After Experiencing Homelessness for Six Years
Client Finds Permanent Housing

Wilfredo was referred to our HCAP Rapid Re-housing Program from Partners in Care’s Landlord Engagement Program. Our staff was informed that Wilfredo was chronically homeless and was looking for a place to call home. He had experienced some brief trouble with the law seven years ago and was facing deportation at the time. He used his savings and monetary help from a family member to clear up the immigration case, but he was unfortunately evicted for not paying his rent. Wilfredo was determined to stay in Hawai‘i, but the consequences of doing so left him homeless and broke. Since becoming homeless, Wilfredo has lived within the Hawai‘i Kai to Mō’ili‘ili area for the past six years. He often could be seen pushing his wheelchair around, sleeping on the sidewalk in front of Kōkua Market or reading the newspaper at the bus stop in front of the 7-Eleven. This is where our Rapid Re-Housing Specialist found Wilfredo to offer him assistance. Our staff learned that Wilfredo has suffered from cerebral palsy his entire life, and while it is difficult for him to live independently, he is determined to live his life to the fullest. After learning about HCAP services, Wilfredo was very excited at the possibility of moving off the streets and into permanent housing. “I am too old to be on the streets anymore,” he shared with our staff.

Together with Partner in Care’s Landlord Engagement Program, our staff located a unit for Wilfredo and conduct landlord engagements to ensure that he would have a smooth transition in permanent housing. We are excited to share that Wilfredo signed a lease for a large room in an excellent shared home in Wahiawā. After the first night in his new home, he messaged his Rapid Re-Housing Specialist the following: “Good Morning Jennifer. I feel well rested now thanks to you. I can get good sleep and stay clean.”

Now that he is safe, secure and housed, we believe Wilfredo has a better future ahead of him.
Mason is a bright young man who heard about HCAP while attending Kapi‘olani Community College (KCC) early last year. During that time, Mason was a barista at a local coffee shop and attended a few classes at KCC. But when COVID-19 hit, Mason had to reassess his goals and future. “This pandemic has been an eye-opening experience for me,” Mason shared. “I started to take a look at my future and realized I needed to make a decision about my journey in life.” This is when he decided to pursue a career as a Pharmacology Technician.

After doing some research, Mason discovered that KCC offered a Pharmacology Technician Program and decided he would apply. Once restrictions began to ease, Mason was accepted into the Pharmacology Technician Program and began to enroll in classes.

However, he was no longer employed, and Mason knew that affording the program would be difficult. Fortunately, Mason’s counselor got him in touch with HCAP’s Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services Program Coordinator, Reiko, who helped complete his Centralized Intake Application and determine his eligibility for vocational tuition assistance. Since Mason resides on the Windward side of Oahu, his application was forwarded to the staff at HCAP’s Windward District Service Center and he was approved to receive tuition assistance for his Pharmacology Technician Program!

When speaking with Mason over the phone, Community Worker, Cory learned that Mason also wanted to find employment that wouldn’t conflict with his school schedule and would allow him to gain more experience as a Pharmacology Technician. With the help of the Windward District staff, Mason completed his job readiness training and updated his resume. It wasn’t long before Mason obtained employment at a MinuteClinic! Luckily, Mason was able to incorporate his employment as part of the clinical internship portion of his program. This allowed Mason to be employed as a “paid intern” while also earning his required clinical hours to obtain his Certificate of Completion to be a Pharmacology Technician!

Currently, Mason is well on his way to achieving his goals and creating a bright future for himself. He is now taking classes in the Pharmacology Technician Program and recently received employment attire and gift card incentives from HCAP’s Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services Program. “All the help and support HCAP provided has been a huge financial relief for me,” Mason said. “Because of HCAP, I have the opportunity to start my journey with a clean state and move forward. I now have a promising job and a stepping stone to my future career as a Pharmacology Technician.” Mason also shared that he looks forward to sharing his experiences from HCAP with others so they can have the same opportunities that he has been given.

If you are interested in receiving tuition assistance for vocational school or are in need of employment services, please email NaLimaHana@hcapweb.org for more information.
HCAP’s Kōkua Food Assistance Program Delivers Food Boxes to Homebound Kūpuna and Other Vulnerable Populations

These past few weeks, HCAP’s District Service Centers have been in full force implementing the Kokua Food Assistance Program. As a part of this new effort, HCAP staff began distributing Kokua Food Boxes to homebound kūpuna and other vulnerable populations across O’ahu. The kūpuna and individuals who were recipients of this distribution were 60 years or older, disabled, or were unable to go out and purchase their own food. The Kokua Food Boxes were delivered while practicing all COVID-19 state mandates and safety practices in order to keep homebound kūpuna and other vulnerable populations safe.

In order to prepare the Kokua Food Boxes, HCAP partnered with Ham Produce and Seafood.

Through this partnership, Ham Produce and Seafood prepared, assembled, and delivered the boxes to Central District Service Center for the distributions. The Kokua Food Boxes included a variety of fruits and vegetables as well as dairy, egg, and protein.

Kokua Food Boxes will be delivered monthly to vulnerable kūpuna and individuals with disabilities throughout the year. HCAP’s hope is that through this service we can alleviate the anxiety and uncertainty our most vulnerable community members face on a daily basis. We hope that providing the Kokua Food Boxes can keep our homebound kūpuna and other vulnerable populations safe, secure and healthy throughout the remainder of the pandemic. For more information about HCAP’s Kokua Food Assistance Program, please call your nearest District Service Center.
Head Start & Early Head Start Accepting Applications for 2021-2022 School Year

Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP) Head Start & Early Head Start offers quality early childhood development programs for pregnant women and children ages 0 to 5 years old. The program is actively recruiting for the 2021-2022 school year.

HCAP Head Start & Early Head Start serves over 1,500 children each year through comprehensive services in early childhood education, health and family support services. Families are selected for Head Start - Early Head Start services based on an eligibility criteria of age, income and family need. HCAP Head Start is dedicated to the mission of “Enriching the lives of Children, Engaging Families and Strengthening Communities.” Located at 75 classrooms on Oahu, the program offers a variety of preschool options including part-day, full-day, and home-based. The program is unique in its emphasis on strengthening families via family engagement activities.

Families are encouraged to apply by calling (808) 847-2400 or visiting our website for an application.
ECS Program Participant Obtains Employment and Pays-Off his Past Due Utility and Rent Bills through HCAP’s Hale Kākou Program

Averall reached out to HCAP’s Kalihi-Palama District Service Center staff through our partners at Punawai Rest Stop. He needed help looking for work, so our Community Workers quickly enrolled him in HCAP’s Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program. After receiving ECS services, Averall was hired at Allied Universal Security as a Security Professional.

Soon after, Averall applied for assistance from HCAP’s Hale Kakou Program to help with his past due utility bill from Hawaiian Electric as well as his past due rent. We are happy to share that Averall’s application was approved and we were able to help him with his past due utility and rent bills through our Hale Kākou Program, which assists individuals and families impacted by COVID-19 with rent, mortgage and utility payments. Averall has expressed gratitude for all of the assistance he received from HCAP and shared that he now not only has a job, but is also all caught up on his bills.

A big congratulations to Averall on his achievements and we look forward to helping more clients like him through our Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS) Program and Hale Kākou Program. To learn more about both programs, please visit our website at www.hcapweb.org.

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

5 Years
Leila Kila - Head Start Assistant Teacher
Chiyoko Okazaki - Head Start Assistant Teacher

20 Years
Gail Galon - Head Start Assistant Teacher

15 Years
Katherine Belon - Head Start Assistant Teacher
Donna Brzezowski - Head Start Assistant Teacher

30 Years
Debora Wegesend - Head Start Teacher 1
Hā Initiative Wins Team Model Award at FIRST LEGO League!

After weeks of preparations, our Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program students were excited to participate in the FIRST LEGO League Expo! Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, our Hā Initiative Explorer Team (7-10 year olds) preserved and formed their team for the Statewide competition. Normally around 50-60 teams participate from across the state, but due to the pandemic, only a handful of teams, including our Hā Initiative students, had the ability and resources to participate. The theme of this year’s competition was exercise and the students got right to work coming up with their project.

After researching and developing their project, the Hā Initiative team presented their LEGO model gym to reviewers Ms. Danette and Ms. Megan. The Hā Initiative team used the WeDo 2.0 robotics kit to program a heart rate monitor, which they demonstrated will go up as a person is exercising on treadmill.

The team shared that their model gym practices social distancing, maintains good air circulation, and provides hand sanitizing and cleaning stations for users. The main features of the model gym includes a pull-up bar, treadmill, and tire lift, which the team explained would provide a full-body workout. Additionally, the gym would help users to raise their heart rate and decrease the risks of high blood pressure and other health diseases.

After their presentation, the team waited in anticipation for the results. All their hard work paid off when they were awarded the Team Model Award for working together and building an excellent model! We thank the reviewers and organizers of this year’s FIRST LEGO League Expo for making this event a reality for students. Our students had so much fun and we hope to participate again next year!

Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

HCAP would like to thank the following funders. From January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021, HCAP received funding from the following:

First Hawaiian Bank Foundation - $10,000 grant award for the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program

Individual Donors
Heather Tenbrink
## Interim Financial Update

**Fourth Quarter FY 2021**  
April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021  
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### GRANTS AND OTHER SUPPORT

- **Federal Grants/USDA**: 75%
- **Nonfederal Grants**: 7%
- **Program & Other Income**: 1%
- **In-Kind Contributions**: 17%
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