



Kalaeloa District Service Center Client Registers for GED Courses

When Michael became a participant with the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center, he was referred to the Kalaeloa District Service Center by his case manager, Jayde. While staff completed intake with Michael, he shared that he had wanted to go back to school for several years, but due to extenuating circumstances, he was unable to do so. Michael has been in a wheelchair for many years and has stated that he used to feel like it was one of the biggest barriers holding him back from accomplishing his goals. However, now Michael has a new outlook on life and has expressed that the only barriers in life are the ones that we set for ourselves.

When discussing his goals with the Kalaeloa District Service Center staff, Michael stated that he wanted to go back to school to obtain his GED. Michael was advised that if he was willing to see it through, the Kalaeloa District staff could absolutely help him achieve that goal. On November 22, 2023, Michael completed the online registration for GED courses. Michael is very positive about this new endeavor and shares that he is so excited to be taking this next step!



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Hā Initiative's Ka'iulani Team Finishes Second in 2023 FIRST Lego League State Competition

HCAP's Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program is celebrating a significant achievement by the "PalamaBots" of the Hā Initiative's Ka'iulani Elementary classroom. The robotics team secured a remarkable second-place finish out of over 40 teams in the recent Hawaii FIRST Lego League (FLL) State Competition. FLL invites only select teams to the State Competition based on their performance during the past Regional Competition.

The FIRST Lego League is a globally recognized robotics program that challenges students to design, build, and program autonomous robots using Lego kits. Teams are also required to research and present innovative solutions to real-world problems. The competition not only emphasizes technical skills but also encourages teamwork, problem-solving, and creative thinking.

Over the past several months, the teams have meticulously programmed and constructed their robot to navigate a series of challenging tasks during the competition. The PalamaBots team showcased their ingenuity and teamwork, earning them a well-deserved 2nd place in the highly competitive Robot Performance category.

This accomplishment not only reflects the students' dedication to STEM education but also highlights the effectiveness of the Hā Initiative in nurturing young minds for future success. The Hā Initiative and the entirety of HCAP expressed their pride in the PalamaBots for their outstanding performance!



The Central District Collaborates with Helemano and Holomua Elementary Schools to Help Those in Need

The Central District Service Center's Kokua E Hanai Keiki Program (Help Feed the Children) was fortunate this holiday season to collaborate with two exceptional elementary schools during this holiday season. Helemano Elementary School, located just outside Wahiawa Town in Whitmore Village, and Holomua Elementary School,

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Employee Anniversaries

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

5 Years

Ericah Pule
Assistant Teacher

5 Years

Mary Oyama
Teacher

5 Years

Jodie Kobashigawa
Teacher

15 Years

Marichelle Limjoco
Program Manager

25 Years

Lisa Leafa-Tavui
Teacher Mentor

30 Years

Caprice Souza
Early Head Start Parent Educator

30 Years

Darlene Yahiku
Assistant Teacher

35 Years

Gail Seguancia
Assistant Teacher

located in Ewa Beach, one of the island's fastest-growing and most populated areas, despite their diverse locations, both shared a common thread—compassion and a commitment to their community.

HCAP's Kokua E Hanai Keiki Program was designed with the goal of helping feed the children and has since remained a vital part of the Central District Service Center's programs. Over the past couple of years, the program expanded to incorporate hygiene products in its drives. The program has assisted many who are transitioning back into the community, seniors on fixed incomes, homeless families and individuals, as well as those facing temporary challenges.

Through this collaborative effort with Helemano and Holomua, the students donated over 4,000 canned goods and hygiene products. The Helemano Student Council and Aloha Ambassadors led this year's drive and had the opportunity to meet the original Katy Perry, the Central District Service Center Manager. Leigh Padilla, Student Activities Coordinator, shared that she had been promoting HCAP's inspiring work.

The Central staff distributed these donations to the many families and individuals in need during this holiday season, including those at HCAP's Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center. The Central District Service Center would like to give a BIG mahalo to the wonderful staff and students at Holomua and Helemano Elementary School for believing in HCAP's programs and their commitment to the well-being of their community.



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Head Start Learns about Pets

The Head Start keiki at Pohakea chose “Pets” as their topic to study and investigate. They employed their logic and reasoning skills while learning about the differences between domesticated and wild animals, how to care for pets, the different types of food they eat, and their living environment. Real-life



connections were made as the keiki shared about their own pets and how they take care of them. Finally, the keiki closed out the investigation with a family engagement activity where they created Pet Homes using recycled materials.

Ukulele Fun with Mr. Ramos

Salt Lake Pre-Plus Head Start had the pleasure of having a parent volunteer his time to sing and play his ukulele for the children. The children were engaged and delighted to have Mr. Ramos play several songs during our afternoon circle time. They enjoyed dancing and moving their bodies and also learned a new Hawaiian Song!



Weatherization Client Receives New Appliances In Time for the Holidays



In early August, Janice applied for HCAP's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) through the Central District Service Center. She first learned of this program while completing her Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program application in June and was happy to learn that she could receive free, energy-efficient devices for her home. Janice was also relieved to learn that this could potentially address some major safety concerns in her home as well.

During her home energy audit, Janice received energy-saving measures such as low-flow sink aerators in her kitchen and bathrooms, low-flow showerheads, and smart power strips. After a few weeks, Janice was overwhelmed with gratitude to learn that she qualified for a brand-new, 21 cubic-foot refrigerator and stove replacement. She expressed that she is deeply thankful for this program and the appliances received, especially since the holidays are right around the corner. She is excited to share her story with others and hopes that they can find solutions through the Weatherization Assistance Program as well.

After 10 Years of Homelessness, Kumuhonua Participant Secures Permanent Housing

Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center (KTLC) congratulates program participant Norman, who has secured permanent housing. Norman started his journey at KTLC in March 2022. Since then, he has been working hard to stay on track toward self-sufficiency by keeping all his meetings with his case manager, receiving help for his mental health needs, and



increasing his income by applying for general assistance and SNAP. There have been so many trials and tribulations in Norman's life but despite the challenges he has encountered, he has received his Section 8 voucher and has secured permanent housing in September 2023. With tears in his eyes, he shared that after ten years of being homeless and being in shelters, he is happy to finally have a place to call his own. Norman also stated that he could never express enough how grateful he is for all the love, aloha, and help he has received from KTLC staff and his case manager Carolyn Pule.

KTLC staff is proud of all the work that was put into making this a successful transition for Norman and would like to wish him the best of luck in this new chapter of his life.



ECS Client Serves Lahaina Through New Job

Rayana first reached out to the Windward District Service Center while transitioning out of the Women's Correctional Facility. Rayana expressed her need to find employment, a steady place to live, and other resources to help get her back into the routine of life outside of prison and to make sure she stayed on track.

While going through HCAP's Nā Lima Hana Employment Core Services (ECS), Rayana completed Job Readiness Training where she created her resume, build interview

skills, and received job referrals. Within a week, Rayana interviewed with and was hired by Pacific Environmental Corporation (PENCO) as a Technician who assists in hazardous clean-ups. HCAP's ECS program helped provide Rayana with her work attire so she could begin right away. Rayana successfully kept steady employment for over 90 days and worked in Lahaina, Maui, cleaning the hazardous debris left from the devastating fire.

Mahalo to Our Donors and Funders

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

Horizon Housing Foundation

\$650 donation to the Central District Service Center for Back-to-School Supplies Project

Foodland - Give Aloha

\$274 donation to the Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.

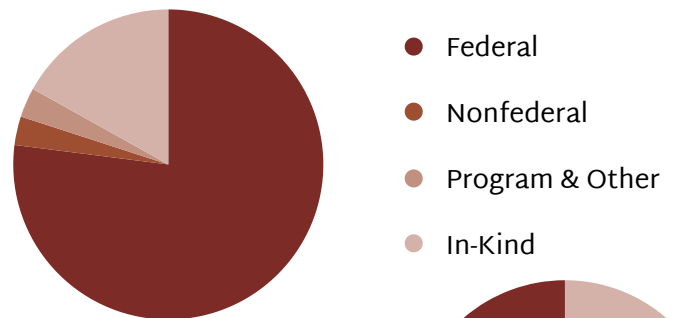
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Current Programs By Funding Source	Program Period	Budget
AUW Safety Net Impact Fund	01/01/22 - 12/31/23	\$ 90,000
Atherton Foundation	12/08/22 - 12/07/23	\$ 10,000
Bank of Hawaii Foundation	10/19/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 20,000
C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc.	03/16/23 - 12/31/23	\$ 1,000
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - PY22	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	\$ 3,878,816
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - PY23	10/01/23 - 09/30/24	\$ 3,800,652
CSBG CARES Act Supplemental	03/27/20 - 09/30/23	\$ 2,640,352
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
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (H-HEAP/H-HWAP) - PY23	10/01/23 - 09/30/24	\$ 250,787
State OCS - Employment Services PY21-22	10/01/21 - 09/30/23	\$ 877,274
State OCS - Employment Services PY23	10/01/23 - 09/30/24	\$ 284,895
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - PY23	01/01/23 - 12/31/23	\$ 200,000
Walmart Food Assistance	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 LIHEAP - PY23	10/01/23 - 09/30/24	\$ 320,191
WAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	10/01/22 - 06/30/27	\$ 1,998,310

Grants & Other Support

Federal Grants	\$ 14,752,644
Nonfederal Grants	\$ 572,850
Program & Other Income	\$ 592,994
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 3,238,315
Total:	\$ 19,156,803



Expenses

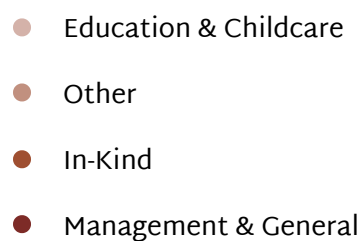
Program Services:

Education & Childcare	\$ 11,316,269
Other Community Services	\$ 2,389,766
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 3,238,315

Supporting Services:

Management & General	\$ 2,159,324
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Total: \$ 19,103,674



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