



# PŪPŪKAHI

HAWAII ISLAND UNITED WAY NEWSLETTER  
SECOND QUARTER 2022



## NEW MAILING ADDRESS ALERT!

2022 is quickly coming to a close and all of us at the Hawai'i Island United Way would like to wish all of you the happiest of Holidays. We are reminded once again how robust our community is as prices rise, covid lingers and Mauna Loa awakens. However, the community on Hawai'i Island always comes together when needed to support each other.

We are excited to meet the year 2023 head on with all of its new ideas as well as a few challenges to keep us on our toes.

Our main focus continues to be Education, Income & Health for the people of Hawai'i Island. Keep reading and see what we have been up to.

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# A message from our President:



It's promising to look back on the year and be able to recognize that life has returned to some sense of normalcy in 2022. There have been more and more meetings and events held in person, families, friends, and businesses are gathering during the holidays, in person connections are being reestablished and new ones are being made.

We all made it through another year of challenges and yet the needs of our community are great. In addition, our partner agencies continue to realize a high demand for their human service programs. This year, Hawai'i Island United Way (HIUW) provided over \$294,000 of supplemental funding to our 28 nonprofit partners that focus on improving the finances, health & well-being, and education of individuals in our community who are in great need. HIUW provided over \$400,000 of federal funding to our community to address ongoing food insecurity and lack of shelters for individuals who do not have a roof over their head. Moving into 2023, we are committed in our continued efforts to advance our nonprofits and our community.

As we finish out the end of this year, I would like to take this moment to thank all our generous donors, volunteers, board of directors, community partners, and vendors for your kokua, trust, and solidarity. I would like to thank our staff for their tireless work and efforts. I recognize that HIUW would not be where we are without your generosity and contributions. Mahalo nui loa.

I wish you, your ohana, and your friends a healthy, safe, and happy new year.

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

Did you  
know...



The Jewish Federations  
OF NORTH AMERICA



The National Council of the  
Churches of Christ in the USA



## **The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP)**

On March 24, 1983, the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) was established to address food and shelter insecurities. Legislation created a National Board, chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that consisted of representatives of the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army and United Way Worldwide.

United Ways throughout the country are the administrators of this important program which establish local boards to assist in the allocation of funding. HIUW's current local board consists of members from (Hawaii Island United Way, Hope Services, The Salvation Army, Hilo Temple Corps, Local representative for the National Jewish Foundation, American Red Cross, Catholic Charities Hawaii, YWCA & unhoused community). These local boards manage the FEMA distribution of these funds annually to local non-profits who have demonstrated their dedication to feeding our less fortunate community members. A huge mahalo to our EFSP board volunteers and our EFSP nonprofits for your contributions to this critical program!



Domestic abuse continues to be a problem in the islands, and the Covid-19 pandemic escalated the situation, with many now stuck together in their homes. Child and Family Services (CFS) Domestic Abuse Shelter (DAS) is a safe place for families to go during a crisis situation.

As a long-time partner with Hawai'i Island United Way (HIUW), CFS collaborates with other Partners in the program to help them help their communities. Here is an example of how the DAS shelter helped to strengthen a family in distress:

A young woman entered the shelter with her 6-year-old daughter following an incident where her partner threatened to kill her in front of their daughter. The young woman reported extreme physical abuse from her partner, including verbal abuse to her and her child. This woman was referred to the EHDAS hotline by the child's school and was accepted into the shelter. When they arrived at the shelter, they were afraid, tired, and hungry. The staff went straight to work and provided them with food, clothing, and toiletries needed for the woman and her child.

The woman continued to work with staff and was able to file a TRO against her partner as well as get information from Legal Aide Hawaii to seek a divorce. The young woman became increasingly empowered as she attended women's pattern-changing classes, sought emotional support and DV education from staff, and obtained services with PARENTS Inc. The woman successfully enrolled her child into a Hawaiian immersion school and maintained bilingual skills with her child despite the turmoil they were going through. She was also able to submit an application for the Transitional Housing Program and was successfully admitted. She sought support for her TRO hearing, and a staff provided court advocacy while she attended court digitally due to fearing her partner.

The woman also shared with staff that she consistently made safety plans with her daughter whenever they left the shelter in case they ran into her partner, and she had signed them both up for self-defense classes. As a result, the young woman and her daughter were discharged from the shelter after several months and entered the TAP program, where she has continued towards her goal of promoting a safe and healthy lifestyle for her and her daughter, free of domestic violence.

## Volunteer Spotlight

I VOLUNTEER FOR HAWAII ISLAND UNITED WAY

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*I volunteer with HIUW because I believe it's one of the most impactful non-profit organizations on the island. By providing much needed funding to dozens of non-profit organizations on the island, HIUW has the largest reach and can help children, people in dire situations, people with disabilities, and our older population. I also believe it's a great organization for business professionals to join as they are focused on their operations and future strategies.*

*Mahalo Helen for supporting our mission!*



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



# Workplace Campaign



## Why run a workplace campaign?

Hawai'i Island United Way's campaign fundraising efforts this year provided over \$280,000 in grant funding to more than 40 programs through our partner agencies. In addition, HIUW managed and distributed over \$400,000 in Emergency Food & Shelter, \$18,000 to address internet and technology insecurity on Hawai'i Island, another \$8500 for fundraising efforts to other nonprofits with various initiatives and \$11,000 in direct Covid relief grants. However, there is still more work to be done. Now more than ever, Hawai'i Island needs your support.

Beginning every September, Hawai'i Island United Way runs its Annual Workplace Campaign in hopes of raising funds for local nonprofit partners. **Workplace giving is an easy and significant way to help employees make a difference and show them that their workplace actively supports our local community's critical issues.** Employees of a company are allowed to support their community by donating a portion of their paycheck through payroll, which is the most popular among companies.

Employees also can contribute through cash, check, or even online via credit card. Whether a small business, major corporation, or nonprofit, you can join the thousands of local companies and organizations that run workplace giving campaigns each year.

*No amount is too little.  
Consider giving today at [HIUW.ORG](https://HIUW.ORG).*

# Start Building Healthier Communities with HIUW.





## 26TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Hawai'i Island United Way's 26th Annual Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament was held on October 28-30th, 2022. This long-awaited event was a tremendous success in bringing participants together to help raise money and awareness as well as to cultivate collective partnerships. Proceeds from this event will benefit the 43 health and human service programs that help Hawai'i Island families and individuals each year.

For those who bought the platinum package, the first night involved a night at the Food and Wine Festival hosted at the Mauna Kea Beach Resort. Day 2 started with a game of early practice golf at Kohanaiki, followed by a reception and dinner featuring none other than John Cruz and his band. A night full of great company, ono food, and live music. Guests could place bids on auction items like a seven-night stay in Tuscany, a two-night stay at the Royal Kona Resort, a snorkeling tour with Body Glove Hawai'i, and so much more. Day three of the event consisted of another beautiful day for golf and fun in excellent weather conditions held at the challenging Mauna Kea Resort. The weekend ended with a great BBQ lunch and golf prizes for all participants. Another great event for the books. Mahalo to all sponsors and participants for helping to make this a successful event!

*Save the Date*  
**MARCH 2023**

Teams Unite! Join us for our Luck of the Irish Golf Tournament fundraiser! We once again tee up to raise money for our Hawai'i Island communities.

Follow us on social media for an official announcement and details coming soon.



# Mahalo!

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