Mother of Five Pursues Education to Become a Better Role Model

Sheena first contacted HCAP’s Central District Service Center in September 2021 after her work hours were reduced due to COVID-19. Though her husband continued to work full time, it had become increasingly difficult to provide for their five children with her reduced income. Sheena told Central staff that she had put off her own education and interests in the past to focus on supporting her family, but had always wanted to work in the healthcare field. “Sheena felt it was time to pursue her dreams – she wanted to be a better role model for her children. To show them that furthering their education is achievable and important,” said Sheree Maldonado, Central District Community Services Specialist.

Sheena was referred to the Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services Program and participated in job readiness training. Through Nā Lima Hana, Sheena qualified for tuition assistance to attend the phlebotomy training program at Professional Healthcare Educators. By November 2021, Sheena completed the course and began job searching.

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Central District staff continued working with Sheena during her job search by sending her new employment opportunities and supporting her through the application and interview process. In April 2022, Sheena was hired at Clinical Labs of Hawaii. Nā Lima Hana was also able to provide Sheena with the scrub tops and slip-resistant shoes she needed to begin her new career.

Since then, Sheena has completed her 30, 60, and 90-day employment milestones. HCAP also provided school supplies to Sheena’s children in partnership with Helping Hands Hawai‘i’s annual Ready to Learn program. Sheena is “ecstatic” to finally be working in her dream career and hopes her success will continue to encourage her children to always reach their goals. Central District Service Center staff are proud of Sheena’s accomplishments and look forward to seeing her reach 180 days of employment and beyond.

**Hā Initiative Visits Waimea Valley**

The Hā Initiative Creative STEM After-School Program visited Waimea Valley to participate in the "Ahupua‘a – Mountain to the Sea" school program. Waimea Valley Hī‘ipaka LLC hosted the program and taught the students about life in an ahupua‘a through fun, hands-on activities focusing on resource management, native Hawaiian plants, and their cultural uses.

The Hā Initiative provided transportation on school buses from the five STEM classrooms and lunch for the students, staff, and chaperones at the park.

The program started with a creative game introducing the ahupua‘a of Waimea to the students. The game also helped students to identify various native species from Waimea valley and understand the cultural uses of many Hawaiian plants. The program also included making a Hawaiian tool which taught the students the value of taking care of our resources. Students who participated in the "Ahupua‘a – Mountain to the Sea" program got to try a lot of new and exciting activities. The entire field trip took place outdoors for students to walk around, dig, and observe the natural wonders of Waimea valley!
Employee Anniversaries

Mahalo to our HCAP staff who reached the following service milestones this quarter:

- 5 Years
  - Bobbilyn Burkhart
    Assistant Teacher
  - Michelle Castillo
    Assistant Teacher
  - Chelsea-Marie Dacuycuy
    Assistant Teacher
  - Melani Matthew
    Community Service Manager
  - Sweetheart Silva-Penitani
    Assistant Teacher
  - Yvette Wood-Lau
    Teacher
- 10 Years
  - Cathey Anderson
    Teacher
  - Denise Domingo
    Assistant Teacher
- 15 Years
  - Geraldine Tira
    Teacher
  - Ace Tufu
    Community Service Manager
  - Gayzel Wolf
    Teacher
- 20 Years
  - Erin Basuil
    Program Manager
- 25 Years
  - Leona Souza
    Teacher
- 35 Years
  - Bobbi Beter
    Teacher Mentor

Windward Family Back on Their Feet with HCAP Wraparound Services

After being laid off from their jobs, Hailima and Noelani contacted HCAP’s Windward District Service Center for assistance with past-due electric bills. The family qualified for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) emergency Energy Crisis Intervention (ECI) and was able to receive help with their past-due payments. ECI is offered year-round to qualifying households whose electricity or gas has been or will be disconnected.

Windward District staff also encouraged Hailima and Noelani to apply for HCAP’s Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) to assist with lowering future energy bills. WAP staff visited the family’s home to conduct a home energy audit and assess which energy-efficient measures could best help them increase efficiency and cut costs. The family was happy to learn that they qualified to receive both a solar water heater and an energy-efficient air conditioning unit through WAP.

Hailima and Noelani also enrolled in HCAP’s Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services
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and quickly found new jobs with the Hawai‘i State Department of Education. Hailima has now surpassed 180 days as a custodian at Hau‘ula Elementary School, while Noelani has been thriving in an administrative position at Ka‘a‘awa Elementary School.

“The family of five continues to work towards self-sufficiency and is busy getting their keiki ready for the upcoming school year,” said Sonny-Jean Preston, Community Services Manager at Windward District Service Center. The family recently had a chance to stop by Windward District Service Center again, this time to pick up school supplies for their children through this year’s Ready to Learn program.
In The Garden

The keiki at Ala Wai Head Start employed their fine and gross motor skills while preparing their classroom garden beds for new plants. The keiki also learned about the importance of safety rules while properly using shovels to carefully mix garden and potting soil.

While prepping the soil, the keiki discovered worms. Their knowledge of insects and gardening was expanded upon through observing the worms’ physical characteristics and movements while engaging their tactile sense by touching the worms. They also learned about the vital role worms have in fertilizing the soil for plants. The keiki had lots of fun in the sun and are looking forward to more planting!

Let’s Try Tie-Dye!

The keiki at HCAP Head Start Waiau Pre-Plus expanded upon their recycling study by creating a beautiful array of tie-dyed shirts and hats. The students strengthened their color recognition and fine motor skills by identifying each color before squeezing the dye onto their t-shirts. The keiki used recycled paper, creating tie-dyed hats to complement their shirts. The keiki enjoyed learning about the color wheel, color-mixtures, and comparing and contrasting their recycled creations.

Let’s Try Tie-Dye!
Leeward Client Receives New Refrigerator from Weatherization Assistance Program

Barbara came to HCAP’s Leeward District Service Center seeking assistance with her electric bill, where she learned that she also qualified for the Weatherization Assistance Program. The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) provides O‘ahu households with energy-efficient devices, including LED light bulbs, refrigerators, and water heaters to reduce their home energy consumption and increase their monthly energy savings.

After HCAP staff performed an energy audit on Barbara’s home, they gave her energy-saving education and a variety of energy-efficient measures. Barbara’s home was fitted with several small measures, including a faucet aerator, handheld shower head, and LED light bulbs. She even received a brand new ENERGY STAR refrigerator to replace her older and less efficient model.

Barbara shared that the services were fast, and she had a great experience with the Weatherization Assistance Program. “We’re so happy,” she said.

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Mahalo to the following donors and funders for their contributions to the Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. from July 1 to September 30, 2022.

Give Aloha
$446.30 including the Foodland and the Western Union Foundation matching grant

Bank of Hawai‘i
$20,000 Grant to Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services
**Interim Financial Update**  
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### Grants & Other Support

- **Federal Grants**: $9,026,282  
- **Nonfederal Grants**: $516,560  
- **Program & Other Income**: $321,536  
- **In-Kind Contributions**: $1,606,122  
- **Total**: $11,470,500

### Expenses

#### Program Services:
- **Education & Childcare**: $6,752,632  
- **Other Community Services**: $1,714,131  
- **In-Kind Contributions**: $1,606,122

#### Supporting Services:
- **Management & General**: $1,330,729

#### Total:
- **$11,403,614**
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