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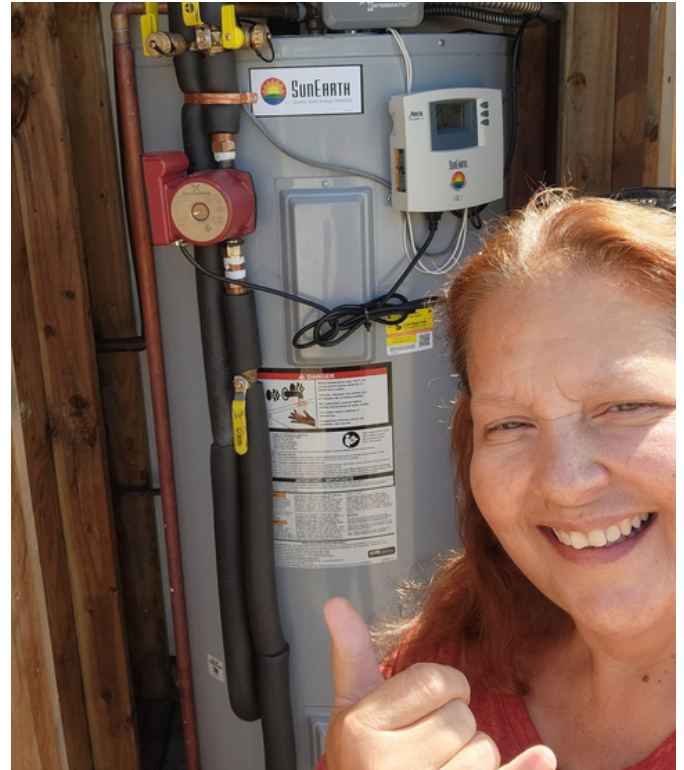
# Ku'i Nā Lono

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## Windward Client Extends a Heartfelt Thanks

Cynthia was relieved to discover that she could receive help from HCAP for her electric and water bills. With the guidance of staff from HCAP's Windward District Service Center, she was able to apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) with ease. During this process, Cynthia was also referred to HCAP's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and was excited to learn that it would further assist her home in becoming energy efficient.

During the application process with the Weatherization staff, she expressed concerns about the existing water heater and refrigerator in her home. Both appliances were older and had various issues that contributed to the high cost of her monthly utility bills. During her home energy audit, Cynthia was happy to learn about energy savings and received energy-efficient devices such as low-flow sink aerators and showerheads, smart power strips, and LED lightbulbs. Shortly after completing her home assessment, Cynthia was overjoyed to learn that she had been approved for a brand new, solar water heating system and energy-efficient refrigerator. Both major appliances were installed and delivered at no cost to her family.



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In a heartfelt email to the HCAP staff who assisted her through various programs, Cynthia wrote:

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude to the Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) for the invaluable assistance we received. We wanted to take a moment to thank you and your entire team at HCAP for the remarkable programs you offer to support households in Hawaii facing dire circumstances.

We first learned about the HCAP program while desperately searching for help with our electric and water bills... The process was smooth, and your team guided us with care and patience. In fact, we had no idea about the extent of assistance available through HCAP, and we immediately shared our newfound knowledge with our ohana and friends.

We want to extend our appreciation to Sheena, one of the dedicated workers at [Windward] HCAP, who not only assisted us but also referred us to several other fantastic programs and organizations. Sheena's guidance and support were exceptional... We must express our admiration for the Weatherization Program, particularly your representative, Lissette. Lissette's guidance is exceptional... The support and opportunities provided by HCAP have made a significant difference in our lives, and we are immensely grateful.

In conclusion, we want to express our deepest mahalo to the entire HCAP team for your unwavering dedication to helping families like ours. Your kindness and assistance have not only eased our financial burdens but also given us hope for a brighter future.

With warmest regards and heartfelt thanks,  
Cynthia and Craig

## KTLC Resident Becomes Registered Behavior Therapist

Keyshawna is a US Veteran currently living at the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Shelter (KTLC). Keyshawna was referred to the Kalaeloa District Service Center by KTLC staff for assistance with her job search and transportation needs. Keyshawna successfully completed job readiness training through HCAP's Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services Program and was provided with a Holo card as well as several job leads for employment.



During this process, Keyshawna was very active in her journey toward self-sufficiency and made a point to stop by the district office several times a week to talk about her progress. Keyshawna found success through the program and secured full-time employment as a Registered Behavior Therapist. Keyshawna is currently going through the onboarding process and is looking forward to this new and exciting employment opportunity.

## LIHEAP Helps Client Achieve Greater Self-Sufficiency

Natasha is a single mother of three children who first reached out to HCAP's Windward District Service Center seeking assistance with her past-due electric bill. Community Services Manager, Sonny-Jean immediately had Natasha come into the district center to complete a full HCAP intake and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) application for emergency services. During this time Natasha also completed a family assessment showing the need for stable income. Sonny shared with Natasha about HCAP's Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services and immediately got her enrolled. With an eagerness to improve her household situation, Natasha completed the Job Readiness Training that included interview skills and resume building and began searching for a full-time job with benefits. Within a week Natasha had an interview scheduled with long-time district partner; Hina Mauka. One week later she was hired on the spot and was ready to start her new employment adventure.



Natasha has been a dedicated and loyal employee of Hina Mauka for the past eight months and loves her job. She is able to give back to her community and most of all help other single parents set and accomplish goals to secure a bright future. The staff at the Windward District Service Center wish Natasha and her 'Ohana continued success towards self-sufficiency.

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## Employee Anniversaries

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

### 5 Years

Linda Gabriel.....Teacher  
Sheree Maldonado.....Community Services Specialist  
Selena Bass.....Teacher

### 15 Years

Lisa Crespo.....Assistant Teacher  
Colette Pabro.....Assistant Teacher  
Kimberlin Sellers.....Teacher

### 20 Years

Edward Char.....Warehouse Maintenance Worker

### 25 Years

Kerry Hashitate.....Teacher  
Deanna Yamashiro.....Assistant Teacher

### 30 Years

Kris Kuboyama.....Teacher Mentor  
Allison Yokoyama.....Program Manager  
Sharyn Yoshinaga.....Teacher

### 35 Years

Marilyn Fernandez.....Assistant Teacher

## Head Start's First Week Back to School

In the first week of the 2023-2024 Head Start & Early Head Start school year, the keiki are learning new routines and making new friends! From engaging in large group activities such as circle time to playing in centers, keiki are developing their social-emotional, cognitive, and fine motor skills. The development of these skills is vital to our keiki's continued growth and early childhood education. It provides them with a solid foundation for a fun and engaging school year!



## Playing Stop and Go with Head Start

The Head Start keiki at Makakilo practiced following directions and listening to their peers during a child-led game of Stop and Go. The children learned how to play the game as part of their Second Step lesson that focused on learning appropriate ways to join play. Second Step is a research-based social-emotional curriculum that provides keiki with skills and techniques to regulate their emotions, make better decisions, collaborate with others, and gain confidence. It is a fun and engaging way to improve children's communication and decision-making skills to promote happier and healthier relationships!



# HCAP Board Chair Graciously Volunteers His Time and Skills to the Hā Initiative

The Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program teamed up with HCAP's Information Services team and HCAP Head Start Facilities and Maintenance staff, Eddie and John, to build three new practice tables for the upcoming FIRST LEGO League robotics season under the guidance of HCAP Board Chair, Edward Mersereau. Under Edward Mersereau's supervision, HCAP staff measured, cut, sanded, painted, and assembled three tables for the HCAP STEM Exploration Centers. These tables are replicas of the LEGO League competition tables for students to accurately practice their programming skills.

Edward Mersereau has served on the HCAP Board since 2012. He was the Vice Chair from 2013-2014 and has served as the Board Chair since 2018. The Hā Initiative would like to extend a huge thank you to Edward Mersereau for his expertise in woodworking and for donating the materials to make these LEGO League practice tables. Mahalo for your support of the Hā Initiative and these future engineers!

Having the proper equipment in HCAP's STEM Exploration Centers will allow students to prepare efficiently for the FIRST LEGO League tournaments. Team members from HCAP's Hā Initiative compete to build and program LEGO robots to complete a series of tasks simulating solutions to real-world problems. Last year, the Hā Initiative's Challenge Team from Ka'iulani STEM Exploration Center placed 8th out of 51 teams competing in the robot games from across the state.



## Mahalo to Our Donors and Funders

Mahalo to the following donors and funders for their contributions to the Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. from July 1 to September 30, 2023.

### Walmart Community Foundation

\$3,000 grant for the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center

### Ross Stores

\$300 in gift cards for Nā Lima Hana - Employment Core Services youth participants

### Individual Donors

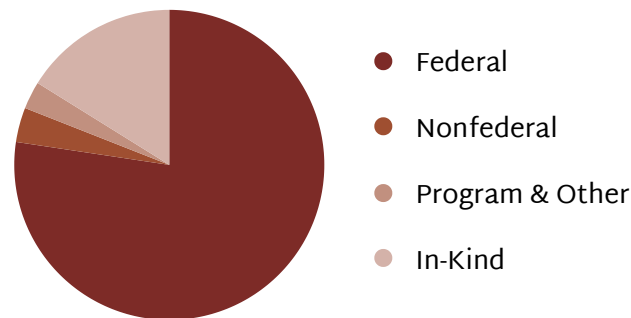
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## Current Programs By Funding Source

Current Programs By Funding Source	Program Period	Budget
AUW Safety Net Impact Fund	01/01/22 - 12/31/23	\$ 90,000
Atherton Foundation	12/08/22 - 12/07/23	\$ 10,000
Bank of Hawaii Foundation	10/19/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 20,000
C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc.	03/16/23 - 12/31/23	\$ 1,000
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - PY22	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 3,878,815.88
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	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 2,000
Friends of Hawaii Robotics	06/25/21 - 12/31/23	\$ 16,200
Head Start - PY23	04/01/23 - 03/31/24	\$ 22,493,208
Head Start - Full-Day Full-Year - PY23	04/01/23 - 03/31/24	\$ 600,000
HEI Foundation	06/15/23 - 06/14/24	\$ 10,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS - PY22	07/01/22 - 06/30/23	\$ 500,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income - PY22	07/01/22 - 06/30/23	\$ 157,988
Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS - PY23	07/01/23 - 06/30/24	\$ 500,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income - PY23	07/01/23 - 06/30/24	\$ 224,298
Kumuhonua Shelter - City & County of Honolulu ESG CARES Act	12/10/21 - 09/30/23	\$ 255,704
Kumuhonua Shelter - City & County of Honolulu ESG	05/01/23 - 12/31/23	\$ 60,000
Kumuhonua Shelter - City & County of Honolulu ESG	06/01/23 - 01/31/24	\$ 26,534
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	\$ 877,274
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - PY23	01/01/23 - 12/31/23	\$ 200,000
Walmart	07/18/23 - 07/17/23	\$ 3,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - PY22	07/01/22 - 06/30/23	\$ 179,178
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - PY23	07/01/23 - 06/30/24	\$ 260,846
WAP/LIHEAP - PY22	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 309,621
WAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	10/01/22 - 06/30/27	\$ 1,998,310

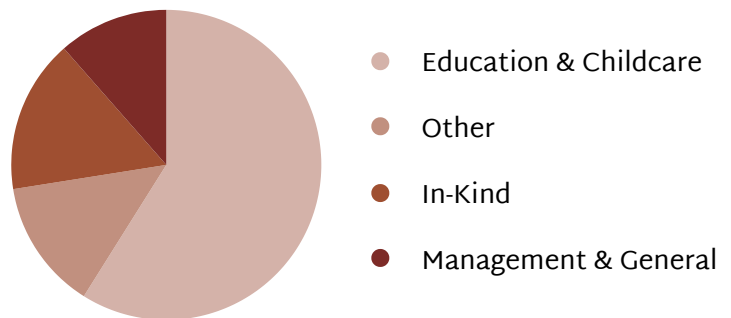
## Grants & Other Support

Federal Grants	\$ 9,719,284
Nonfederal Grants	\$ 453,162
Program & Other Income	\$ 361,984
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 2,028,181
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 12,562,611</b>



## Expenses

<b>Program Services:</b>	
Education & Childcare	\$ 7,457,137
Other Community Services	\$ 1,717,805
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 2,028,179
<b>Supporting Services:</b>	
Management & General	\$ 1,452,316
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 12,655,437</b>



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### Corporate Office

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### Central District Service Center

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'Aiea, HI 96701  
(808) 488-6834

### Kalaeloa District Service Center

91-1016 Yorktown Street  
Kapolei, HI 96707  
(808) 682-5494

### Kalihi-Palama District Service Center

1555 Haka Drive, #2408  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
(808) 847-0804

### Leahi District Service Center

1915 Palolo Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96816  
(808) 732-7755

### Leeward District Service Center

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Wai'anae, HI 96792  
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### Windward District Service Center

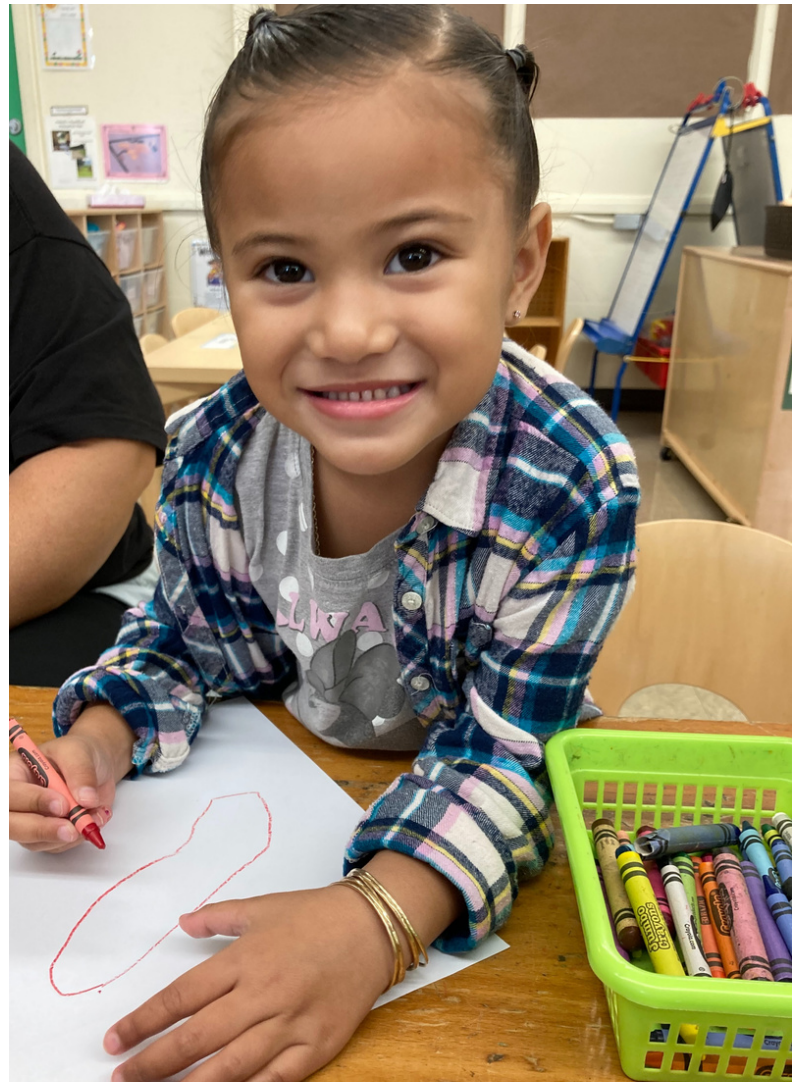
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