Former Head Start Parent on a Career Path to Success at HCAP

Jamielynn’s first introduction to HCAP came 14 years ago when she received food from the Central District Service Center’s Ohana Produce food distribution. Jamielynn quickly became a part of the HCAP Ohana, as she participated in holiday festivities such as the Angel Tree program and school supply drives like Ready to Learn. Looking to support her growing family, Jamielynn enrolled and received employment services through the Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program. In 2009, Jamie registered her twin boys in HCAP Head Start’s full day program; it was only through affordable childcare that she would be able to return to school.

Jamielynn enrolled in the Competency-Based Community School Diploma Program (C-Base) at HCAP and within a year, she completed the C-Base Program and earned her high school diploma. In 2010, upon hearing that HCAP was looking for seasonal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Intake Aides, she applied and has been working as an Intake Aide ever since.

In 2015, Jamielynn became involved in the Central District Council Community Meetings, assuming the role of Secretary. In 2016, she began volunteering 40 hours a month at the Central District Service Center. Impressed with Jamielynn’s work ethic, Central District Service Center Community Services Manager Katy Perry recommended Jamie for the position of HCAP Head Start Substitute Assistant Teacher in February 2017.

As the school year was coming to an end, HCAP Head Start staff asked if Jamielynn was interested in applying for an Assistant Teacher opening. Jamielynn was selected for the position and assumed teaching duties as Assistant Teacher at Aiea Pre-Plus. Since August, Jamielynn has been attending Child Development Associate classes at the Honolulu Community College.

At HCAP’s Board of Directors Installation Dinner in October, Jamielynn talked about life’s ups and downs, her journey to self-sufficiency, and how HCAP helped her along the way. HCAP could not ask for a better testimony. Thank you Jamielynn for all that you have contributed to our agency.
HCAP Holds Annual Board of Directors Installation Dinner

On Thursday, October 25, 2018, HCAP held its annual Board of Directors Installation Dinner at Kapiolani Community College’s Ohi’a cafeteria. The dinner is an opportunity to recognize outgoing Board Members for their contribution to the agency, and to welcome the 2018-2019 Board of Directors and the officers of the District Advisory Councils and Head Start Policy Council.

The highlight of the evening was having several former and current HCAP clients share about how HCAP has positively impacted and changed their lives. Mildred, a wraparound services client, talked about how Senior Community Services Manager Val Tavai and her Community Workers at the Leeward District Service Center always make her feel important. “They’re welcoming to me [at the Kupuna Independent Life Series],” she said. “They’re looking for me to be there.” Living on a fixed income with her son can be tough, Mildred admits. But HCAP programs such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) have helped her reduce household energy costs. We would like to thank all those who attended and look forward to continuing our work to improve our community.

ECS Participant Obtains Employment and LIHEAP Assistance

Howard was unemployed when he enrolled in HCAP’s Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program at the Leeward District Service Center. A single father of three, Howard was determined to find employment again. With no income, Howard and his children had been living with no electricity for several months.

As part of the ECS Program, Howard quickly completed Job Readiness Training and started looking for work. Even though he was previously employed as a Marshallese language translator, Howard wanted to do more with his hands and expressed interest in labor work. To give Howard a hand up on the job search process, the ECS Program provided Howard with a bus pass, so that he could get to interviews. Through HCAP’s partnership with Aerotek, Howard was able to land a position as demolition laborer. The ECS Program also provided him with appropriate work clothes for his new job.

Now that Howard was working again, he could afford to pay his electricity bills. But before resuming with regular payments, Howard needed some financial assistance to restore his electricity. The Leeward District Service Center referred him to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provided him with the funds needed for the reconnection fee. Howard and his family are happy and very grateful for HCAP’s support in helping him find employment and making his home a little brighter this holiday season.
In June, Pearl Ann, one of the regulars at Leeward District Service Center’s Kupuna Independent Life Series, received an eviction notice. She became homeless shortly thereafter. Pearl Ann turned to Leeward District Service Center’s Community Workers for guidance and support. With the help of HCAP’s Rapid Re-Housing Program and Leslie Young, site manager at Kulia I Ka Nu’u, a subsidized housing in Waianae, Pearl Ann was able to move into a place of her own before the holidays.

Leeward District Service Center staff also enrolled her in the Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program. After completing Job Readiness Training, Pearl Ann received a job offer as prep cook at the new Restaurant 604 at Pililaau Army Recreation Center.

Through the ECS program, she will receive work clothing to help give her a fresh start with her new job. This kupuna is living her best life and HCAP is humbled to have been of service.

In October and November, HCAP Head Start teaching and administrative staff participated in the “Connecting Keiki with the Kitchen” workshops as part of the Farm to Early Childhood Education program. The workshops took place at the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Kapiolani Community College.

Under the guidance of workshop trainers, HCAP Head Start staff prepared healthy meals. The Bennett Foundation, which promotes life-long health and wellness for children and their families, sponsored the workshops. The focus of the workshop was to educate participants on ways to teach young children the importance of food nutrition, ways to integrate fresh local produce in recipes, and basic kitchen safety skills.
In May 2017, Alyssa graduated and received her diploma through the Competency-Based Community School Diploma Program (C-Base) Program. While enrolled at C-Base at the Central District Service Center, Alyssa was a committed student, often scoring 100% on unit tests while maintaining employment outside of class. A year and a half after graduation, Alyssa achieved another milestone: her acceptance into the Hawaii Air National Guard. She was kind enough to invite Mr. Smith, her former C-base teacher, to her recent oath of enlistment. This is a new stage in Alyssa's life and a path that will ensure her lifelong success. We are extremely proud of how far Alyssa has come and wish her luck and blessings in all of her endeavors.
STEM Students Take Field Trip to Bishop Museum

In early December, students from the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program, a 21st Century Community Learning Center, took a field trip to Bishop Museum. Forty-nine students and thirty-two parents from the STEM Exploration Centers were in attendance.

The students were split into two groups. The first group explored the Science Adventure Center, where students and their parents were able to participate in the interactive activities. In the lower level exhibit area, they discovered the Hawaiian Basabe's Butterflyfish (Prognathodes basabei). The fishes were collected from the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The second group visited the Holoholo exhibit, where they learned the origins of canoe building and the story of past voyaging principles. Students explored how the wa'a kaulua (double-hulled canoe) of the Hokule'a was designed and built.

Both groups convened at the planetarium, their final destination for the day. They learned that ancient Hawaiians were able to navigate from one island to the next with extreme accuracy, using their natural and celestial surroundings. They also learned about cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) and the angles of the Hawaiian Star Compass.

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

**25 Years**
Caprice Souza - HS Assistant Teacher
Olini Maile - HS Assistant Teacher Trainee

**20 Years**
Lisa Leafa-Tavui - HS Teacher II

**10 Years**
Marichelle Limjoco - HS Teacher I
Barbara Takenaka-Koike - Employment Counselor
Alice Ziegler - HS Assistant Teacher

**5 Years**
Corinne Murashige - Director of Finance
Rachel Yeager - Community Services Manager
On December 6th, HCAP’s Leeward District Service Center, HCAP Head Start and the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program took off on United Airlines Fantasy Flight to the North Pole, where the children in attendance met Santa and received gifts from their Christmas wish list.

They spent an exciting afternoon of flying in a 767 airplane before joining United employees and Santa at a colorful party.

This is the second year HCAP has been invited to join other agencies with children and families in need at Fantasy Flight.

Colleen Kahu, a former flight attendant for United Airlines and an ex-HCAP employee in Waianae, has always had a soft place in her heart for the children of Waianae; it was her pleasure to recommend HCAP as a participating organization. HCAP is the only agency to be invited two years in a row.

Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

HCAP would like to thank the following funders. From October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, HCAP received funding from the following:

- **Hawaii Bowl Foundation** - $1,000 grant award to the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program
- **Down to Earth Pearlridge store** - $1,000 grant award to HCAP’s Central District Service Center

**Individual Donors**
- Lillian Deir
- Tehani Diaz
- Jane Ibara
- Mae Isonaga
- Colleen Minami
- Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka
- Jan Nakama
- Gary Okino
- Irene Takeshita
- Gwyn Tamashiro
- Jan Yukumoto

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- Corinne Murashige
- William Shiroma
- Darryl Yim
## Interim Financial Update
### Third Quarter FY 2019
#### April 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

*Unaudited, Cash Basis*

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