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## Review

## GIVE FOOD & HOPE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

### TERESA

Teresa is a friendly, warm-hearted woman who likes meeting new people. She's happy to say she's in a good place now, living in her own apartment. When she needs food assistance, especially at the end of the month, she and her friend carpool to Angel Network Charities for a food bag.

Two years ago, Teresa's life was completely different. She was working as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in intensive and critical care hospital units for 30 years when suddenly, she was a victim of identity theft.

### BECOMING HOMELESS

The theft was committed by someone she loved and trusted, her boyfriend of two years. He and his friends would visit Teresa. While there, they would use her computer to access her personal and financial information. They drained her checking account, leaving her with nothing but her car.

Homeless, she lived in her car for as long as she could, but eventually had to sell it for the money.

Teresa tried surviving on the streets, but couldn't lead the same lifestyle as some of the people she met. She just couldn't bring herself to take advantage of or hurt others.

Thankfully, a girlfriend agreed to take her in and get her off the streets.

### CLIMBING THE ROAD BACK UP

Living with her friend, Teresa started her long and slow climb up to regaining a normal life. She was referred to a caseworker through a local crisis hotline who placed her in a shelter. It took Teresa two years to travel the road back up, but with assistance from social services, she secured Social Security benefits and qualified for low-income housing.

With a little income she could depend on each month, Teresa was able to pay her rent. With the amount that remained, she would buy fresh produce and milk. With Medicare coverage, she was

able to make her \$80 monthly co-payments for the pain medication needed for her arthritis.

Teresa's arthritis started in 2005, affecting her shoulders and knees. So far, Teresa has had one shoulder and two knee replacement surgeries. She visits a specialist regularly, who prescribes medicines to help her cope with the pain. Teresa also takes vitamins to maintain her health and another prescription to prevent further development of her osteoporosis.

When asked how the Hawaii Foodbank has changed her life, Teresa said, *"It helps me survive. If there were no Foodbank, I would be scrounging. I may fall in with the wrong characters and wouldn't survive that kind of life for very long."*

### A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Now that Teresa is in a better place, she can look to the future. Her first goal: to complete her last shoulder surgery so she can finally be free of the arthritis and walk without pain.

She'd also like to go back to school, take classes and learn something new. Or, volunteer at nonprofit organizations and meet new people.

When asked if she had something she'd like to say to the people who donate and support the Hawaii Foodbank she let out a grateful sigh and said, *"Thank you so much. You are special people. I thank God for you all. If I could, I would repay your generosity by cleaning house for you!"*



## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE KICKOFF BREAKFAST

Thursday, January 27, 2011 • 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  
Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Please send your RSVP or regrets by Friday, January 14, 2011

Phone: 954-7870  
or email: [fooddrive@hawaiifoodbank.org](mailto:fooddrive@hawaiifoodbank.org)

Register online at [www.hawaiifoodbank.org](http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org)

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# CHECK-OUT HUNGER



MAKE YOUR DONATION NOW THROUGH JANUARY 10, 2011

Join Kraft Foods in Hawaii this holiday season to "Check-Out Hunger." Last year, you donated a record breaking \$187,746 statewide to feed Hawaii's children, seniors and low-income or homeless families in need.



Every time a donation coupon is scanned, you will help feed a person or family in need:

- For just \$2.81 you can feed a child breakfast for a week
- For just \$12.43 you can feed a senior lunch for a month
- For just \$16.84 you can feed a family dinner for a week

Making a donation is easy. Just look for the bright green coupons at checkout stands in a participating store near you:

- Safeway Food & Drug (Statewide)
- Times Supermarkets (Statewide)
- Don Quijote
- Fujioka's Wine Times, Market City & Mililani
- Kokua Market Natural Foods Co-op
- KTA Super Stores, Big Island
- Tamura Superette, Waianae
- Tamura's Fine Wine & Liquors, Kaimuki, Aiea and Aiea
- Tamura's Market, Hau'ula
- Tamura's, Wahiawa

At checkout, tear off the coupon of your choice and hand it to the cashier. The amount will be added to your grocery bill as a donation to the Hawaii Foodbank.

Your donation will provide nutritious meals to people in need and give hope and cheer this holiday season.

Mahalo for your loyal and generous support of Check-Out Hunger over the past 17 years.

Happy Holidays from the Hawaii Foodbank 'ohana to yours! 🍷

## THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAWAII FOODBANK HUNGER WALK

Saturday, August 28, 2010 - The Annual Hunger Walk sponsored by the Harry C. and Nee Chang C. Wong Foundation and the Hawaii Foodbank brought nearly 500 people to the Civic Center that day. They enjoyed food, live entertainment and activities provided by the staff and volunteers of Partners in Development Foundation, Holy Hill of Zion, Kau Kau Wagon, Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club, ISKCON, Good Samaritan Church, Waipahu United Church of Christ and Lighthouse Outreach Center Assembly of God. Kinsey Texeira, Mrs. Hawaii International 2010 and Alicia Michioka Jones, Mrs. Hawaii America 2010 were our Mistresses of Ceremony, who introduced our speakers and gave prizes.

The Annual Hunger Walk is a unique fundraising opportunity for our agencies to raise awareness of their feeding programs and seek support within their own communities. Agencies that raise over \$200 are eligible for a percentage of matching funds from the Wong Foundation and the Hawaii Foodbank. All monies support their feeding programs that serve the hungry in their communities.

Awards were given at the annual Agency Conference on October 4, 2010 to recognize agencies for their fundraising successes.

The award for "Most Participants" went to Partners in Development Foundation with 60 registered walkers. The award for "Most Creative Fundraiser" went to Angel Network Charities. Pastor Timothy Mason of Calvary-By-the-Sea-Lutheran Church issued a challenge to all Lutheran and Episcopalian churches to sign up 150 walkers or more to support the Angel Network Charities food pantry. If they met the challenge, he would shave his head in the style of Martin Luther, founder of the Protestant Church. Though they didn't meet their goal, pastor came to the walk dressed in habit and got a new haircut anyway!

Awards were also given to our highest fundraisers:

- 1st Place - Once-A-Month Church (\$15,000)
- 2nd Place - Manoa Punahou Catholic Community (\$11,445)
- 3rd Place - Holy Hill of Zion Full Gospel Church (\$10,000)

In the end, the 6th Annual Hawaii Foodbank Hunger Walk had a record-breaking year with 44 agencies raising \$109,276.42 for their feeding programs.

Thank you for coming out and supporting our member agencies. We look forward to surpassing these numbers next year! 🍷



Pastor Timothy Mason (right) after his haircut, dressed in full frock. His hair stylist, Milliani (left) stands proudly next to him.



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## HUDDLE TO FIGHT HUNGER

Now through January 9, 2011  
[www.huddletofighthunger.com](http://www.huddletofighthunger.com)



Join Kraft Foods and "Let's Sack Hunger" this holiday season. Kraft will donate up to 20 million meals to Feeding America with Hawaii donations benefitting the Hawaii Foodbank. Just visit [www.huddletofighthunger.com](http://www.huddletofighthunger.com) and sign up to donate a meal. It's that easy. Or "text a meal" to the Hawaii Foodbank by entering: meals + Your ZIP Code to 71717.

See how many meals Hawaii has "scored" so far by visiting the website. The top 10 states with the highest number of meals scored, will be eligible to receive an additional \$10,000! So tell your family, friends and co-workers to make a pass and score a touchdown for the Hawaii Foodbank!

## WARD CENTERS HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS TROLLEY TOURS

Now through December 30, 2010 (except December 24 & 25)  
 WARD CENTER

Take the entire family for a fun-filled trolley ride of the dazzling Honolulu City Lights through Downtown Honolulu! See the Christmas lights between Ward Warehouse, Downtown and City Hall.



Nonstop trolley rides are approximately 30 minutes long and depart nightly from Ward Warehouse, except on December 24 and 25. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, with children under 3 FREE. Net proceeds will benefit the Hawaii Foodbank. Please visit [http://www.wardcenters.com/Events/current/HonoluluCity\\_LightsTrolley.html](http://www.wardcenters.com/Events/current/HonoluluCity_LightsTrolley.html) to check on seating availability or see one of our attendants at Ward Warehouse.

## HAWAII FOODBANK 7TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Sponsored by the Hawaii Foodbank Hospitality Coalition  
 Friday, February 18, 2011  
 HAWAII PRINCE GOLF CLUB  
**Putting Contest 9:00 a.m.**  
**Shotgun Tee Off at 11:30 a.m.**

Join the Hawaii Foodbank Hospitality Coalition for a day of golf to help feed island families in need. The tournament will feature a Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Lucky Draw Tickets, door prizes and dinner. "The Works" package for a three-person team is \$695 and includes a hole sponsorship. By signing up, your team will help provide food to distribute 987 meals! An individual entry is \$200 and provides food to distribute 250 meals! All packages include contest entry, goody bag, lunch, dinner and beverages.



Register your "The Works" team by December 31, 2010 for a chance to win free airfare for two and a five-night stay at the Las Vegas Hilton!

Register online at [www.hawaiifoodbank.org](http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org). 836-3600, ext. 244

## SHAVE ICE BOWL

Honolulu Disc Golf Association  
 Saturday, February 26, 2011  
 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HO'OMALUHIA BOTANICAL GARDEN, KANEOHE

Registration Fee: \$30 per player or

\$75 for a team of three players

Hole Sponsorship: \$50

Join the Honolulu Disc Golf Association and the Hawaii Foodbank for our annual Shave Ice Bowl. If you enjoy playing Frisbee, you will love Disc Golf. Bring a friend or form a team and play a round of 12 "pole holes" at one of Hawaii's most beautiful botanical gardens, Ho'omaluhia.

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# Great Chefs® Fight Hunger

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011

Hawaii's greatest culinary talents will come together on one special evening to raise needed funds to feed the hungry in Hawaii.

To complement the evening's dining experience, fine wines, ales and martinis will be served.

Enjoy live music throughout the event!

All proceeds raised by the Great Chefs® will benefit the Hawaii Foodbank to feed over 183,000 people statewide annually.

Visit [www.hawaiifoodbank.org](http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org) or call 836-3600, ext. 244 to purchase your tickets today. 



## DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT OPPORTUNITY!

Purchase your tickets before January 31, 2011, and receive these special prices.

### Early Entry

Before January 31, 2011 **\$110**  
 After January 31, 2011 **\$150**

- Special entry at 5:00 p.m.
- Elite service from participating restaurants and beverages for an exclusive hour

### Regular Entry

Before January 31, 2011 **\$85**  
 After January 31, 2011 **\$110**

# The Hawaii Foodbank 15th Annual Patriots Celebration

HONORING HAWAII'S VIETNAM WAR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

On July 1, 2010, guests of the **Hawaii Foodbank 15th Annual Patriots Celebration** were greeted by reenactment volunteers in Vietnam-period uniforms and presented with commemorative dog tags. Guests enjoyed viewing two authentic Vietnam era jeeps presented by the **Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association** and the arms and uniform display by the **Hawaii Historic Arms Association**. In the foyer, the **Farrington High School JROTC Drill Team** performed a ceremonial drill for the guests.

Emcee **Bob Jones**, MidWeek columnist and former Vietnam War correspondent from 1964-1973, started the evening's celebration by encouraging guests to welcome this year's honorees: **Hawaii's Vietnam War Purple Heart Recipients**. The **USAF Band of the Pacific-Hawaii**, **Hana Hou** played as the honorees from the **Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 483** were escorted into the Coral Ballroom by **JROTC Cadet Scouts**. **Miss Hawaii 2010 Jalee Fuselier**, **Miss Hawaii USA 2010 Renee Nobriga** and **Mrs. Hawaii International 2010 Kinsey Teixeira** greeted the honorees with leis as we gave them the homecoming they deserved but never had.

## THE FALLEN COMRADES TRIBUTE

After the posting of the colors, the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Hawaii Pono'i" were performed by **TSgt Richard Vasquez** of the **USAF Band of the Pacific-Hawaii**. Then the traditional Fallen Comrades Tribute was delivered by **Command Sgt. Maj. Glenn Gomes, USA** who called for a toast and declared, "Let us remember and never forget their sacrifices." **Alan Miyamura** performed "Amazing Grace" on bagpipe followed by a performance of "Taps" to close the tribute.

## THE KEYNOTE SPEECH

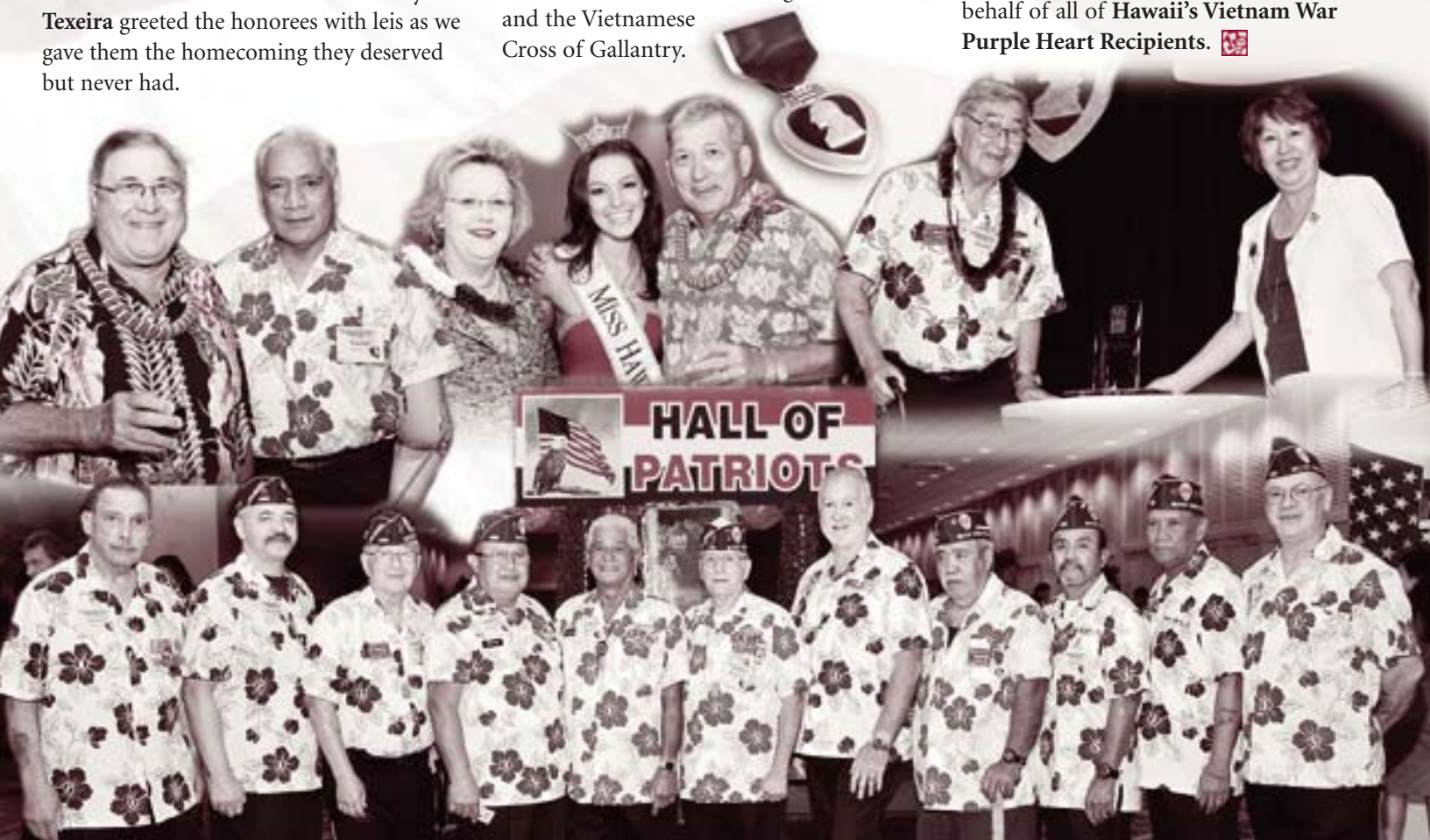
The Hawaii Foodbank was honored to have **Lt. Gen. H. C. "Hank" Stackpole, USMC (Retired)** as our keynote speaker. Born in New Haven, Connecticut, General Stackpole served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 36 years, retiring in 1994. General Stackpole completed two tours in Vietnam and engaged in infantry combat operations. He earned two Purple Hearts for his service, as well as the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

During his speech, General Stackpole shared his personal experiences in Vietnam, as well as stories from Medal of Honor recipient **Sgt. Maj. Allan Kellogg, USMC (Retired)** and **Command Sgt. Maj. Henry Lee, USA (Retired)** both Purple Heart recipients. He acknowledged the medics and corpsmen present for helping the wounded on the battlefield by asking them to stand and be recognized.

## THE PERPETUAL TIFFANY AWARD AND A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**Henry Lee**, President of the **Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 483**, then took the stage and made a special presentation to **Bob Jones**. Bob received a plaque recognizing his bravery and sacrifice in Vietnam while writing news reports on the Schofield Barracks 25th Division in 1966. During that time he was seriously wounded, but as a civilian, was not eligible for a Purple Heart.

Hawaii Foodbank Board Chair, **Linda Chu Takayama** joined Mr. Lee on stage to present the perpetual Tiffany Award on behalf of all of **Hawaii's Vietnam War Purple Heart Recipients**. 🇺🇸



# The 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CANstruction®

PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIA),  
HONOLULU CHAPTER

*S*aturday, September 18, 2010 — Pearlridge Center Uptown was buzzing with excitement as the building began for “Kids Can!,” The 5th Annual Canstruction® competition. After months of planning, teams from Hawaii’s leading architectural, allied design and engineering professionals “canstructed” their designs out of canned goods and other nonperishable foods. A total of 15,235 pounds of food was collected from this year’s Canstruction® competition.

Inspired by the theme of “Kids Can!,” *keiki* (child) were invited to build a structure themselves. Kids were asked to donate five cans of food at the Kids CAN Corner where they worked with volunteer architects from the AIA Honolulu Chapter to build a *honu* (turtle) out of cans of green beans.

Once the structures were completed, jurors were given the difficult task of choosing this year’s winners.

- **Jurors’ Favorite** – “Kids Can Take a Bite Out of Hunger” (apple) by Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc.
- **Structural Integrity and Best Use of Labels** – “Kids CAN ‘Shoot for the Stars’” (rocket) by Richard Matsunaga & Associates

*Structural Ingenuity and Best Use of Labels: “Kids CAN ‘Shoot for the Stars’” by Richard Matsunaga & Associates*



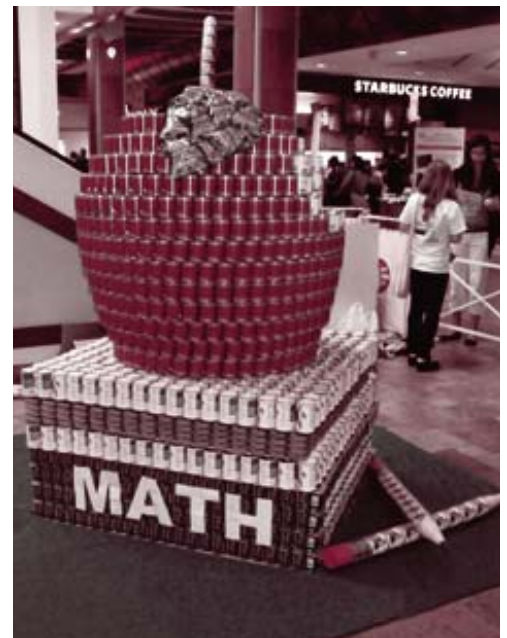
- **Best Meal** – “Happy Meals for Hungry Hearts” (McDonald’s Happy Meal) by Bowers + Kubota Consulting
- **Honorable Mention and Best Concept** “Scram! Recycle Your Cans!” (Oscar the Grouch) by Urban Works & Group 70 International

The structures were on display from September 18 through October 3 at Pearlridge Center Uptown. During this time, the public was encouraged to vote for its favorite structure by donating one can of food representing one vote. After two weeks of voting, the winner of the “**People’s Choice**” award was **Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company** with **1,725 votes** (cans). They constructed “**Kids Can Take a Bite Out of Hunger**,” an apple made of canned pork and beans on top of school books built with cans of pears, SPAM, olives and sardines.

Winning teams from the Honolulu competition will vie with winners from over 140 Canstruction® competitions from the United States and Canada as well as Australia, New Zealand and Columbia.

Mahalo to event sponsors **AIA Honolulu Chapter, Pearlridge Center, Makana Communications, HonBlue** and **C&S Wholesale Grocers**.

*Best Meal: “Happy Meals for Hungry Hearts” by Bowers + Kubota Consulting*



*Jurors’ Favorite: “Kids Can Take A Bite Out of Hunger” by Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc.*

Many thanks to Canstruction jurors **Steven Mark, Features Reporter, Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Jeff Nishi, AIA, Jeffery Nishi & Associates/ Architects and Sandi Quildon, AIA, PQ Architects, Inc.**

One CAN does make a difference. With your generous support, Canstruction® has raised almost **180,000 pounds** of food over the past five years to help feed the hungry in Hawaii.

Please join us next year for the **6th Annual Canstruction®** at Pearlridge Center, Uptown! 🗳️

*Honorable Mention and Best Concept: “Scram! Recycle Your Cans!” by Urban Works & Group 70 International*



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# HAWAII FOODBANK – KAUAI BRANCH

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECTION FEATURING NEWS FROM OUR HAWAII FOODBANK BRANCH IN KAUAI.  
**MORE TO COME!**

## AGENCY SPOTLIGHT Mutual Housing Association

At **Lihue Court Townhomes**, a low-income rental property on Kauai, the food pantry is the most widely used program offered by **Resident Services**.

“We serve about 200 people each month,” said **Joan Conrow**, the property’s **Resident Services Manager**. The 173-unit townhome complex has about 450 residents representing a broad cross section of ages and ethnicities. “Our residents really depend on the food pantry. We're glad the Hawaii Foodbank has come to Kauai because it's allowing us to better serve people in need.”

Joan and the property’s **Program Resources Coordinator, Jasmine Sadamitsu** do all the shopping for their twice-monthly distributions with residents assisting with the setup.

“They just jumped right in and volunteered,” said Jasmine, a former resident of Lihue Court turned new homeowner. “The kids really love to help.”

### A NEW FOOD PANTRY

Lihue Court recently opened a new food pantry as part of its Community Center expansion. The old pantry now serves as a closet in the Learning Center with 24 computers, thanks to funding provided by the **Bank of Hawaii Charitable Foundation, First Hawaiian Bank Foundation, G. N. Wilcox Trust, Atherton Family Foundation** and **McInerny Foundation**. A spacious meeting room with a kitchen was also added.

“I’d love to offer some cooking classes in our new kitchen, including creative, healthy and tasty ways to use the food we distribute at the food pantry,” Joan said. “And now that we have our community garden up and running, I’m hoping we can eventually offer some fresh fruit and produce.”

### RESIDENT OUTREACH

The garden and food pantry are just two of several programs offered by Lihue Court Resident Services. Joan and Jasmine lead various community-building and enrichment activities and team with organizations like the **Boys & Girls Club, YWCA** and **Child and Family Services/Head Start** to offer educational programs.




Joan and Jasmine hold food boxes made by Hawaii Foodbank volunteers on Oahu. The boxes will be distributed to residents in need at Lihue Court Townhomes.

The Resident Services concept is a unique characteristic of **Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii**, the nonprofit that owns Lihue Court. The Resident Services team works hand-in-hand with Property Management to foster a sense of community on the property and conduct outreach aimed at helping residents remain housed. Its sister properties, **Palolo Homes** and **Kekaulike Courtyards** on Oahu, are also affiliated with the Hawaii Foodbank.

“The food pantry is a great way to check in with our residents and see how they’re doing,” Joan said. “We see some who come for a few months when they hit a rough patch and that alerts us to direct them to other support services.”

With the hard economic times on Kauai, Lihue Court has seen a four-fold increase in demand for food.

“We do emergency food distributions too and it really helps to give a family some food when they’ve just lost their job or suffered some other financial setback,” Joan said. “Without the people who give to the Hawaii Foodbank, Kauai Branch that wouldn’t be possible. So from all of us at Lihue Court, mahalo nui loa.” 

# HAWAII FOODBANK IN THE COMMUNITY



## THE SPAM JAM FOUNDATION DONATES \$10,000 TO THE HAWAII FOODBANK

September 28, 2010 - In honor of a successful Waikiki SPAM Jam 2010, the SPAM Jam Foundation donated \$10,000 to the Hawaii Foodbank. Barbara Campbell, Outrigger Enterprises Group Vice President of Retail Leasing (second from right) and Toby Tamaye, AT Marketing President (second from left) presented the check to Polly Kauahi, Hawaii Foodbank Director of Development (left) and Megan Young, Hawaii Foodbank Development Assistant (right).

The check represented proceeds from SPAM merchandise sales at the 8th Annual Waikiki SPAM Jam. Other proceeds from the event totaling \$3,349.20 were received by the Foodbank in April.

A total of 1,600 cans of SPAM were donated by festival goers including the pallet of SPAM shown. SPAM and other canned proteins such as tuna, salmon, corned beef and Vienna Sausage are some of the foods most needed by the people the Hawaii Foodbank helps feed.

## DISNEY AULANI GIVES \$10,000 FOR THE FOOD 4 KEIKI BACKPACK PROGRAM

September 29, 2010 - The team from Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa at Ko Olina, donated \$10,000 to the Hawaii Foodbank Food 4 Keiki Backpack Program. The donation will provide food such as pasta bowls, soups, cereals, fruit and pudding cups, fruit snacks and beverages of chocolate milk and 100 percent fruit juice to kids at risk of hunger during the school year. Team Aulani filled 360 backpacks for next month's school distribution. Here with some of the completed backpacks are from left to right: Noel Trainor, Hawaii Foodbank First Vice Chair; Deanne Takara, Aulani Administrative Assistant; Djuan Rivers, Vice President, Disney Vacation Club and Resort, Hawaii; Johnlyn Doi, Aulani Administrative Assistant and Elliot Mills, Aulani Managing Director.



## TWO NEW FORKLIFTS FOR THE HAWAII FOODBANK!

October 14, 2010 - Representatives from Hawaii's local foundations came to present the Hawaii Foodbank with two new forklifts purchased with generous grant monies donated from each.



From left to right: Cori Weston and Mary Sellers, Bank of Hawaii Charitable Foundation; Momi Cazimero, Friends of Hawaii Charities and Vic Angoco, A&B Foundation. The Deerbrook Charitable Trust in Maryland and the Michael and Sandy Hartley Foundation in Hawaii also contributed towards the purchases.

## CHECK-OUT HUNGER KICKS OFF!

November 9, 2010 - Kraft Foods in Hawaii and representatives from Safeway, Times Supermarket and Don Quijote kicked off Check-Out Hunger, the Hawaii Foodbank annual holiday giving program at the Foodbank warehouse.



Kraft donated \$5,000 to start the program which last year, collected a record breaking \$187,746 statewide to feed Hawaii's children, seniors and low-income or homeless families in need.

From left to right: Kraft's Cheesasaurus Rex, Polly Kauahi, Director of Development, Hawaii Foodbank; Carl Fukushima, (title) Safeway; Chris Borden, Director of Marketing, Times Supermarket; Liza Garcia, Assistant Advertising Manager, Don Quijote and Gerald Shintaku, Business Manager, Kraft Foods in Hawaii.

## THE HAWAII LETTER CARRIERS ASSOCIATION RECEIVES THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD!

November 10, 2010 - The Hawaii Association of Letter Carriers received the distinguished President's Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Aloha Chapter in honor of their service to the Hawaii Foodbank and the state on National Philanthropy Day at the Sheraton Waikiki. For the past 18 years, the Hawaii Association of Letter Carriers has organized annual statewide food drives to help feed Hawaii's children, the elderly and those needing emergency food assistance. In May 2010, the Hawaii Letter Carriers collected 565,869 pounds of food statewide.

Accepting the award on behalf of the association are from left to right: Bruce McDowell, 2010 National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Honolulu Branch Coordinator; Adele Yoshikawa, 2010 NALC Chairperson, Hawaii; Daryl Ishizaki, Honolulu District Manager; Terry Kaolulo, Hawaii Association of Letter Carriers President and Wade Teraoka, NALC Board Member. Congratulations to all of Hawaii's Letter Carriers for helping the Hawaii Foodbank feed the hungry!



## NORDIC PCL CONSTRUCTION HELPS FEED THE HUNGRY WITH \$10,000!

November 16, 2010 - Nordic PCL Construction and Aloha United Way presented \$10,000 to the Hawaii Foodbank to help feed individuals and families in need this holiday season. The donation is part of a national companywide campaign in partnership with United Way to benefit designated nonprofit organizations in communities where Nordic PCL Construction employees live and work.



From left to right: Norm Baker, Vice President of Community Building, Aloha United Way; Dick Grimm, President, Hawaii Foodbank; Wayne Melnyk, President, Nordic PCL Construction and Glen Kaneshige, Executive Vice President, Nordic PCL Construction.

# FOOD DONOR SPOTLIGHT: HPC Foods, Ltd.

HPC Foods, Ltd. was founded in 1946 by **Kakuichi Tottori** as the **Honolulu Poi Company**, a small milling operation with three employees. Under the leadership of third generation **Ernest Tottori** and his wife **Miriam**, the company grew to be the state's largest poi manufacturer and a leader in the development of taro products, such as Taro Pancake Mix, Taro Bread Mix and Hawaiian Poi Powder.

## A PASSION FOR TARO

Ernest has always been passionate about the sustainability of taro and agriculture in general. He has spent countless hours on the company's 30 acre experimental taro farm in Haleiwa, studying and perfecting the optimum conditions under which taro will grow. He is driven by the need to ensure the viability of this cultural and staple crop for future generations. He shares his knowledge and discoveries with other farmers, State of Hawaii agencies and the University of Hawaii.

## BRANCHING OUT

In the early 1960's, HPC started growing sprouts and has become the largest producer in Hawaii. In the 1970's, they entered the cut vegetable and fruit processing industry with a state of the art processing facility that enables them to service many national food chains.



Father and son, Ernest and Craig Tottori of HPC Foods, Ltd. The Tottoris have provided the people of Hawaii with taro products and fresh produce for over 60 years.

HPC is one of the largest food manufacturers and distributors in Hawaii, producing a variety of products for the Taro Brand label and also distributes various local and mainland products. They are **Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)** approved, as well as certified by various individual audits. HPC Foods continues to grow and prosper on the simple philosophy of "Quality Customer Service and Products."

## THE NEXT GENERATION

The family's fourth generation has been actively involved in the business for decades, modernizing and upgrading the facilities and its operations. **President Craig**

**Tottori** and his brothers, **Brian** and **Paul** and sister, **Ann** are dedicated to continuing the legacy of quality products for which their company is known. Craig is also an active member of the **Hawaii State Farm Bureau**. HPC Foods is a strong supporter of **Aloha United Way**, the **Kalihi Business Association** and the **Hawaii Foodbank**.

## HELPING TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Last year, HPC donated over **111,000 pounds** of fresh produce to the Hawaii Foodbank. HPC donations over the last five years, total **over 450,000 pounds** of fresh produce.

*"HPC provides fresh produce to the Hawaii Foodbank Ohana Produce Program helping to feed people in 23 communities across Oahu. Fresh fruits and vegetables are an important source of nutrition for the families, seniors, homeless and disabled we serve,"* said **Mike Kajiwara, Hawaii Foodbank Director of Product Donations**. *"We sincerely appreciate HPC Foods support and commitment in helping to feed Hawaii's hungry."*

*"The Hawaii Foodbank is an organization that is essential in helping the community, especially during these tough economic times,"* said **Craig Tottori**. *"We are glad that we can help make a difference."* 🍌

# HARRY C. & NEE CHANG WONG FOUNDATION FOOD DROP OFF AREA

**November 24, 2010** - Faculty members of **Island Pacific Academy** collected **7,250 pounds** of food during their annual food drive - double last year's total! From left to right: **Dr. Dan White, Headmaster; Mr. Ben Murphy, Teacher; Mr. Stan Vincent, Dean of Student Grades 10 - 12** and **Mr. Stu Hirstein, Associate Headmaster**. 🍌



# Nourishing Body and Soul

Jade Moon



*“Blessed are those that can give without remembering and receive without forgetting.”-- Author Unknown*

Thanksgiving — already! Christmas — right around the corner — so soon! Surely there’s been a mistake, we cannot be ready to pack up 2010 so soon after we started, can we?

Okay, “glass half full” girl here — I know some people grumble that the holidays are commercial and arrive too quickly and we spend too much money, blah,

blah, blah. And I know that the older we get, the quicker the holidays descend upon us.

Truth? I love the holidays. Love them. The best things about them are the reasons they give us to stop, reflect, and most of all, to give thanks.

*“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” -- Melody Beattie*

I am so grateful that we belong to the best *ohana* in the state — the Hawaii Foodbank. The members of our extensive family truly represent the best parts of humanity-generosity, inclusiveness and love. If you receive this newsletter it means you are a part of our *ohana*, you have extended your hand and you believe that we, collectively and as individuals, can make lives better.

*“Every time we remember to say “thank you,” we experience nothing less than heaven on earth.”-- Sarah Ban Breathnach*

We here at the Hawaii Foodbank are grateful for your participation. We love that you share our values. And we are constantly amazed at your incredible generosity, especially in the face of so many economic setbacks. We want you to know that the people you are reaching out to help are reaching back with gratitude.

*“Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation.”-- Brian Tracy*

By helping those who struggle to move forward, you make it possible for them to achieve what may look impossible in their hour of need. You give them stability. Security. The strength to carry on and the possibility of carving out better lives. By feeding their children we help ensure their future. We can't afford to watch them fail.

*“So often we dwell on the things that seem impossible rather than on the things that are possible. So often we are depressed by what remains to be done and forget to be thankful for all that has been done.”*

*-- Marian Wright Edelman*

We have so much work to do. The holidays are tough for families who are barely surviving. We need to dig deeper into our own shrinking resources to help. But somehow-we do it. You do it. We do it together.

The Hawaii Foodbank is made up of people who share our commitment to *ohana*, and we want you to know something. We are so grateful for your help.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



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