

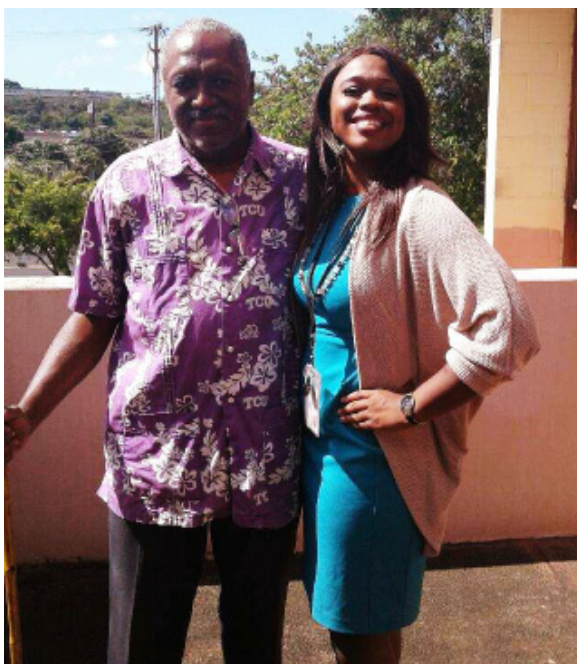


# Ku'i Na Lono

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July - September 2018

## Former C-Base Graduate Overcomes Obstacles, Succeeds in Life



In August, Tia, a Competency-Based Community School Diploma Program (C-Base) graduate, stopped by Mr. Smith's C-Base Consumer Economics class at the Central District Service Center to speak with his students. Mr. Smith, Tia's former teacher, had hoped that by having Tia speak and share her story with his current roster of students, they would find hope and inspiration in her example.

A young working professional, Tia is currently employed with the State of Hawaii and also pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at the University of Phoenix. Today, Tia's future looks bright.

But nine years ago, Tia's future was less certain. As a 17-year old high school dropout, Tia was expecting a child. Due to the pending demands of motherhood, Tia went to the Central District Service Center Office and inquired about the C-Base Program, which could provide an alternative means of obtaining a diploma.

Even though Tia was ambitious and goal-oriented, she faced a lot of setbacks along the way. While enrolled in the C-Base Program, Tia and her family were evicted from their Pu'uwai Momi home, and lived out of their car in Kaka'ako. Tia found it hard to attend class on a regular basis and pass the necessary unit tests needed for C-Base graduation. It was no longer possible for her to graduate and receive her diploma in less than a year.

But through persistence and hard work, Tia preserved, completing and passing all five units and passing the Competency-Based Mastery Test. Although Tia experienced a series of setbacks in her life, she did not let those setbacks define her.

As Tia recently told the students in Mr. Smith's C-Base class, adversity will always be present in our lives; you and only you must be the one to overcome them.

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## Pauoa Head Start Children Receive Books In Remembrance of Late U.S. Senator Akaka



On Friday, August 10th, children from Pauoa Head Start received brand new books from Aloha Books. Aloha Books is Ohana100's latest project in remembrance of the late US Senator Daniel Akaka.

Mary Mildred Chong, Senator Akaka's widow, gifted the books to the keiki. Aloha Books plans to give new books to all children enrolled in Head Start programs throughout the state. They will also give books to kindergarteners at all DOE public schools and charter schools throughout the state of Hawaii. Since 2013, Ohana100 has been giving free books to children in Hawaii and New York.

In August, Ohana100 President David Mattson spoke to KHON2 about Senator Akaka's legacy. "He believed that sharing that interest and that love of learning and getting into that point through reading was really important," Mattson said.

## Rapid Re-Housing Provides Lifeline to Couple with Medical Debt

Arthur and his wife were doing well for themselves on the Mainland until his wife fell sick and became seriously ill. Since his wife could no longer work, the burden was left to Arthur to assume caretaking duties. Arthur eventually quit his full-time job to take care of her. But after being cut off from employer-based health insurance, Arthur and his wife were turned away by many medical providers.

Desperate for medical funds, Arthur and his wife sold their Mainland home and returned to Hawaii, where they had family. With the money pocketed from the sale, Arthur tried his best to find a comfortable rental in Oahu. Since Arthur and his wife were both unemployed, many properties declined to accept them as tenants. Fortunately, the landlords at the Villas at Royal Kunia accepted Arthur and his wife as tenants.

Their medical expenses, however, continued to pile up. The costs associated with his wife's hip surgery, hospital stay, and out-of-pocket medications left Arthur and his wife financially depleted. Their car was in danger of being repossessed and they were one month behind in rent. Close to being evicted, Arthur's landlord referred him to HCAP's Rapid Re-Housing program, which provides financial assistance and support. Arthur and his wife applied and were accepted into the Rapid Re-Housing program. Arthur and his wife are thankful that this program was able to provide temporary support. In the meantime, Arthur has applied for jobs, and hopes to get back into the job market soon.



## Weatherization Client Receives Solar Water Heater



Sharon was first introduced to HCAP through the monthly Ohana Produce food distribution at HCAP's Windward District Service Center, where she picked up food once a month for her family. When Sharon was introduced to other programs offered by HCAP, Sharon expressed interest in the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

As a homeowner, Sharon decided it was time to make energy conservation a priority. She completed the WAP intake process and was eligible for WAP services. Sharon received a 120-gallon solar water heater, along with small energy saving devices (LED light bulbs, aerators for their bathroom sinks, new handheld showerheads). She is very thankful for all the devices that were installed in her home to help save on their family's electric bill. HCAP would like to give a big mahalo to Larry's Plumbing and Solar for installing Sharon's solar water heater.

## Household Benefits From Multiple HCAP Programs and Services

Shirley was referred to HCAP's Leeward District Service Center by a neighbor who had recently received a solar water heater from the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). During intake, Leeward District Service Center Community Worker Leilani Ulu found out that Shirley was not working and referred her to the Na Lima Hana Employment Core Service (ECS) Program to get help with finding a job.

That same month, Shirley received a disconnection notice for her electric bill. She applied for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at Leeward District Service Center to prevent disconnection.

Shirley and her family were able to benefit from WAP by getting their electric water heater replaced with a solar water heater and having their old refrigerator replaced by an energy star refrigerator. Shirley is very thankful for all the services that were provided to her and her family, and will be referring friends and family to HCAP's services.



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## Stantec Participates in Pu'uhale Head Start Clean-Up



As part of the company's week-long community service initiative, architects and engineers from Stantec, an international design firm, participated in a clean-up on September 25th and 26th at Pu'uhale Head Start.

It was a rewarding experience for Stantec employees, who in addition to mowing and weed whacking the grounds, also had the opportunity to read with the children. "It's

just super rewarding being able to see kids smile and take pride in their school," said Stantec's Senior Associate Environmental Engineer Nancy Convard in a recent Honolulu Star-Advertiser article.

Clearing the overgrown grass, some of which had grown as high as 3 feet, was a long overdue undertaking. As Head Start Assistant Director Suzie Uyeda had told Hawaii News Now, trespassers had illegally camped under the portables. They had to install fencing to keep trespassers out. A big mahalo to everyone at Stantec who came out and helped!

## Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

HCAP would like to thank the following funders. From July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018, HCAP received funding from the following:

[Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#) - \$100,000 grant award to the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program

[Central Pacific Bank Foundation](#) - \$10,000 grant award to Nā Lima Hana: Employment Core Services Program

[Visitor Industry Charity Walk](#) - \$10,000 grant award to Early Head Start Program

#### Individual Donors

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## Kumuhonua Resident Obtains Section 8 Housing Assistance



Following a referral from the Institute of Human Services (IHS), Calvin entered the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center in March 2017. Before his move to Kumuhonua, Calvin had been living in the homeless encampments at Ala Moana Beach Park. After years of battling personal demons, Calvin was focused on keeping himself out of trouble and making a clean start. While residing at Kumuhonua, Calvin was able to obtain valuable life skills such as budgeting, applying for affordable housing, and opening and building a savings account.

A few months after applying for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority called Calvin to inform him of an opening for Section 8. He accepted the Section 8 offer. Although he felt blessed for all the support he had received at Kumuhonua, it was time to move on.

Calvin was able to save enough money to secure permanent housing. In June, Calvin successfully exited the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. The Kumuhonua staff wishes him best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

## Pālolo STEM Students Visit the Pālolo Ohana Learning Center

In August, students from the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program's Palolo STEM Exploration Center, a 21st Century Community Learning Center, accepted an invitation to the Pālolo Ohana Learning Center (POLC). At the POLC, the students tried out new robotics activities brought by the visiting Punahou High School Robotics Team.

The robotics team came by to give the students an opportunity to see what it would be like to be on a robotics team. There were all sorts of activities for the students to try, such as Sumo Bots, where they pilot their own Lego robot while attempting to push another robot out of the arena. The students also got to control one of the robotics team's old competition robots; they were able to see the mechanics of the bot and how it all worked together. Overall, this event definitely sparked an interest in robots for the STEM Pālolo students.



## Mahalo to the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association and the Hawaii Hotel Industry Foundation



On Thursday, September 13th, HCAP Head Start Director Grant Kogami and Assistant Director Suzie Uyeda attended the Charity Walk 2018 Grant Allocation Event at the Eating House 1849.

The 40th Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk, "A Tradition of Giving" was a tremendous success, providing support and awareness for organizations making a difference in the community.

We would like to thank the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association and the Hawaii Hotel Industry Foundation for hosting the event and providing funds for HCAP's Early Head Start program. HCAP was excited to be a third-year participant in this tradition and is already looking forward to next year's walk!

## Employee Anniversaries

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

### 30 Years

Marilyn Fernandez - HS Assistant Teacher  
Gail Seguancia - HS Assistant Teacher  
Darlene Yahiku - HS Assistant Teacher

### 25 Years

Hiroko Klein - HS Teacher I  
Kris Kuboyama - HS Teacher Mentor  
Donna Manibog - Assistant HS Director  
Allison Yokoyama - HS Site Supervisor  
Sharyn Yoshinaga - HS Teacher II

### 20 Years

Kerry Hashitate - HS Teacher I  
Deanna Yamashiro - HS Assistant Teacher

### 15 Years

Edward Char - HS Warehouse Maintenance Worker

### 10 Years

Colin Chang - HS Teacher I  
Lisa Crespo - HS Assistant Teacher  
Charde Garcia-Kaaiai - HS Assistant Teacher  
Colette Pabro - HS Assistant Teacher  
Tauai Olson - HS Assistant Teacher Trainee  
Kimberlin Sellers - HS Assistant Teacher

### 5 Years

Shyla Ohira - HS Teacher I  
Easter-Lily Smith - HS Teacher I

# Interim Financial Update

Second Quarter FY 2019

April 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018

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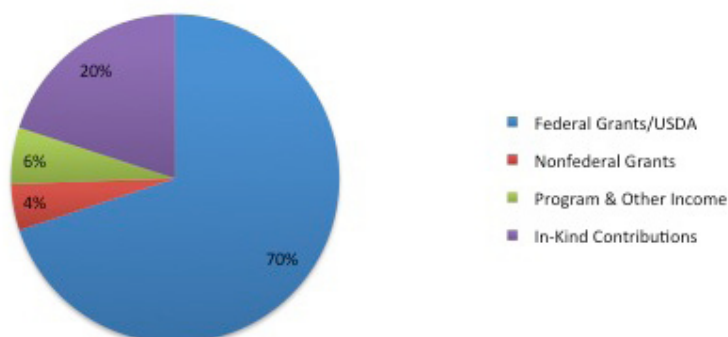
CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)	07/01/17-06/30/18	350,000
Central Pacific Bank Foundation	N/A	10,000
City Grants in Aid -Kupuna Independent Life Series	10/01/17-09/30/18	76,332
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/17-09/30/18	2,793,050
Friends of Hawaii Charities - ECS	N/A	3,500
Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk	N/A	10,000
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

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants/USDA	6,881,687
Nonfederal grants	449,203
Program & other income	548,115
In-kind contributions	1,966,562
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,845,567</b>

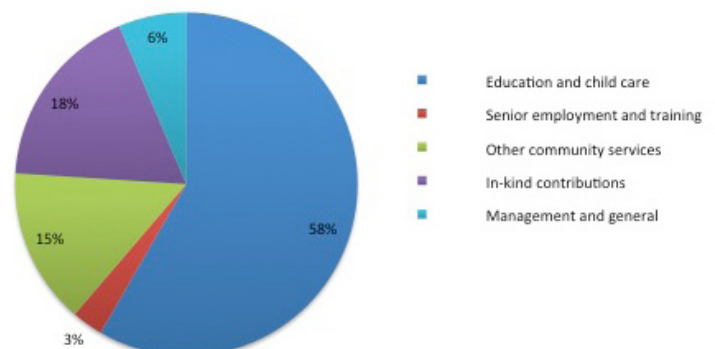
CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income	02/01/17-07/31/18	216,743
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	10/01/17-09/30/18	218,530
Rapid Re-Housing	05/01/17-06/30/18	390,794
Rapid Re-Housing	06/15/18-06/14/19	488,493
Senior Community Service 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

PROGRAM SERVICES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & childcare	6,528,777
Senior employment & training	330,789
Other community services	1,645,622
In-kind contributions	1,966,562
Supporting services:	
Management & general	717,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,189,509</b>

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



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