



The Poi Pounder

“Auntie. . . We no mo’ food at home!”

Keiki Cafe to Expand in Year IV

Quick Facts

- ◆ More than 5,000 people are fed each month—of which 50% are children and 25% are elderly
- ◆ About 25% of those fed are Native Hawaiian
- ◆ For every dollar donated, we can distribute \$7 worth of groceries
- ◆ Almost half a million pounds of food distributed to the needy last year
- ◆ Over 60 charitable organizations receive food from the food bank and then deliver it to the needy

(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 week-end (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.

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.

The Keiki Cafe is moving into Year IV and expanding because of support from the community and YOU!

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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.



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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!

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.

Analyn Flores, Accountant
How can you argue with an accountant who thinks that 1 + 1 = 3? On October 7, 2006, Analyn 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!



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!

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 fulfill 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'omalua
 Kale 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-Waimea
 New Hope Kapaa
 Organization of Kalalau Karetakers

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
 Waimea 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
 time and
 aloha to help
 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, Saturday
 Holiday Food Drive Day

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: _____



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*** \$100 provides \$700 worth of food!***

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Our Mission Statement

Provide food for the hungry, respond to emergencies, and eliminate Hunger.

- Should a child's only meal be the one they get at school?
- Should a family have to choose between food and rent?
- Should seniors have to choose between buying food or their vital medicines?



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!