



# Ku'i Na Lono

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July - September 2019

## Former Na Lima Hana Participant and LIHEAP Intake Aide Secures Employment at HCAP

Christine was first introduced to HCAP earlier this year through the Leahi District Service Center's ongoing partnership with the Family Assessment Center. She was determined to find housing for her and her daughter, so finding employment was of high priority for her. Leahi District Service Center's community workers referred Christine to the Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program. Upon enrolling in the ECS Program, she received help developing her resume and preparing for job interviews.

Her first job after receiving ECS services was a part-time shift for a retail inventory company. But by April, Christine and her daughter had moved out of the Family Assessment Center and into Vancouver House, a more permanent housing facility, and Christine had moved onto another part-time position as a field interviewer.



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But since Christine was only working part-time hours, she expressed interest in other employment opportunities. Christine was offered the opportunity to apply for the temporary position of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Intake Aide at HCAP. She was hired and began working full-time for LIHEAP's Energy Credit Program in the months of May and June. Christine absolutely loved working at HCAP and enjoyed interacting with the clients.

After LIHEAP ended in July, Christine continued to provide her services to the staff at Leahi District Service Center office as a volunteer. In August, Christine saw a vacancy for the Community Worker position at the Leahi District Service Center and immediately applied for the position. Leahi District Service Center staff was impressed with Christine's work as LIHEAP Intake Aide and offered her the position. Christine accepted the job offer. As someone who was once on the receiving end of HCAP's services and programs, it is rewarding for Christine to be able to help clients in similar situations.

## HCAP Staff, Clients Attend and Participate in CSBG Public Hearing



In July, HCAP staff and clients attended the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Public Hearing for the Hawaii State Application and Plan for FFY 2020 and 2021. Many of HCAP's programs, including HCAP Head Start & Early Head Start Program, Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program, and the Kupuna Independent Life Series, are supported by CSBG funding.

Past and present HCAP program participants, including current HCAP Head Start staff, provided moving personal accounts of how HCAP's programs and services have positively impacted their lives. HCAP would like to thank everyone who turned out for the event. We could not have asked for better testimonies.

## HCAP Staff Attend RPIC Conference

From September 16 to September 18th, HCAP staff attended the Regional Performance and Innovation Consortium (RPIC) Region IX Conference at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The RPIC Conference, which was hosted by the California Community Action Partnership Association (CALCAPA) with support from the Hawaii Community Action Program Directors Association (HCAPDA), provided attendees with the opportunity to discuss training and technical assistance needs and identify strategies to address these needs.

There was also training on best practices as well as a lively discussion on current hot topics such as immigration issues. Following the training, some of the RPIC attendees, many of whom flew in from the West Coast, attended a luau dinner show at Germaine's Luau.



## Kumuhonua Resident Moves into Permanent Housing

In March 2018, Margaret found herself in a situation she never expected to be in: facing eviction by her landlord. Behind on her rent, Margaret was asked to vacate her home. With nowhere else to go, she was soon homeless on the streets of Aiea.

Margaret eventually transferred to an emergency shelter, where she received and accepted a referral to HCAP's Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. In October 2018, she moved into Kumuhonua. For Margaret, Kumuhonua was a blessing; she had her own bathroom and a clean place to call home.



Margaret made the most of her time at Kumuhonua. She attended wellness classes with Ke Ola Mamo, worked with Disabilities Advocates to file Social Security claims, and signed up with Meals on Wheels through Lanakila Pacific. While at Kumuhonua, she also gained valuable skills such as budgeting and increasing savings. Margaret was also determined to find a permanent living situation for her and her comfort dog, Mickey. She worked tirelessly with Kumuhonua's housing specialist and case manager on this search, turning in three housing applications per week.

Margaret's hard work finally paid off when she obtained permanent housing over the summer. With the help of HCAP's Rapid Re-housing Program, Margaret was able to secure a unit at Whitmore Circle Apartments. In late August, Margaret moved out of Kumuhonua and into Whitmore. The staff at Kumuhonua wishes all the best for Margaret and Mickey.

## Disability Advocates of Hawaii Helps Kumuhonua Residents with Social Security Benefit Claims



For the past year, Disability Advocates of Hawaii has been assisting residents at HCAP's Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center with their Social Security Benefits claims. Executive Director Anber Little and her staff visit Kumuhonua residents twice a month to provide direct services.

Anber and her team provide assistance by helping residents gather required information and evidence, understand terminology, and file Social Security Benefits claims. During disability hearings, Disability Advocates testify before an administrative law judge and present the evidence needed to support the residents' Social Security Benefits claims.

For their services, Disability Advocates receive compensation from the Social Security Administrative Office. This compensation structure gives comfort to Kumuhonua residents, who feel reassured knowing that they won't be billed for the services they receive from Disability Advocates. Mahalo to the Disability Advocates of Hawaii team for having a positive impact in the Kumuhonua community.

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## Families Receive Free School Supplies

This year, HCAP's Central District Service Center staff is expecting to provide over two hundred families with school supplies through the Ready to Learn (RTL) school supply drive operated by Helping Hands Hawaii.

Many families applied for the drive at one of HCAP's five District Service Centers back in June. One of the families that applied was a military family.



The family first heard about the RTL school supply drive through Wahiawa Elementary Pre Plus Head Start, where one of the children was enrolled in preschool. With the son entering kindergarten and a daughter moving onto third grade this fall, they were extremely happy and grateful to be receiving free school supply starter kits for the upcoming school year.

## Kumuhonua Residents Enjoy Food Prepared by LCC Culinary Students

In early July, the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at Leeward Community College (LCC) teamed up with students from their Culinary Arts Program and the cadets from the Youth Challenge Academy to prep and cook meals to feed the homeless. Residents at HCAP's Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center were selected to be the recipients of food prepared and cooked by the LCC culinary students. The event was a great success, and Kumuhonua residents really enjoyed it.



Kumuhonua staff would like to extend a big mahalo to Joy Mahiko, the Workforce Development Coordinator at LCC and the rest of the office staff for making this event possible.

## STEM Students Take Field Trip to Kualoa Ranch Education Center



In September, students from HCAP's Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program, a 21st Century Community Learning Center, took a field trip to the Kualoa Ranch Education Center. With more than 100 individuals in attendance, students along with teachers and families explored the ranch's ahupua'a (the area of land running from the mountains to the sea).



The students and families began their journey on a trail at the edge of Kualoa Ranch Education Center. Further along the trail, the group came across a herd of grazing cattle, which were admired from a distance. The students especially enjoyed seeing calves that were only weeks old. They were educated by Maluhia, their guide, about local plant life and some of the traditional legends surrounding the valley. Maluhia identified some invasive plant species and discussed why they cause erosion problems.

The group hiked past a few lo'i taro patches down to the beach at Kaneohe bay to help clean up some of the rubbish that frequently washes ashore as an act of "mālama 'āina" (to care for the land). Before lunch, students hand-fed many of the farm animals at the ranch, including cows, horses, donkeys, sheep, goats, and geese. The group closed out the field trip with lunch. All in all, it was a fun and educational Sunday outing.

### Employee Anniversaries

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

#### 40 Years

Spencer Tengan - HS Comprehensive Services Manager

#### 20 Years

Anne Byous - HS Assistant Teacher  
Jennifer Esona - HS Teacher II

#### 30 Years

Suzie Uyeda - Assistant HS Director

#### 15 Years

Raven Tavares - HS ERSEA Family Advocate

#### 25 Years

Carrie Aoki - HS Teacher I  
Alfred Remo - HS Building Maintenance Custodian

#### 10 Years

Dona Arai - HS Teacher I  
Laura Kepaa - HS Secretary  
Narcissa Seguin - HS Family Advocate

#### 20 Years

Wendy Amaral - HS Assistant Teacher  
Leila Baldugo - HS Health Education Specialist

#### 5 Years

Lana Ulu - Community Worker

## WAP Client Receives New Solar Water Heater and Energy Star Refrigerator



Christy was referred to the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in April upon her visit to the Leeward District Service Center office. Christy lives in a multi-generational household of seven people and was looking for a program that would reduce energy costs.

With her electric bills being consistently high, Leeward District Service Center's Community Worker referred Christy to WAP, a program that helps low-income households reduce energy consumption.

Christy wasted no time in gathering all the required documents needed to apply for WAP. A few weeks after submitting her application, Christy was approved for services and received a home energy audit. During the home energy audit in May, Christy found out that she was eligible to receive a new solar water heating system and an Energy Star refrigerator. Last month, installations for both the solar water heating system and the Energy Star refrigerator were completed.

Leeward District Service Center staff also referred Christy to other programs. In June, Christy applied for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which assists households with their electric bills. Christy also expressed interest in receiving fresh fruits and vegetables at the Leeward District Service Center's Ohana Produce food distribution. With a new baby on the way, Christy is looking for different ways to save money.

Leeward District Service Center staff is happy that Christy's household was able to receive large energy efficient appliances, and wishes Christy and her family the best.

## Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

HCAP would like to thank the following funders. From July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019, HCAP received funding from the following:

Visitor Industry Charity Walk - \$7,500 grant award to the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program

City and County of Honolulu- Department of Community Services - Grant In Aid - \$36,645 grant award to the Senior Community Service Employment Program

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# Interim Financial Update

Second Quarter FY 2020

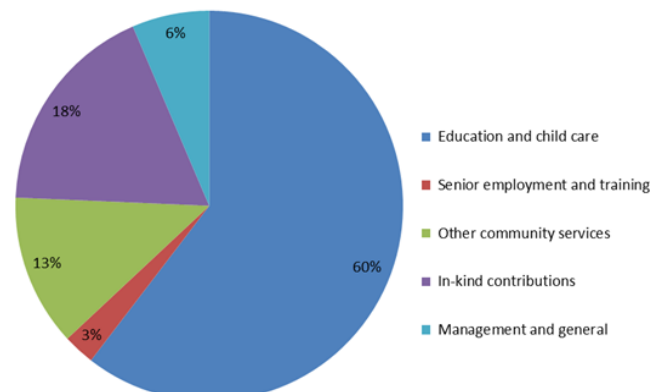
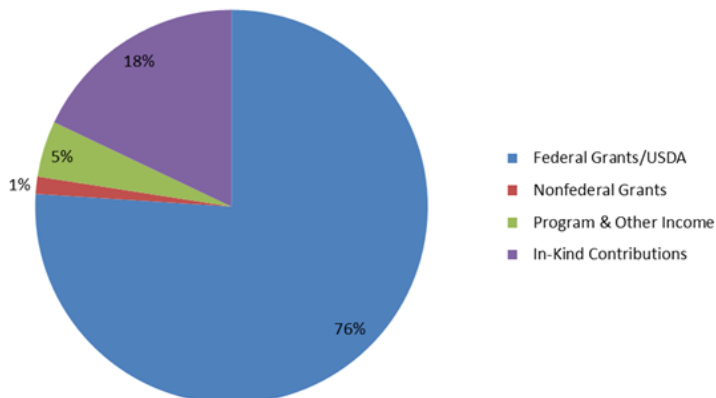
April 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019

\*Unaudited, Cash Basis

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET	CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
21st Century Community Learning Centers	07/01/18-06/30/19	350,000	Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS	08/01/18-06/30/19	450,000
21st Century Community Learning Centers	07/01/19-06/30/20	350,000	Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income	08/01/18-06/30/19	269,200
Atherton Foundation - Kupuna	06/13/17-04/30/19	10,000	Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS	07/01/19-06/30/20	450,000
Bennett Foundation - Head Start	08/01/18-06/30/19	7,200	Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income	07/01/19-06/30/20	270,545
Central Pacific Bank Foundation - ECS	09/01/18-08/31/19	10,000	Kumuhonua Shelter - Roof Renovations	12/01/18-11/30/21	500,000
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/18-09/30/19	3,148,955	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	10/01/18-09/30/19	225,467
Friends of Hawaii Charities - Kupuna	05/01/19-04/30/20	3,000	Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/18-06/30/19	766,245
Gwenfread Elaine Allen Fund - Head Start	05/01/19-04/30/20	3,000	Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/19-06/30/20	742,356
Hawaii Bowl Foundation - STEM	09/13/18-09/13/19	1,000	Rapid Re-Housing	06/15/18-06/14/19	488,493
Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk - Early Head Start	08/01/18-07/31/19	10,000	Rapid Re-Housing	06/15/19-06/14/20	488,493
Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk - STEM	08/01/19-07/31/20	7,500	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - STEM	01/01/19-12/31/19	100,000
Head Start	04/01/19-03/31/20	14,280,947	Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/18-09/30/19	132,827
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/19-03/31/20	1,382,542	WAP/LIHEAP	10/01/18-09/30/19	292,004
Kokua Hawaii Foundation	08/30/18-06/30/19	1,080			
Kokua Hawaii Foundation	08/30/19-06/30/20	650			

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants/USDA	9,015,901
Nonfederal grants	167,825
Program & other income	546,054
In-kind Contributions	2,128,176
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,857,956</b>

EXPENSES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & childcare	7,196,881
Senior employment & training	312,891
Other community services	1,499,508
In-kind contributions	2,128,176
Supporting services:	
Management & general	767,699
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,905,155</b>





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Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

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