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HAWAI'I ISLAND UNITED WAY NEWSLETTER
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As we wind down our 2023-2024 campaign giving year, we want to take the time to thank all in our community who help us with our mission and give us the ability to support the many non-profits working day and night to help those who are most vulnerable. Whether it is participating through our fundraising events, or through a workplace campaign or your individual generosity there is never enough "thank you's" to all who help us be successful year after year.

It has been a tough year with the rising cost of EVERYTHING, and we know more than ever our local community is seeing a lot of suffering, but we also see success! We know and believe that our continued hard work is helping many and contributes to a thriving local community.

So, while "thank you" is never enough, know that we are GRATEFUL for the support and look forward to working together again in the 2024-2025 upcoming campaign year.

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Luck of the Irish 2024
Sen. Dru Kanuha, Donn De La Cruz & Tracy Hiyashi

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A message from our President:

Aloha e,

As Hawai'i Island United Way concludes its final quarter of the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year we reflect on the challenges as well as successes. Though we fell short of our General Campaign goal given the many challenges this year, we celebrate showing up. Our donors, volunteers, team members and the community as whole continue to show up in whatever capacity possible to help those who are in greatest need. This includes supporting our neighbor islands, in this case Maui. When the devastating fires happened, HIUW along with many Hawai'i island residences and businesses showed up to support Maui even when our own island is struggling. HIUW raised over \$22,000 for the Maui recovery efforts within the first eight weeks of the disaster and 100% of the funds were sent to Maui. HIUW invested over \$400,000 into our community through funding 33 essential health and human service programs and eight commercial kitchens and/or food pantries addressing food insecurity on our island. Everyone showed up in one way or another.

Trust is important in all relationships. In fact, it is a necessity. HIUW is listening to you and we are putting your funds to work in the community where you have asked us to. We want to thank our donors for their unwavering trust and support in Hawai'i Island United Way and for believing in our mission. We have much work to do, and we are excited about it! We humbly ask you to continue this worthwhile journey with us as we move into the next Campaign Fund Raising year beginning July 1st. Remember, no donation or volunteering of your time is too little!

Mahalo nui loa.. with gratitude,



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

Did you know...

HIUW hosts an events page on their website

Looking for information on what's happening in your community? HIUW has launched its events page featuring events hosted by our local non-profits. Go to <https://hiuw.org/news-events/event-calendar.html> to see what's going on.

Our most recent homeowner by unfortunate circumstances was forced to leave the house they were residing in. With nowhere else to go, the single mother with 3 children decided to build an unpermitted structure on rural property she had purchased, hoping to build a home "someday", when funding would allow. That "someday" had not arrived when she had to then make the decision to build the structure out of pallets and plywood with an old inflatable swimming pool as a water catchment. After partnering with Habitat the family had to wait even further as the pandemic shut down construction activities for the better part of a year and a half. Finally, this ohana's "someday" arrived when they closed on the residence and were given the keys to their new home.



Volunteer Spotlight

Paulette
Wilson

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

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I have a passion for HIUW and what it supports. I believe I can make a positive impact on our community while meeting new people and reuniting with individuals I may already know. Networking, building or rebuilding camaraderie and teamwork is rewarding. Gaining knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs is important. If I can be instrumental, if even in the slightest way, it is gratifying.

THANK
YOU



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

OFFICE REMODEL

This year we are grateful for many things but today, we are especially grateful to our volunteer Tony for his generosity on our "surprise" office remodel! Your generous donation of materials and labor is the gift that keeps on giving!!



AFTER



BEFORE



HIUW MIXER



HIUW has many goals, one of which is to collaborate within our community to bring more resources to those in need. This year our partner agencies asked for a partner mixer so they could get to know each other and share resources. The first Partner Agency Mixer took place on June 7 at the Mokupapapa Discovery Center in Hilo. This was a really fun event and a great place to collaborate and come together to help our community! We hope to have this event again later this year in Kona!

