low-income Oahu residents. In 2017, HCAP assisted over 20,000 seniors, adults, youth & children with employment, education, housing & basic needs.



# HCAP's Income Tax Services Brings Back Over \$1.2 Million to Our Communities!

District Service Center staff and volunteers have once again made the Income Tax Services/ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program a success! This year, there were 760 filers who participated in the program at one of the five District Service Centers or the HCAP Corporate Office. More than 46% of these filers received the Earned Income Credit, realizing more than \$462K from that credit alone.

HCAP's EITC Program brought back \$1,238,460 to our local families and communities. A big mahalo to our program partners, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Hawaii Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), for all their patience and support this season. We also want to thank the Bank of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College, and Honolulu Community College for partnering with us by providing valuable volunteer support. We couldn't have succeded without the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers who continue to provide quality services to program participants each year.



### **HCAP Participates in Charity Walk '18**



On Saturday, May 19th, HCAP participated in the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association's Charity Walk '18. This was HCAP's third year participating in the annual Charity Walk. Since its inception in 1978, the Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk has raised more than \$32 million to support hundreds of local charities throughout the state.

A total of 98 HCAP staff, ohana, board members, and friends supported HCAP's participation in the event, which included 73 registered walkers. HCAP was proudly represented at the Charity Walk by a large turnout of walkers in their HCAP t-shirts. It was a great day filled with lots of food, camaraderie, and a good workout. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or walked on behalf of the HCAP team. It was a very fun and memorable day and we are already looking forward to next year!



# HCAP Co-Sponsors the 13th Annual Waianae Coast Keiki Spring Fest



Nearly 1,000 families and individuals, along with HCAP's Leeward District Service Center and HCAP Head Start staff, took part in the 13th Annual Waianae Coast Keiki Spring Fest at Waianae District Park on Friday, April 13th. HCAP and six other community organizations partnered to sponsor the event.

Leeward District Service Center Community Worker Lana Ulu and HCAP Head Start Family Advocate Colleen Lomavita were on the event's planning committee. In addition to having a good time, Waianae Coast parents and keiki received information about various resources available in the community, including HCAP's programs and services.

# HCAP Head Start Parent Thankful for Family Engagement and Support

HCAP Head Start prides itself for the comprehensive services it provides to all families participating in the program. As we begin the 2018-2019 school year, HCAP Head Start would like to share excerpts from a thank you letter recently received from a Head Start parent that describes some of the benefits of the program:



"When I first signed up my child for the HCAP Headstart Program in 2015, I thought I was just signing my child up for a program that helped with school readiness. I didn't know what I actually signed up for was help for my entire family.

"Having this program open and available, has been a blessing, not to me but to families in our community. They offer a great deal of help, guidance, support and resources. I've witnessed families bonds strengthen (family engagement, homework assignments), obtain jobs/promotion (helped with writing a resume/setting goals, follow through), food (food bank/resources), electricity (resources), home housing (resources), clothing (donations) just to name a few.

"For the 2017-2018 school year, my child has been enrolled at Keiki Country I. The staff there exceeds my expectations. I applaud their service and dedication! It really takes a village and I appreciate every single one of you for your support, encouragement and guidance! Thank you for helping my child grow on many levels and thank you for helping me to become a better mother."

-Audrey S.N.



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# HCAP Celebrates First Annual Kupuna Day









On Thursday, April 19th, over 50 participants of the Kupuna Independent Life Series from Kalihi District Service Center, Leahi District Service Center, Leeward District Service Center, and Windward District Service Center convened at Pokai Bay Beach Park for Kupuna Day – a day of education, awareness, and good fun for senior citizens 55 and over.

The kupuna had an opportunity to participate in different activities. Many kupuna opted for hula, swimming, and bean bag tossing. Those who enjoyed arts and crafts made their own ti leaf baskets, stress balls, and watercolor postcards. Overall, Kupuna Day was a success and a wonderful opportunity for kupuna to socialize and make new friends.

### **SCSEP Participant Achieves Stability**

Ronald enrolled in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) in May 2014. Ronald had been his brother's main caregiver. Following his brother's passing, Ronald became depressed and ultimately ended up homeless.

After careful assessment, Ronald was placed at the City & County Blaisdell Park as a groundskeeper. He enjoyed his site assignment and found great satisfaction interacting with parkgoers.

After several years of obtaining Social Security work credits as a SCSEP participant, Ronald is happy to say that he now qualifies for and receives monthly Social Security Benefits. More importantly, Ronald is no longer homeless – he currently rents a room at a friend's house. By securing stable employment, he was able to save some of his earnings and pay for rent. As Ronald exits SCSEP this month, he now has a reliable stream of income and a permanent place to call home. Ronald has finally achieved the stability he had been seeking for many years.



### Senior Couple Receives LIHEAP Assistance

Initially referred to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) by a friend, this is Dung and Lan's third year applying for LIHEAP at the Kalihi-Palama District Service Center.

For the senior couple, LIHEAP is a vital safety net. Ever since he immigrated to the US in 2005, Dung has been working extra hard to make ends meet. For seven years, Dung worked at a restaurant, making pastries alongside his two sons. Since 2013, Dung has been working as a repairman at a machine shop in Kalihi. Now in their household of two (his adult children have since moved to the Mainland), Dung and his homemaker wife do their best by keeping household expenses low.



At the time of his LIHEAP intake, Dung shared some happy news: his hard work has paid off and he has secured enough Social Security credits for retirement. In the meantime, Dung looks forward to continuing working to support Lan and himself, as well as to supplement their savings. He also looks forward to obtaining an energy credit on their HECO bill through LIHEAP.

### Na Lima Hana Participant Obtains Employment



Having arrived from the Mainland, Frederick was excited to start a new life in Hawaii. But unfortunate and unexpected circumstances left him alone with no income. When a neighbor learned that Frederick was unemployed and in desperate need of a job, the neighbor referred Frederick to HCAP's Leeward District Service Center.

Leeward District Service Center staff wasted no time in enrolling Frederick in the Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program. Less than a week after Frederick completed ECS, he found full-time employment at Dole Plantation as a Train Associate. Through the ECS program, Frederick received work shoes and clothing to help give him a fresh start with his new job.



### **Kumuhonua Resident Secures Permanent Housing**

Cheryl lived with her husband, his family, and their adult son, and assumed the role of family caregiver. When her husband left without notice, Cheryl and the rest of the extended family were forced to fend for themselves. Feeling overwhelmed, Cheryl did not want to be a burden to the family. She left the house and found her way to Hale Mauliola, the City's Housing Navigation Service Center at Sand Island.

At Hale Mauliola, Cheryl accepted a referral to HCAP's Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. During her stay at Kumuhonua, she regained energy and strength and found her stride. Cheryl led Kumuhonua's neighborhood watch walks in the Kalaeloa community with fellow residents, ensuring the safety of everyone in the neighborhood. She also attended classes and workshops and made some long-lasting friendships.

Cheryl recently secured a place at Jack Hall Waipahu Memorial Housing. Cheryl was able to obtain financial assistance from HCAP's Rapid Re-Housing program to help her achieve long-term housing stability. On her last day at Kumuhonua, Cheryl could be seen saying her goodbyes to friends. She was sad to leave her friends, but was clearly looking forward to moving on with the next chapter in her life.

### Na Lima Hana Receives Funding from Friends of Hawaii Charities

On May 23rd, Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program Coordinator Robin Fakaosi accepted a grant award from the Friends of Hawaii Charities (FOHC). Friends of Hawaii Charities generates grant funding primarily through corporate sponsorship sales for its fundraising community events.

Its flagship fundraising event is the Sony Open in Hawaii PGA TOUR golf tournament held each January at Waialae Country Club. Additional funding sources include charity donations and funds raised through The Friends Club.



## Employee Anniversaries

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

#### 40 Years

Barbara Campbell-Cadinha - Head Start Administrative Secretary

#### 5 Years

Tehani Diaz - Director of Community Services
Maria Wilfahrt - Head Start Teacher I



## **Interim Financial Update**

First Quarter FY 2019

April 1, 2018 - June 30, 2018

\*Unaudited, Cash Basis

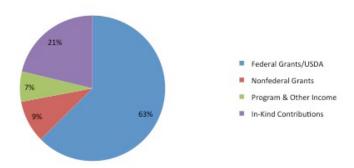
CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)	01/25/16-06/30/17	350,000
City Grants in Aid -Kupuna Independent Life Series	10/01/17-09/30/18	76,332
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/17-09/30/18	2,793,050
Friends of Hawaii Charities - ECS	N/A	3,500
Hawaiian Electric Company - STEM	N/A	10,000
Head Start	04/01/18-03/31/19	12,848,854
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/18-03/31/19	1,170,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS Stipend	02/01/17-07/31/18	675,000

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CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income	02/01/17-07/31/18	216,743
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	10/01/17-09/30/18	218,530
Rapid Re-Housing	05/01/17-06/30/18	390,794
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/17-06/30/18	756,200
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - STEM	01/01/18-12/31/18	100,000
Verizon Foundation - STEM	N/A	7,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/17-09/30/18	109,986
WAP/LIHEAP	10/01/17-09/30/18	235,323

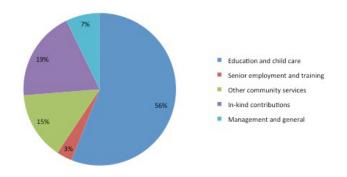
GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants/USDA	3,005,396
Nonfederal grants	452,727
Program & other income	322,579
In-kind contributions	1,020,548
Total	4,801,250

PROGRAM SERVICES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & childcare	2,998,993
Senior employment & training	178,213
Other community services	769,756
In-kind contributions	1,020,548
Supporting services:	
Management & general	385,273
Total	5,352,783

#### **GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT**



#### PROGRAM SERVICES









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Na Lima Hana- Employment Core Services

Program

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Senior Community Service Employment

Program (SCSEP)

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Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

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