



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT & CPO, JESS THOMPSON
MAY 2026

Aloha Friends,

Over the past two years, we've invested more than \$18,000 each month, supporting 25 nonprofit organizations and 36 programs that advance health, education, and financial stability across Hawai'i Island. Our Furniture Bank, Nonprofit Network, and Workplace Campaigns continue to expand access and opportunity for those who need it most.

At the same time, like many nonprofits across our community, we are navigating an increasingly uncertain financial landscape. Rising costs, shifting funding streams, and growing needs are placing real pressure on our ability to sustain and grow this work. We share this not as a setback, but as an honest reflection of the moment we're in—and a reminder that our impact is only possible because of collective support.

As we near the close of our current Community Impact Grants cycle on June 30, 2026, we extend our deepest mahalo to the partners turning these investments into real impact every day. Your work continues to inspire us, especially during times when resilience matters most.

Check out our newsletter to learn more about:

- Announcing our 2026–2027 Community Impact Grant awardees on May 28, World Hunger Day
- Join us for our Annual Meeting on June 5 and help us shape our impact in the year ahead
- Mark your calendars for the Luck of the Irish Golf Tournament, rescheduled for August 8–9—we hope to see you there

Together, we're building a stronger Hawai'i Island—especially in moments like this when community matters most. Mahalo for standing with us and being part of this work.

With gratitude,
Jess Thompson



Join us for a press conference where we highlight the urgent need to end hunger on Hawai'i Island.

WORLD HUNGER DAY

MAY 28TH AT 10:00 AM
HO'OLAKO ON PONAHAWAI

--2026-2027 HIUW COMMUNITY IMPACT: FOOD AND HOUSING SECURITY GRANTEES INTRODUCED

--INTRODUCING THE FOOD BASKET'S HO'OLAKO SITE, FUTURE AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION CENTER AND FOOD SYSTEMS CAMPUS

UNITED, WE RISE ABOVE
CHALLENGES.



Hawai'i Island
UNITED WAY



**THE
FOOD BASKET**
HAWAII ISLAND'S FOOD BANK

HAWAI'I ISLAND FURNITURE BANK
A Pilot Program of Hawai'i Island United Way

FIRST 6 MONTHS REPORT

- **11** 'OHANA SERVED
- APPROXIMATELY **26** PEOPLE TOTAL SERVED IN THE 11 HOUSEHOLDS
- **438** GENTLY USED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS DISTRIBUTED
- TOP REFERRING AGENCIES: HOPE SERVICES AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE OF PUNA



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Hawai'i Island
UNITED WAY

ANNUAL MEETING

June 5, 2026

4:30PM Pau Hana

5:30-6:30PM Annual Meeting

561 Kupuna Pl, Hilo, HI 96720

Mahalo to Hawai'i Island Adult Care for Hosting!

*Celebrate the Community Impact we made in 2025-2026!

*Review 2025-2026 Financials

*Vote for 2025-2026 Board of Directors and Officers

*Plug into 2026-2027 Community Impact Opportunities

PS--As always, please feel free to bring donations for our furniture bank!

UNITED, WE LIFT EACH OTHER UP.



Luck of the Irish GOLF Tournament

Mauna Lani Golf Course

August 8th and 9th

(Rescheduled due to Kona Low)

A FEW SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

**Email Jess for registration or sponsorship info:
cpo@hiuw.org**



2025-2026 Campaign

It's Not Too Late to Make an Impact!

The 2025–2026 Hawai'i Island United Way Campaign is still going strong – and your gift can help us finish the year with hope and momentum. **Every dollar you give stays local, supporting programs that strengthen health, education, and financial stability for families across our island.**

Ways to Give Today:

Online Donations – Visit <http://www.hiuw.org> for one-time or recurring gifts.

Workplace Campaigns – Rally your team for a cause that matters.

Email campaign@hiuw.org to get started.

It's never too late to show what aloha looks like in action. Let's close out 2025 strong – together!

Questions? Contact us at campaign@hiuw.org or call 808-935-6393.