



Ku'i Na Lono

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April - June 2017

HCAP Welcomes New Head Start Director



HCAP is pleased to announce that Grant Kogami has been named its newest HCAP Head Start Director. Grant replaced Lynn Cabato, who retired after over 40 years of dedicated service to HCAP Head Start. The HCAP Head Start Director oversees all aspects of HCAP's Head Start program, providing leadership in planning, designing, implementing, and evaluating the program as set forth in the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) guidelines. The HCAP Head Start Director also represents the agency in local, state, regional, and national matters pertaining to the program.

Grant began his employment at HCAP in 2003 as a Head Start Assistant Teacher, and later served as a Head Start Teacher, Head Start Teacher Mentor, Head Start Program Manager, and most recently as Head Start Assistant Director. Grant holds an Associate in Applied Science degree and Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education.

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As the Head Start Assistant Director, Grant directly supervised HCAP Head Start's Comprehensive Services, Development/Training, and Information/Technology management staff. He was responsible for quality assurance of the program, and has created monitoring tools, schedules, and systems for the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA) component to ensure quality outcomes.

Robert Piper, HCAP Executive Director, states "I am thrilled to have Grant as Head Start Director. After a national recruitment effort, it was clear that Grant was the right person to maintain the strengths of HCAP's Head Start program, so I am very excited and confident about the future of HCAP Head Start under his leadership."

Hā Initiative Hosts Family Nights in May

Family Nights for the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program were held in May. Each STEM Exploration Center hosted families who came to hear about the latest projects and work created by the STEM students. The theme for the Family Nights was healthy snacks. Among the healthy snacks prepared were: hummus and vegetables, yogurt and granola parfaits, fruit cups, and “Ants on a Log,” a snack made by spreading almond butter on celery and placing raisins on top.

Making the snacks proved to be fun and interactive, as many of the children helped prepare the food and taught their parents how to combine ingredients to make the food more tasty. For example, transforming a regular Yoplait cup into a parfait with granola and fruit can not only make the yogurt more filling, but also provides additional nutrients for whomever consumes it.



Apart from the snacks workshop, parents and their children also learned about the importance of water safety for the coming summer months. The staff at the STEM Exploration Centers showed educational videos about ocean safety in Hawaii, and guided parents on how to make informed choices on swimming beaches by visiting the Hawaii State Department of Health-approved website, Hawaii Beach Safety (www.hawaiibeachsafety.com). Worksheets with facts about the oceanic phyla and marine animals were passed out for children to color and read with their parents. Water safety tips were also passed out to all parents and children, so that children can safely enjoy their time at beaches and swimming pools.

HCAP's Income Tax Services Brings Back Over \$1 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 736 filers who participated in the program at HCAP's five District Service Centers and HCAP Corporate Office. More than 52% of these filers received the Earned Income Tax Credit, bringing in more than \$509K from that credit alone. Overall, the EITC Program brought back \$1,372,053 to our local families and communities.

A big mahalo to our partners, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Hawaii Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), for all their patience and support this season. We also couldn't have succeeded without the dedication of our staff and volunteers, who continue to make our clients feel welcomed during appointments and drop-ins.



Former Kumuhonua Resident Finds Faith, Community, and Employment During Stay

In debt and behind on her bills and rent, Susan was evicted from her residence in 2015. Susan stayed at a friend's house for a while, but once the friend moved to Maui, she was left with no Plan B. With nowhere else to go, Susan applied to live at the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center, a place she had heard good things about. Susan moved to Kumuhonua shortly thereafter.

Determined to get back on her feet, Susan made sure to follow through on the short and long-term goals she created with her case manager at Kumuhonua. Susan quickly became a productive member of the community, mowing the lawn and helping with the upkeep of the Kumuhonua property. During her time at Kumuhonua, Susan began regularly attending church. She was also an active member in support groups and life skills workshops. All that hard work and resilience paid off, as Susan gained employment as a Store Manager at Sears. With full-time employment and stable pay, Susan successfully transitioned to permanent housing in the Downtown area.

Although Susan has moved on from her Kumuhonua days, she still feels a connection to the Kumuhonua community. On Mother's Day, Susan, along with her church group members paid a visit to the mothers residing at Kumuhonua and surprised them with gifts. It was Susan's way of giving back to the community that gave so much to her.



Employee Anniversaries

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

15 Years

Jessica Li - Head Start Data Entry Operator

5 Years

Pamela Allison - Head Start Assistant Teacher Substitute

Jacqueline Bigornia- Head Start Comprehensive Services Assistant

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Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

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[State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services, Homeless Programs Office \(HPO\)](#) - \$390,794 for the Rapid Re-Housing Program

[Friends of Hawaii Charities](#) - \$3,000 for the Kupuna Independent Life Series

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SCSEP Participant Finds Fulfillment in Parks & Recreation Placement

Ronald had been taking care of his brother for years, until his brother passed away as a result of his medical issues. Now, with his brother gone, Ronald wanted to stay busy but wasn't sure what his next step would be.

Upon hearing about the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) from his sister, Ronald followed-up on the referral and registered for the program at HCAP. After passing the initial eligibility stage, Ronald was placed as groundskeeper at the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation. For the past three years, Ronald has been placed as groundskeeper at the Waimalu Neighborhood Park. He takes great care of the park: cleaning the restrooms, edging the lawn around the sidewalks and footpaths, and scrubbing away graffiti on the walls.

Today, Ronald remains ever proud of his work. He talks about how unclean Waimalu Park used to be – full of needles and broken shards of glass – and how he has made it cleaner and kid-friendly for the neighborhood kids, many of whom attend the nearby Waimalu Elementary. He also enjoys the autonomy and trust he is given. Ronald is not sure what his next steps are once his four-year placement is up, but he knows that he wants a job similar to the one he has right now.

HCAP Youth Services Class of 2017 Celebrate at Graduation



In June, HCAP Youth Services (HYS) held the Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremony at McCoy Pavilion. The ceremony began with a live performance of “The Star Spangled Banner” and “Hawai’i Pono’i” by HYS graduating student Leiva Pine.

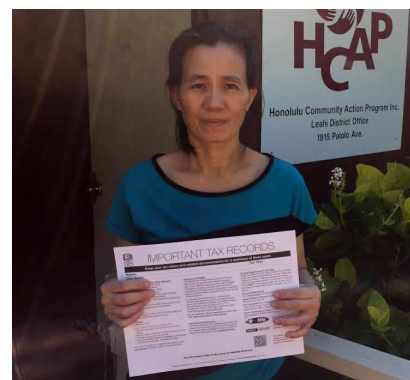
Building resilience in the face of adversity became a recurring theme. HCAP Director of Finance Corinne Murashige shared her personal story about overcoming the odds in a single-parent home. In his delivery of “A Word to the Class,” Vandeth “Ali” Sek, Congressional Liaison from the Office of U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, touched upon how the setbacks in his life didn’t stop him from graduating college. As the Alumni Speaker, Daroll Sakamoto spoke

candidly about being the “black sheep” in his family, surviving homelessness, graduating from HYS, completing college, and finally, establishing a successful career.

After all the speeches, HYS Program Coordinator, Krystal Ikeda, presented special awards to outstanding graduates. The big moment finally arrived when HYS Teacher Mhoana Bello led the Presentation of Diplomas; the students, one by one, walked onto the stage to receive their hard-earned Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma. To close the ceremony, everyone in the crowd joined the students in singing their class song, “Lean on Me” by Club Nouveau.

Na Lima Hana Participant Finds Employment as Nurse Aide and Receives Tax Assistance

Xiaomi found out about the Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program last year when she came to apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at the Leahi District Service Center. She was unemployed at the time, and received a referral to enroll in Na Lima Hana. A month later, Xiaomi returned to the Leahi District Service Center to sign up for the ECS Program. Through the program, Xiaomi received pre-employment training, took resume building and budgeting classes, and learned basic computer skills. After completing the employment preparation trainings, she quickly found employment at the Wilson Care Group Home as a Nurse Aide.



In addition, Xiaomi signed up for HCAP’s Income Tax Services program and qualified for the earned income credit, a refundable tax credit for low-to-moderate income working professionals. Xiaomi has come a long way from being unemployed to finding and maintaining employment. The Leahi District Service staff would like to congratulate Xiaomi on her achievements.

2017 Annual HCAP Training Day



In May, HCAP staff gathered at the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park for the 2017 Annual HCAP Training Day. The HCAP Training Day theme, “Together Towards Tomorrow” was reflected in all of the presentations given throughout the day. Over 270 of HCAP’s staff, from different programs and services, reaffirmed the importance of recognizing and celebrating success, becoming positive agents of change, and making plans for the future as a team.

HCAP staff were honored and presented awards for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of dedicated service to the agency. Staff members who recently obtained degrees from institutions of higher education were also recognized.

HCAP Director of Finance Corinne Murashige announced the winners of the first annual “I’m for Quality” contest, which recognized staff members who have demonstrated quality work and services at HCAP. Community Services Manager Katy Perry, IT Manager Brandon Sparks, and Payroll Specialist Evelyn Rapoza were this year’s honorees.

Towards the end of the day, HCAP staff watched a video presentation featuring clients sharing about how their lives have been positively impacted by HCAP’s programs and services. It helped remind everyone why we continue to work towards the agency’s mission of POI: Providing Opportunities and Inspiration to enable low-income individuals or families to achieve self-reliance.

HCAP Participates in Charity Walk ’17

On May 20, 2017, the Honolulu Community Action Program participated in the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association’s Charity Walk ’17. This was HCAP’s second year participating in the annual Charity Walk. Since its inception in 1978, the Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk has raised more than \$30 million to support hundreds of local charities throughout the state.

A total of 117 HCAP staff, ohana, board members, and friends supported HCAP’s participation in the event. Together, over \$5,000 was raised for HCAP.

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 HCAP.



Interim Financial Update

First Quarter FY 2018

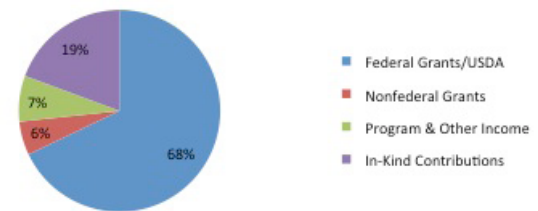
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*Unaudited, Cash Basis

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)	01/25/16-06/30/17	350,000
Alaska Airlines Foundation - Youth Services	11/18/16-11/17/17	7,500
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/16-09/30/17	1,949,871
Cooke Foundation - Youth Services	05/13/16-05/12/17	13,720
Head Start	04/01/17-03/31/18	12,722,900
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/17-03/31/18	1,338,797
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS Stipend	02/01/17-07/31/18	675,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income	02/01/17-07/31/18	216,743
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	10/01/16-09/30/17	218,530
Mayor's Office of Economic Development (OED) Grant	07/01/16-06/30/17	10,000
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/16-06/30/17	822,009
Residential Energy Solutions Initiative (RESI)	04/14/16-04/30/17	211,825
Starbucks Foundation - Youth Services	08/01/16-07/31/17	25,000
Department of Human Services - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - STEM	01/01/17-12/31/17	100,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/16-09/30/17	127,055
Youth Services	07/01/16-06/30/17	132,148

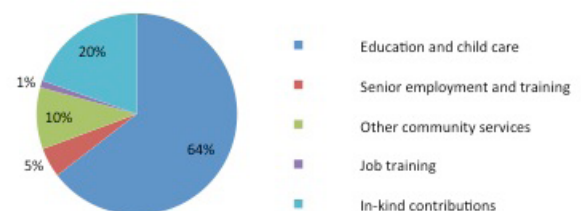
GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants/USDA	3,400,037
Nonfederal grants	270,058
Program & other income	368,314
In-kind contributions	969,094
Total	5,007,503

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



PROGRAM SERVICES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & childcare	3,193,709
Senior employment & training	235,892
Job training	55,485
Other community services	491,333
Supporting services:	
Management & general	414,432
In-kind contributions	969,094
Total	5,359,945

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Na Lima Hana- Employment Core Services

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Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Tel: 521-4531 Fax: 521-4538

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