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HAWAI'I ISLAND UNITED WAY NEWSLETTER
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We're kicking off our 2024-2025 campaign year with the theme, The Power of Giving! All of us here at the Hawai'i Island United Way are so passionate about what we do and we want to make sure we are reaching out to our community, until our arms hurt! We know all of you feel the same. Our goal this year is to reach out even more, and we need your help to make that happen. If you're a business, have you considered doing a workplace campaign to allow your employees to give via payroll deduction? If you're someone who wants to give independently, we are thankful for your choice and we understand our important job of making sure your hard-earned donation helps the most people. We are up to the challenge! For any questions or more information on how to support this year's campaign, please contact the HIUW office at (808) 935-6393 or visit hiuw.org.

CAMPAIGN

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A message from our President:



Greetings Friends and Neighbors,
Fall is just about here! It officially begins on September 22nd. It's known as the fall equinox; two moments in the year when the sun is exactly above the equator and day and night are of equal length. It's a transitional moment of stillness before the earth shifts directions. For some, it represents a time for balance and pause and new beginnings. It's also a time for reviewing all you have accomplished in the year thus far and expressing gratitude and thanks. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your many compassionate actions and generosity as partners, contributors, volunteers, and community leaders. Without your support we would not be able to carry forth our mission to serve those in great need; children and youth reaching their potential, individuals and families having health and financial security, and ensuring the basic needs of our most vulnerable are met.

Hawai'i Island United Way has always been an organization the community can count on when times are challenging and that will never change. Stepping up during critical times such as the Kilauea Lava Eruptions, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the catastrophic Maui Fires is as important as remaining steadfast in our commitment to our Big Island community needs. Thanks to dedicated and talented staff, volunteer leadership and entrusted community partners HIUW will continue to find the best ways to unite people, organizations, and resources to meet the immediate needs of our community and strengthen it for future generations to come.

This year's inspiring campaign theme is "The Power of Giving". As we enter the fall equinox with new beginnings, we ask you to join us by donating to our 2024-2025 "The Power of Giving"

Mahalo nui loa.. with gratitude,

Karen Davis, President and CPO
Hawai'i Island United Way

Did you know...

HIUW NOW ACCEPTS RECURRING CREDIT CARD DONATIONS VIA HIUW.ORG

After many donor requests, Hawai'i Island United Way has set up a recurring donation option for our credit card donors on our website at HIUW.org. Simply go to the donation page and when you use a credit card, you'll have the option to continue that pledge each month.

LOVE
THIS →

Losing the love of your life is an unfathomable pain. A prominent physician and leader of our community was a loving and beloved husband. He admitted the sorrow and depression he was experiencing after the death of his wife. He recognized that most men, especially of those that are rooted in Asian culture, refuse to recognize emotional pain and the need for professional care and comfort. The acknowledgement is often viewed as “un-masculine” or “weak”. As a trained and educated medical professional, he wanted to step up in the community to accept his need for therapy, counseling, and support. His continuous sought for our community bereavement programs have positively impacted other men who are experiencing similar pain and grief.

Volunteer Spotlight

I VOLUNTEER FOR HAWAI'I ISLAND UNITED WAY
BECAUSE....

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To be a part of the HIUW team, and to be surrounded with other staff and volunteers who believe in the same vision for our island is gratifying. I have a heart and passion for our community here on Hawaii island. My hope is to share the love and Aloha to all and to make a positive impact in our community and help our community thrive.



[FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOLUNTEERING VISIT: HIUW.ORG/VOLUNTEER/](https://hiuw.org/volunteer/)

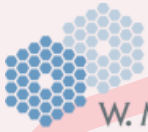


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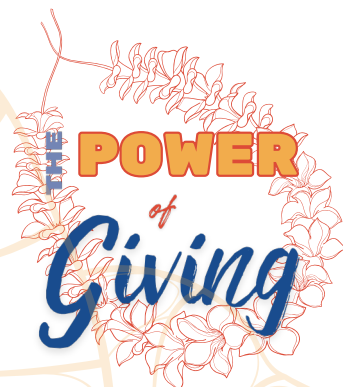


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LET'S COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED ACROSS HAWAI'I ISLAND. YOUR PARTICIPATION HELPS CHANGE LIVES!

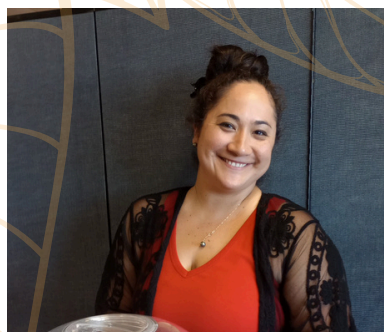
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Join us and be a part of the Power of Giving with our 2024-2025 Annual Workplace Campaign where you can give through payroll deduction. Contact us today at campaign@hiuw.org or get more information on our website at hiuw.org. Don't miss this opportunity for your organization and your employees!



We want to say a warm aloha to Chelsy Walport, who recently moved back to the mainland! You helped us make an impact on our Big Island Community and we will be forever grateful! We miss you already!



but with every goodbye is a new hello....

We are excited to welcome our new Campaign and Special Events Coordinator Vanessa Tablit! Vanessa is jumping right in and we are thrilled to have her on board!

Wecome to the team Vanessa!!

