



HONOLULU COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

Ku'i Nā Lono

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The Kūpuna Independent Life Series Participates in PBS's "The Lili'u Project"

In collaboration with Leeward Community College Wai'anae Moku, HCAP's Kūpuna Independent Life Series hosted musician and professor, John Signor, and Hawaiian singer, Starr Kalahiki. Joined by students Honybal Sosa, Chedean Kaaialii, Emma Fonokalafi, Kawika Frederick, Daniel Ribuca, and Randall Kapahu, Professor John Signor shared his mana'o through songs and a ukulele lesson for the kūpuna.

Joel Moffett and Mandy Sugihara filmed the event, as a part of an upcoming PBS documentary, "The Lili'u Project". This documentary follows Starr Kalahiki's journey in celebrating and performing Queen Lili'uokalani's music and focuses on the life of the Hawaiian queen as a songwriter. The Kūpuna Independent Life Series was thrilled to help showcase the kūpuna of Wai'anae in this project and was honored to host such influential guests. The event was full of joyful music, good food, and a time to appreciate the wonderful community of Wai'anae.

The Kūpuna Independent Life Series provides kūpuna (age 55+) with health education and support to maintain their independence.



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Nā Lima Hana Participant Graduates from CNA Program

Leimomi first came to the HCAP Windward District Service Center when she lost work hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through her loss of income, Leimomi realized that she needed a job that would give her a consistent paycheck, which led her to look for employment in the healthcare system. However, she lacked the certification to apply for the CNA job that she was interested in.



The staff at the district center partnered with Sydney Dickerson of the CNA vocational program at Windward Community College to get Leimomi enrolled in their classes, but the client expressed that she could not afford the full tuition. Windward District staff immediately enrolled Leimomi in HCAP's Nā Lima Hana program and she was approved to receive tuition assistance through the program.

After six months of classes and exams, Leimomi graduated from the CNA Program and landed a job with Mānoa Care where she has been working consistently for the last 4 months as a CNA medical assistant. She has earned amazing incentives through the Nā Lima Hana program like Target gift cards. HCAP is proud of Leimomi's accomplishments and looks forward to her future success!

Windward Family of Seven Receives Wraparound Services

With the cost of electricity on the rise, Kelly and her family of seven found themselves in a vulnerable situation as they fell behind on their utilities. One of Kelly's community members who had previously received services from HCAP told her about HCAP's programs. Kelly reached out to the Windward District Service Center and shared with the district manager, Sonny-Jean, that her household needed emergency help with their past-due electric bill. Kelly was immediately assisted, step by step, for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and qualified for Emergency Crisis Intervention to aid with the past due electric bill. As part of HCAP's wraparound services, Kelly was referred to HCAP's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for

Employee Anniversaries

5 Years
Joy Zitello
Assistant Teacher

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

10 Years
Aurelia Sapinoro
Teacher

15 Years
Tiarre Hauki-Williams
Assistant Teacher

15 Years
Paula Hasegawa
Assistant Teacher

15 Years
Trisha-Lynn Kealii Palenapa
Teacher

20 Years
Grant Kogami
Director of Head Start
Interim Director of Planning, Program
Development & Communications

35 Years
Margaret Higa
Teacher

additional energy-saving opportunities.

Weatherization Specialist, Cory, took further action to help Kelly and her family create an energy-efficient and cost-saving home. After the application process, an in-home energy audit was performed and the WAP staff replaced small devices with energy-efficient LED lightbulbs, low-pressure showerheads, kitchen sink aerators, power strips, and smoke detectors. Not only did Kelly's household receive these small devices, but she also qualified for a brand new energy star refrigerator and a solar water heater, at no cost to her!



Kelly shared her gratitude for HCAP's programs and staff saying, "Sonny and Cory from HCAP really helped me and my family. They were there to help me with my paperwork. I got help to pay my electric bill, get this solar water heater, a new refrigerator, and lower my electric bill. With all their help, the paperwork and process weren't too hard, and it was fast! Mahalo to HCAP!"

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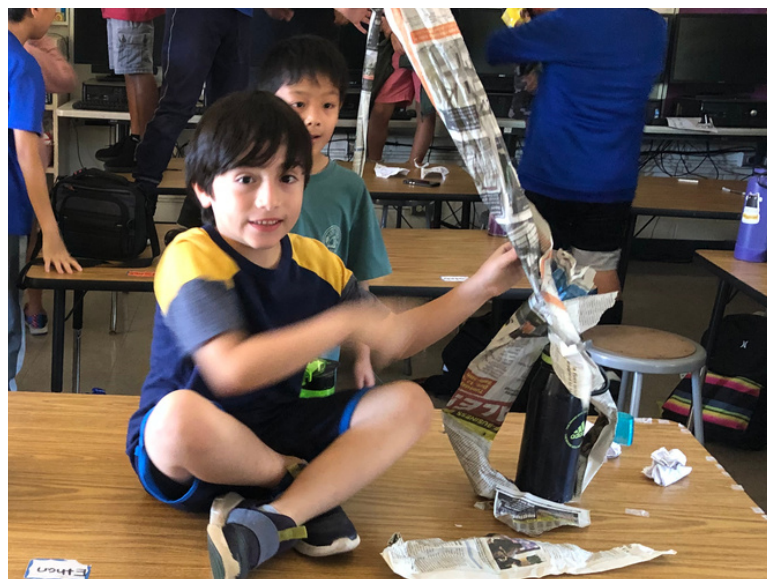
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The STEM Student's Tower Dilemma

Students from the Hā Initiative: Creative After-School STEM Program explored the question, “Is newspaper a strong or weak material?” by completing some engineering challenges. In the tower-building contest, teams were given only five sheets of newspaper and an arms-length of tape to build the tallest, freestanding tower. Once the timer stopped, group members were not to touch the tower or else they would be disqualified.

In the end, there was a dilemma. One team taped their tower to the ceiling fan - which wasn't technically against the rules. After the time was up, their tower was undoubtedly the tallest, measuring at 2.5 meters, but another team claimed that their tower was better because it stood at 1.8 meters, freestanding. The students had fun problem-solving situations like an engineer might face at work and had some friendly competition. But there still has to be a winner! Who would you vote for?



Bookmobile Returns After Pandemic Hiatus

HCAP's Central District Service Center is excited to welcome back the Bookmobile following a long hiatus. The Bookmobile is a collaboration between HCAP, Hawaii Literacy, and Parents And Children Together (PACT) that gives local children the opportunity to enhance their reading skills by borrowing books. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bookmobile made weekly visits to Central District Service Center. After being put on hold for so long, it was finally able to resume operation.



Central District staff members hope that the return of the Bookmobile not only provides the children with books but also a sense of responsibility and an appreciation for reading. Families interested in participating can visit the Bookmobile from 2:30-3:30 p.m. every Friday in the parking lot of HCAP's Central District Service Center.

Troy the X-Ray Boy

The Head Start keiki at Jefferson, Kapālama, Pauoa and several others across the island were visited by Troy Osorno. Troy Osorno (aka Troy the X-ray Boy) works in radiology at the Maui Medical Group. Troy loves to volunteer and present at Head Start classrooms across the state because of the positive impact Head Start had on his family. During his visits, Troy familiarizes keiki with imaging exams such as x-ray, ultrasound, and MRI scans. He also introduces Skelerena! Skelerena the Skeleton encourages keiki to use their imagination, eat healthy foods, and take care of their bodies.



Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center Participant Obtains Permanent Housing

Derek, a participant of the HCAP Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center (KTLC) successfully moved into permanent housing this month. Derek completed the Transitional Housing Program by working diligently three days a week with his Case Manager. As a part of going through the program, Derek also addressed a barrier of his which was reading comprehension. He attended literacy classes weekly to gain knowledge and understanding. Through great patience and perseverance, Derek and his Case Manager were able to overcome this challenge which will help him with things such as reading landlord and tenant's rights, completing job applications, and understanding paperwork better. Derek will be continuing with aftercare services for a year with his Case Manager at KTLC and he will also be following up at the Kalaeloa District Service Center to participate in the Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services Program. He is eager to find employment and gain more income for his household.

After all his hard work through the program, Derek obtained and followed through to achieve his Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Section 8: Housing Choice Voucher. Derek gained assistance from Catholic Charities Hawai'i to make his deposit and Hawaii Clearing House services. He paid his first month's rent on his own to move into his permanent unit. Derek will continue striving towards success in his future endeavors with support from HCAP's wraparound services.



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Mahalo to the following donors and funders for their contributions to the Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. from January 1 to March 31, 2023.

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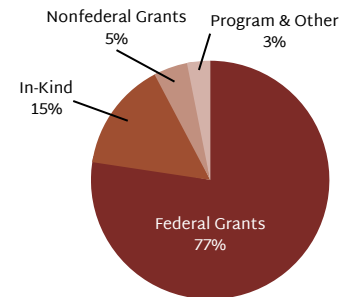
In-kind Donation

Current Programs By Funding Source

Current Programs By Funding Source	Program Period	Budget
AUW Safety Net Impact Fund	01/01/22 - 12/31/23	\$ 90,000
Bank of Hawaii Foundation	10/19/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 20,000
City & County of Honolulu - Grant in Aid - PY21	10/01/21 - 03/31/23	\$ 200,000
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - PY21	10/01/21 - 09/30/22	\$ 3,679,692
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - PY22	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 3,832,451
CSBG CARES Act Supplemental	03/27/20 - 09/30/23	\$ 2,640,352
First Hawaiian Bank Foundation	03/19/21 - 09/30/22	\$ 10,000
Friends of Hawaii Charities	04/01/21 - 12/31/22	\$ 3,000
Friends of Hawaii Charities	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 2,000
Friends of Hawaii Robotics	06/25/21 - 12/31/22	\$ 16,200
Verizon Wireless Foundation	06/22/21 - 12/31/22	\$ 3,500
Head Start - PY22	04/01/22 - 03/31/23	\$ 19,400,588
Head Start American Rescue Plan	04/01/21 - 03/31/23	\$ 2,258,183
Head Start - Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/22 - 03/31/23	\$ 759,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS - PY21	07/01/21 - 06/30/22	\$ 500,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS - PY22	07/01/22 - 06/30/23	\$ 500,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income - PY21	07/01/21 - 06/30/22	\$ 150,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income - PY22	07/01/22 - 06/30/23	\$ 157,988
Kumuhonua Shelter - City & County of Honolulu ESG CARES Act	12/10/21 - 07/31/22	\$ 191,500
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - PY21	10/01/21 - 09/30/22	\$ 250,787
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - PY22	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 250,787
State OCS - Employment Services	10/01/21 - 09/30/23	\$ 670,388
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - PY22	01/01/22 - 12/31/22	\$ 100,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - PY23	01/01/23 - 12/31/23	\$ 200,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - PY21	07/01/21 - 06/30/22	\$ 274,548.29
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - PY22	07/01/22 - 06/30/23	\$ 179,178
WAP/LIHEAP - PY21	10/01/21 - 09/30/22	\$ 267,178
WAP/LIHEAP - PY22	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 309,621
WAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	10/01/22 - 06/30/27	\$ 1,998,310

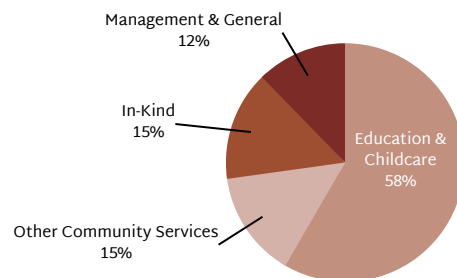
Grants & Other Support

Federal Grants	\$18,148,864
Nonfederal Grants	\$1,078,775
Program & Other Income	\$ 733,439
In-Kind Contributions	\$3,491,645
Total:	\$23,452,723



Expenses

Program Services:	
Education & Childcare	\$13,678,758
Other Community Services	\$3,385,601
In-Kind Contributions	\$3,491,645
Supporting Services:	
Management & General	\$2,883,223
Total:	\$23,439,227



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