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Ku'i Na Lono

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January - March 2020

Nā Lima Hana Program Participant Receives Tuition Assistance for Vocational Training

Catalina was first introduced to HCAP at the age of three when her mother, recognizing that education was the key to success, signed Catalina up for the Head Start Program. What Catalina's mother did not expect was the support and structure that Head Start instilled in them both. Head Start inspired Catalina's mother to further her education. During this time, Catalina's mom began utilizing the programs that HCAP had to offer and became a volunteer at the Central District Service Center.

Catalina is now a high school graduate and young adult. Since graduation, Catalina had a baby girl and has found it very hard to provide the life that she wants for herself and her daughter with only a high school diploma.

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Catalina remembered how her mom received assistance from HCAP and reached out to the Central District Service Center to see if there was a program available to help her further her education or vocational skills.

The Central District Service Center registered Catalina in the Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program. She participated in job readiness training and received much needed hygiene products and food assistance. Catalina registered for and was accepted at Professional Health Care Educators, a Hawaii State approved nurse aide training program. With ECS funding, HCAP was able to provide some tuition assistance for the training course, as well as scrub uniforms required for class. Catalina is currently attending classes and is looking forward to this opportunity to build and shape her and her daughter's future.

Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. is a non-profit community action agency serving low-income Oahu residents. In 2019, HCAP assisted over 20,000 seniors, adults, youth & children with employment, education, housing & basic needs.

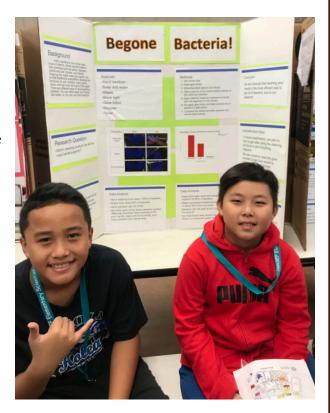


Lincoln STEM Exploration Students Participate in Science Fair

The Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program, a 21st Century Community Learning Center, sent 11 students to the Honolulu District Science and Engineering Fair (HonSEF). The event was bustling with hundreds of entries from nearby Elementary, Intermediate and High Schools.

Lincoln STEM Exploration Teacher Walker Rosie mentored five students, helping them with their research projects. The research project topics were as follows: how to create giant gummy bears, the effect hand sanitizer has on bacteria, the water absorption of materials, the experimental germination of alfalfa seeds, and a study on the freezing properties of mouthwash. A student from McKinley High School served as Junior Leader and worked alongside Walker, mentoring Lincoln Elementary students as part of his senior class project.

This was the first time Hā Initiative students, from any of the STEM Exploration Centers, participated in a science fair, and it certainly won't be the last!



Ho'omau Kūpuna Workshop Focuses on Fraud Prevention



For January's Kūpuna Quality of Life workshops, the Ho'omau Kūpuna Employment Program, formerly known as the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), invited Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)'s Kapiolani Cullen to speak about scam and fraud prevention.

Current Ho'omau Kūpuna participants were informed about phone scams and were educated not to provide their Social Security numbers, Medicare card numbers, and credit card numbers, over the phone. Our kūpuna

were also advised not to pay for any purchases over the phone.

Kapiolani advised our kūpuna to always check their medical bills to ensure that they are not being charged for things they have not received or purchased. She also raised awareness of potential scams, telling the kūpuna to stay alert for fraudulent calls from supposed debt collections informing them that overdue bills will result in termination of Medicare. Towards the end of their workshops, our kūpuna were provided information on additional resources regarding these important matters.



Kumuhonua Helps Mother and Son Transition Back into Society

After serving a prison sentence and turning her life around, Dorcelyn stayed at Women in Need, a homeless facility in Waianae. Not long after, however, the facility was put up for sale and she had to move out. Fortunately, Dorcelyn's sister told her about HCAP's Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. Dorcelyn completed the application process and moved in to Kumuhonua in March 2016.

Upon moving in, Kumuhonua staff referred her to the Ho'omau Kūpuna Employment Program, formerly known as the Senior Community Service Employment Program. With the help of Ho'omau Kūpuna staff, Dorcelyn obtained subsidized employment.

In 2019, Dorcelyn's son, Albert, applied for Kumuhonua after being assessed by the Institute for Human Services. Upon being accepted for entry, Albert moved into Kumuhonua in September and became his mother's caregiver.



Dorcelyn and Albert actively worked with Kumuhonua's case manager and housing specialist to secure permanent housing. With assistance from HCAP's Rapid Re-housing Program, Dorcelyn and Albert were able to obtain permanent subsidized housing at The Villas of Malu'ohai on March 2, 2020.

Kumuhonua staff congratulates Dorcelyn and Albert for accomplishing their housing goals and wishes them well. Dorcelyn and Albert are very grateful for all the blessings they have received and thankful to all Kumuhonua staff for welcoming them both into Kumuhonua and for assisting them through every step.

Kaneohe Head Start Children Collaborate with Kaneohe Elementary in Colorful Mural Project



The HCAP Head Start class located at Kaneohe Elementary School participated with the entire elementary student body in creating this enormous mural on one of the buildings. The children painted their portion on January 30, 2020 and the dedication/reveal ceremony was held on February 21, 2020.

This project was sponsored by "Mele Mural," a group of artists from the Windward community. They donated all the paint to the school and came up with the design of the mural. HCAP Head Start would like to thank "Mele Mural" for providing paint and some artistic inspiration.



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Nā Lima Hana Participant Obtains Landscaping Job and Housing Placement



Wendell was introduced to HCAP's Windward District Service Center through the Kaneohe Joint Outreach Center. At the time, Wendell was houseless and unemployed but able bodied, so Windward District Service Center Community Worker Cory enrolled him in the Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program. As part of the ECS Program's Job Readiness Training, Wendell developed his resume and Cory

assisted him with obtaining a state ID and applying for medical case management services. During the latter process, Wendell was referred to an outreach worker from the Kalihi Palama Health Center who immediately helped him begin the State Coordinated Entry System process to seek temporary housing.

Shortly after completing JRT, Wendell obtained a landscaping position with Mulkern Landscaping and Nursery. Through ECS funds, Windward District Service Center was able to purchase the necessary tools he needed to start employment. Through the Coordinated Entry System, Wendell received a referral for housing placement with U.S.VETS.

Wendell is a true success story and well on his way to self-sufficiency. He continues to maintain communication with the staff at the Windward District Service Center. During the holidays, Wendell paid a visit to the Windward District Service Center to hand deliver a heartfelt Christmas card. He remains very motivated and inspired by the words of encouragement he has received from Cory and Windward District Service Center's staff.

For the Windward District Service Center staff, Wendell's words brought to light the purpose of what they do as HCAP employees. They do their best to address the needs of individuals and families in the community and empower each and every one of them. They have realized that even if they are not able to help every person in the community, they still make a difference. By empowering just one person like Wendell with strength, purpose, and self-discovery, there is a positive ripple effect in the community.



Community Collaboration Brings Bookmobile to Makalapa Community Center

On Friday, January 24th the Hawaii Literacy Bookmobile came to the Makalapa Community Center to bring a fresh challenge towards reading for families in the community. Parents and Children Together's (PACT) Youth Development Specialist Jordan Ragasa put together this collaboration with resources from HCAP's Central District Service Center, which provided parking space for the Bookmobile, as well as help from Holly Kamana of Hawaii Literacy and Lori Nakanishi of Pu'uwai Momi Public Housing. Jordan saw the need for more

supportive safe spaces for families in the Aiea community and Central District Service Center was happy to provide a helping hand.

Although this is a only a trial run for the Bookmobile at the center, Central District Service Center hopes that with the community's support, this project can continue and have a positive impact among local residents. The Bookmobile makes reading books more readily available for the children and reinforces the message that reading can be fun.

Central District Service Center was thrilled to hear that Hawaii Literacy is returning to the community and is looking to rekindle this partnership to bring back adult literacy programming to the community.



During the first Bookmobile visit, the children were very excited to see and experience the Bookmobile especially since many do not have access to fun and exciting books to read at their levels. Adults are also welcome to visit the Bookmobile with their children to help support the importance of reading. The Bookmobile will be available on Fridays from 2:15 pm-3:45 pm for everyone to enjoy.

Employee Anniversaries

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

10 Years

James Upega- Executive Assistant Michael Hane- Director of Planning, Program Development and Communications

5 Years

Alyssa Aspera - Assistant Teacher Jin Zeng - IT Specialist



LIHEAP Provides Lifeline for Retired Senior on Limited Income

Tonee contacted Central District Service Center after her electricity got disconnected due to non-payment. Due to the high cost of prescription medication and medical bills, Tonee had to choose between her basic needs and medical needs. Tonee has serious diabetes-related health problems along with other medical issues that keeps her bed-ridden. To assist her with her everyday chores, Tonee has a caregiver, which is an added expense.



Like many seniors, Tonee receives Social Security benefits as her main source of income. Unfortunately, Tonee's monthly expenses exceed her monthly income. Tonee owns her townhome and still has a small mortgage to pay in addition to her electric, gas and cell phone bill.

Because Tonee is unable to leave her home, Central District Service Center Community Worker Sheree Maldonado paid Tonee a home visit and helped her to complete her application for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). After her application was approved for LIHEAP's Emergency Crisis Intervention (ECI) Program, Tonee's electricity was restored. Tonee was also referred to HCAP's wraparound services and has expressed interest in applying for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in hopes of lowering her monthly utility bill.

HCAP's District Service Centers began its new 2019-2020 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Year (Emergency Crisis Intervention portion of the program) on October 1, 2019. During this same period 15 additional households were assisted by the State LIHEAP office, which provided additional funds to support these households in crisis. Thus far, \$114,348.79 in payments have been made to HECO and Hawaii Gas on behalf of ECI clients.

Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

HCAP would like to thank the following funders. From January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020, HCAP received funding from the following:

<u>Hawaii Community Foundation - Gwenfread Elaine Allen Fund</u> - \$3,000 grant award for HCAP's participation in the Promising Minds Initiative.

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Interim Financial Update

Fourth Quarter FY 2020 April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 *Unaudited, Cash Basis

CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM PERIOD	BUDGET
21st Century Community Learning Centers	07/01/18-06/30/19	350,000
21st Century Community Learning Centers	07/01/19-06/30/20	350,000
Atherton Foundation - Kupuna	06/13/17-04/30/19	10,000
Bennett Foundation - Head Start	08/01/18-06/30/19	7,200
Central Pacific Bank Foundation - ECS	09/01/18-08/31/19	10,000
City GIA - Ho`omau Kūpuna	10/01/19-09/30/20	36,645
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/18-09/30/19	3,148,955
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/19-09/30/20	3,305,898
Employment Core Services - State OCS	10/01/19-09/30/20	219,000
Friends of Hawaii Charities - Kupuna	05/01/19-12/31/20	3,000
Gwenfread Elaine Allen Fund - Head Start	05/01/19-04/30/20	3,000
Gwenfread Elaine Allen Fund - Head Start	01/01/20-11/16/20	3,000
Hawaii Bowl Foundation - STEM	09/13/18-09/13/19	1,000
Hawaii Bowl Foundation - STEM	12/24/19-12/23/20	750
Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk - Early Head Start	08/01/18-07/31/19	10,000
Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk - STEM	08/01/19-07/31/20	7,500
Head Start	04/01/19-03/31/20	14,280,947
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/19-03/31/20	1,382,542

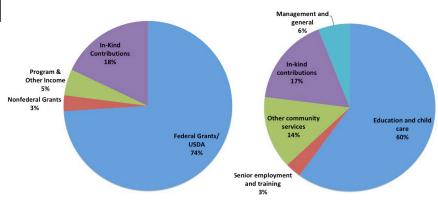
GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants/USDA	17,969,355
Nonfederal grants	660,875
Program & other income	1,214,267
In-kind Contributions	4,288,342
Total	24,132,839

EXPENSES	YTD
Program services:	
Education & childcare	15,248,258
Senior employment & training	644,761
Other community services	3,640,855
In-kind contributions	4,288,342
Supporting services:	
Management & general	1,498,441
Total	25,320,656

	CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM	BUDGET
	BY FUNDING SOURCE	PERIOD	
	Kokua Hawaii Foundation	05/02/18-05/27/19	1,080
	Kokua Hawaii Foundation	08/30/19/05/27/20	585
	Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS	08/01/18-06/30/19	450,000
	Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income	08/01/18-06/30/19	269,200
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	Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income	07/01/19-06/30/20	270,545
	Kumuhonua Shelter - Roof Renovations	12/01/18-11/30/21	500,000
	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	10/01/18-09/30/19	225,467
	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	10/01/19-09/30/20	225,467
	Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/18-06/30/19	766,245
	Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/19-06/30/20	742,356
	Rapid Re-Housing	06/15/18-06/14/19	488,493
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	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - STEM	01/01/19-12/31/19	100,000
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1	Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/18-09/30/19	132,827
1	Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	10/01/19-06/30/20	133,237
ال	WAP/LIHEAP	10/01/18-9/30/19	292,004
	WAP/LIHEAP	10/01/19-6/30/20	284,672



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