



HAWAII FOODBANK PROVIDES HURRICANE LANE RELIEF EFFORTS

Foodbank asks community to stay prepared during hurricane season

HONOLULU (August 28, 2018) – Hawaii Foodbank is encouraging community members to stay vigilant and prepared during the rest of the hurricane season and lend their kokua in providing emergency donations to help storm victims across Hawaii Island and Maui County.

“Hurricane Lane caused extensive damage to more than 200 properties on Hawaii Island with more than 40 inches of rain in many areas, including a phenomenal 51 inches in Mountain View,” said Ron Mizutani, President and CEO of Hawaii Foodbank. “Besides the flood damage caused by Lane, West Maui is also recovering from a devastating wildfire that left more than 60 people without homes. We’ll be working with our partners on both islands to help in any way we can while continuing to serve the daily needs of those on Oahu and Kauai.”

On Saturday, Hawaii Foodbank provided food, water and emergency supplies to several hundred people who found shelter at McKinley and Farrington High Schools. Superintendent of the Hawaii State Department of Education Christina Kishimoto expressed her appreciation on Twitter saying, “A big Mahalo to the Hawaii Foodbank for driving well over one hour to support our neighbors at the McKinley High emergency shelter by providing food and water. Now that’s aloha!”

“Many people who found safety at the shelters were kupuna and keiki and we immediately responded,” said Mizutani. “While there’s still a need now for canned proteins, meals, vegetables, fruits and rice, we also understand that families need to stay prepared during the active hurricane season. If you can make a donation now, it will go immediately to those in need. We will also be grateful to receive your donations after the hurricane season. Hawaii is home to many caring and generous people and mahalo nui loa to those who’ve already asked, ‘How can I help?’”

For more information on Hawaii Foodbank or to make a donation, please call (808) 954-7853 or visit www.hawaiifoodbank.org.

About the Hawaii Foodbank

Hawaii Foodbank, in partnership with the food industry and community, serves as a link between charities and those in need of food assistance including the elderly, families, children and those facing financial crises each week. Last year, Hawaii Foodbank distributed over 13.7

million pounds of food in Oahu and Kauai, including 3.6 million pounds of fresh produce. Hawaii Foodbank is a certified member of Feeding America and operates as the official food bank in the State of Hawaii. For more information, visit www.hawaiifoodbank.org or call (808) 836-3600.

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