Keiki Cafe to Expand in Year IV

(Lihue) Last year, we noticed that some of the youth at the Keiki Cafe were hiding some of their food — instead of eating it. They were simply “stocking up” to have enough food for the weekend (or to share with their younger brothers and sisters). It broke our hearts to hear, “Auntie, we no mo’ food at home!”

Thus, the new “Backpack Program” was born, and begins August, 2007. Nutritious food will be provided in unlabelled backpacks so children will have food at home when other food supplies are not available. Nutrition education will also be offered to youth to prevent obesity often caused by eating cheap, but fat-filled foods.

Three years ago, the Kauai Food Bank started the only Keiki Cafe in the State of Hawaii. The Keiki Cafe feeds nutritious foods to hungry children in a structured, after-school setting. The Keiki Cafe is moving into Year IV and expanding because of support from the community and YOU!

Located at the Boys and Girls Club, Waimea Clubhouse, the Keiki Cafe serves “super-sized” snacks five days a week to needy children aged 7-17.

Food Stamp Outreach Program

With funding from the Hawaii Community Foundation, and the Annie Sinclair Knudsen Foundation, the Kauai Food Bank is coordinating food stamp outreach efforts to our eligible kupuna on Kauai. Sadly, our seniors show the lowest food stamp participation rate of any group who may be eligible to receive food stamps.

Working in partnership with the County, State, and our volunteers (we call them our “Akamai Kupuna Club Members”), we help eligible kupuna complete and submit the 22 page food stamp application.

Food stamps are the nation’s premier nutrition program, but Hawaii’s food stamp participation rate from 2000-2005 has actually decreased about 19%. A federal entitlement program, Hawaii is currently losing about $76 million each year in unused food stamp benefits.

Food Banks simply cannot make up this loss, and the prudent thing to do is use our resources to bring in new food dollars to Kauai.
**Message from the President**

**ALOHA!**

From the entire Board of Directors and all persons associated with the Food Bank, a big “MAHALO” for your continued, generous support. The first half of the year has been busy, but the remaining half of the year becomes an even busier time for us.

We collect food and funds for our Keiki Cafe and for our senior program. As you may know, our Keiki Cafe and our Food Stamp “kupuna” outreach programs are some of the most innovative in the State.

To learn more about our work, programs and mission, I sincerely encourage you to visit our website, www.kauaifoodbank.org. It provides you with factual information about our islands hunger needs as well as our many programs. Again, MAHALO NUI LOA, Kauai!

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**Staff News**

**Michelle Panoke is a woman on the move!**

Originally hired November 2005 as part of our Vocational Rehabilitation program (in partnership with the SEE Hawaii Work Program). She became a permanent Food Bank employee in May, 2006. Her upbeat, and hard-working attitude just earned her a promotion to Warehouse Supervisor, effective July, 2007.

**Kelvin Moniz Returns!**

In 1998, Kelvin joined the Food Bank team and has worked the Warehouse Floor, Special Events and even in Development. After 7 years at the Food Bank, he left for a County job, only to return in 2007. “No training needed” Moniz, is a valuable additional to our team and is again working in Development and Programs. As he always says, “Once a FoodBanker, always a Food Banker!” Welcome Back, Kelvin to the Food Bank Ohana!

**Anlyn Flores, Accountant**

How can you argue with an accountant who thinks that $1 + 1 = 3$? On October 7, 2006, Anlyn Flores gave birth to Carlan Jericho Castillo —almost two months before her due date! Both mother and Carlan are in GREAT shape and doing fine. Congratulations!

**Alisha Justice**

Agency Relations/ Volunteer Coordinator

Alisha came to the Food Bank Team through a referral from the SEE Hawaii Work Program. Our partnership with SEE Hawaii helps fulfills the Food Bank mission to eliminate Hunger through vocational rehabilitation. Originally from Washington State, Alisha has an AS degree in Natural Resources, and a 3 1/2 year old son, Zekiah. Alisha likes to read, hike, and has been a community volunteer on Kauai with several non-profit organizations.
Agencies We Proudly Serve!

Aloha Church
Alu Like-Kauai
American Red Cross
ARC
ARC of Kauai
Boys and Girls Club– Waimea
Boys and Girls Club– Kapaa
Breath of Life Calvary Chapel
Catholic Charities
Child and Family Service
Church of the Pacific
Circles of Light
Eleele Baptist Church
Hale Ho’omalu
Kae Kipa
Hale O’pio Foster Parents
Hanapepe Church of the Nazarene
Hanapepe UCC
Hina Mauka
Ho’ike
Hui O’Na Makuahine
Ho’okahi o Kauai
Island Worship Center
Kalaheo Missionary Church
Kapaa 7th Day Adventist
Kapaa Baptist Church
Kauai Children’s Discovery Museum
Kauai Economic Opportunity
Kauai Habitat for Humanity
Kauai Hospice
Kauai Humane Society
Kauai United Way
KEO– Homeless Care Van
Kings Chapel
Koloa Missionary Church
Koloa Union Church
Lawai Valley 7th Day Adventist
LDS– Kalaheo Ward
Lihue Baptist Church
Lihue Court Town Homes
Malama Pono
Mental Health Kokua
Nana’s House–Wai’amea
New Hope Kapaa
Organization of Kalalau Kareakers
Pu’uwai Youth Program
Punana Leo O’ Kauai
Queen Lili’uokalani Children’s Center
Salvation Army-Hanapepe
Salvation Army–Lihue
St. Michael’s and All Angels Episcopal Church
St. Raphael Food Pantry
The Way of Salvation
Thy Word Ministries
Timao Health Services
U-Turn for Christ
Waiamea United Church of Christ
West Kauai United Methodist Church
Westside Interchurch Church Food Pantry
YMCA
YMCS-SATS
YWCA– Women’s Shelter
YWCA—Girlz Zone

In 2006, volunteers gave more than 11,130 hours of their aloha to help feed the Kauai Food Bank feed the hungry.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 1-30
Give Aloha: Foodlands Annual Matching Gifts Program: Be sure and look for the KFB when you present your Maika‘i Card

October 13-December 15
Holiday Food Drive with drop offs at all Fire Stations and at the KFB

November 16
Turkey Giveaway to the Community

YES, I want to reach people in need, help feed Kauai’s hungry, and end hunger on Kauai!

Please use the enclosed envelope to send your tax deductible donation to help feed Kauai’s people. Your donation is protected under the Kauai Food Bank Donor Relations Policy.

☐ Yes, I am interested in volunteering at the Kauai Food Bank.
☐ Yes, please send me information about planned giving.

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone: _______________ E-mail: _______________
Almost 20% of Kauai’s population make these impossible choices daily. But with your help, the Kauai Food Bank can change these figures and continue to be the safety net for our community’s well being.

Hunger is everyone’s problem and Hunger won’t go away on its own. But hunger is a solvable problem, and we need your help. Please join us in making a difference for Kauai and its people.

50% of people fed by the food bank are children. 
Your $100.00 gift provides food worth $700!