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Aloha, 2019!

Now that 2019 is fully upon us, it warms my heart to look back on the moments we shared in 2018. Each success was made possible with the support of loyal donors, generous corporate sponsors and a myriad of community partners like you.

Last year, Hawaii Foodbank worked to impact the lives of 1 in 8 Hawaii residents who struggle with hunger. Your kōkua not only provided nourishment but also produced hope, independence and dignity.

With your generous support, we were able to endure a turbulent year of natural disasters that depleted our food inventory. Despite those challenges - we refined our internal practices, tightened our belts and added to our portfolio of food partner agencies. These changes allowed us to continue to meet the needs of our communities.

Our programs like ‘Ohana Produce Plus and the Senior Food Box Program continue to grow, and they are helping us serve more families and kupuna. We distributed more fresh fruits and vegetables than ever before, and we’re just getting started.

We also launched a new School Pantry Program last May. The negative effects of hunger on a child’s academic performance has been well-documented for years. Accordingly, our School Pantry Program aims to provide vital resources for students, their siblings and families in need. This program will grow in 2019!

We’re excited about what’s ahead and look forward to working with all of you to make 2019 a year of opportunity for those we serve. Thank you for believing in what we do; it is made possible because of your spirit, support and trust.

With much aloha,

Ron Mizutani, Hawaii Foodbank President and CEO

The people of Hawaii are one ‘ohana. Hawaii Foodbank provides food so that no one in our family goes hungry. We work to gather food and support from our communities. We then distribute food through charitable agencies to those in need. Our mission is from the heart, and we will fulfill our mission with integrity, humanity and aloha.

Nourish Our ‘Ohana is the official newsletter of Hawaii Foodbank. This publication serves to thank our donors and inform the public about Hawaii Foodbank events, volunteer opportunities, community partnerships and more. If you do not wish to receive a copy, please email: donorservices@hawaiifoodbank.org or call 808-954-7853 to have your name removed from our mailing list.

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In response to last year’s influx of natural disasters, Young Brothers graciously partnered with Hawaii Foodbank throughout the year to deliver much-needed supplies to affected communities.

Among the joint efforts:
- In April, 9,508 pounds of fresh produce were shipped for free from Honolulu to assist the Kauai flood victims.
- In July, Hawaii Island received multiple pallets of personal hygiene items for victims of the volcano disaster.
- In August, Hawaii Island received nearly 37,000 pounds of food along with water and personal hygiene items for disaster relief.
- In November, Young Brothers shipped a 20-foot container of water to replenish Hawaii Island’s disaster supply.

“We’re so incredibly grateful to Young Brothers for their partnership this year in helping to ship much-needed food and other supplies to those affected by the Kauai floods and Kilauea eruption,” said Ron Mizutani, president and CEO of Hawaii Foodbank.

“The recovery efforts on Kauai and Hawaii island have been a priority,” said Joe Boivin, president of Young Brothers. “We’re pleased we could partner with Hawaii Foodbank to give back to the community and help those in need.”
Early in the fall, Landmark Logistics Corporation committed to donating $1,000 to Hawaii Foodbank for every game won by the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors football team. This quickly inspired other businesses to join the fight against hunger while supporting local sports.

“When the UH football team first went 2-0, Hawaii was experiencing various natural disasters – leaving many residents in need of food and emergency supplies,” said Corey Correa, president and executive chairman of Landmark Logistics. “After seeing news headlines stating that Hawaii Foodbank was running low on supplies, I thought this would be a great opportunity for Landmark Logistics to rally behind our local athletes while also raising food and monetary donations for community members in need. We are a proud partner of Hawaii Foodbank, and we are absolutely amazed with the amount of local businesses who joined our campaign in the fight against hunger.”

In celebration of the Rainbow Warriors’ winning season and conclusion of the UH Football Victory Donation Campaign, various businesses met with Head Coach Nick Rolovich at Hawaii Foodbank, Dec. 20. Michael Gangloff, CEO and CFO of MIRA Image Construction; Mike Malone, owner of Defend Hawaii; Drew Santos, president of Admor HVAC Products; Corey Correa, president and executive chairman of Landmark Logistics Corporation; and David Dunham, founder and president of Kawika’s Painting Inc. presented Hawaii Foodbank with a cumulative donation for $25,200.

“Hawaii Foodbank is deeply touched by the support we’ve received from local businesses and we congratulate Coach Rolovich and the UH Rainbow Warriors on their exciting victories this football season,” said Ron Mizutani, president and CEO of Hawaii Foodbank. “Like our Rainbow Warriors, these businesses came together as a team, and their commitment to serving hungry residents across our state is truly an inspiration to us all.”

Hawaii Foodbank on Oahu and Kauai are each receiving $8,000 from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation to address food insecurity throughout the community.

In presenting the donation, Chris Sbarbaro, Enterprise’s vice president of sales and marketing in Hawaii, said, “Two years ago, Enterprise Rent-A-Car committed to help address food insecurity around the world, including right here in Hawaii. We support our local food banks in their fight against hunger.”

“Hawaii Foodbank is extremely grateful to partner with Enterprise Rent-A-Car for the third straight year,” said Ron Mizutani, president and CEO of Hawaii Foodbank. “Hunger can be a temporary challenge, or it can be a chronic issue that requires people to choose between paying for food and housing, health care or education. Enterprise understands this, and we are humbled by their hearts and commitment to make a difference in Hawaii.”

The Stylistics, legendary Grammy Award nominees and all-time Hawaii favorite, returned to Honolulu for a holiday show, Dec. 30, at Blaisdell Concert Hall. Hawaii Foodbank was named the beneficiary of sales from special VIP packages that went on sale for the event. Packages included a medley of pre-concert dinner options, premium concert seats, valet parking, a post-concert reception and more.

Hawaii Foodbank extends its gratitude to The Stylistics, Billie Gabriel of Gabriel MMI, Barb Saito of Aloha Group International, Chef Chai, Mariposa at Neiman Marcus, Morton’s The Steakhouse, MW Restaurant, Vino Italian Tapas and Wine Bar, and everyone who attended for contributing to Hawaii Foodbank’s mission.
14th Annual Hunger Walk Rallies Community and Generates Support for Food Partner Agencies

Every year in September, Hawaii Foodbank hosts Hunger Walk, a one-mile charity walk to raise funds to help feed Hawaii’s hungry ‘ohana. 2018 marked the second consecutive year the event took place at Waterfront Plaza. Monies raised benefit Hawaii Foodbank’s food partner agencies on Oahu – food pantries, feeding programs, homeless shelters, rehabilitation centers, soup kitchens and more.

“We could not reach the communities we do without the help of our food partner agencies who work tirelessly in the fight to end hunger in Hawaii. Hunger Walk is the one day where we can all connect and celebrate with members of the community who advocate our mission and share the same heart of giving back,” said Beverly Santos, Hawaii Foodbank’s director of food drive and events.

The event raised more than $159,000, including a generous matching gift of $35,180 from the event’s title sponsor, the Harry C. and Nee Chang C. Wong Foundation. The foundation has supported Hunger Walk every year since its inception.

Special mahalo to the following groups and individuals for their contributions to the 14th Annual Hunger Walk:

- Harry C. and Nee Chang C. Wong Foundation
- Waterfront Plaza
- Joann Kinmoto of Summit Media
- Youth Challenge Academy
- Hawai‘i English Language Program
- Russell Kikuta of A/V Hawaii
- Safety Systems
- Dole
- E Ola Koa
- Vaihi
- Aloun Farms
- Habilitat
- Partners in Development
- Gayleen Balai of Ho’omana
- Gayla Traylor

In October, teams of local architects put their building skills to the test at AIA Honolulu’s 13th annual Canstruction® competition. Seven teams – Bowers + Kubota Consulting, Coffman Engineers, G70/Swinerton, HDR, AECOM/Hensel Phelps, WATG and WSP USA – participated in the competition, which was held at Pearlridge Center.

The theme for this year’s competition was “Comic-CAN,” and structures were designed with up to 4,400 cans of non-perishable food items. HDR’s “Dragon Ball – C” structure won Best Original Design, and AECOM/Hensel Phelps won the People’s Choice Award for their “Cansformer” creation.

Cans from the event combined with votes submitted as canned food donations from the public totaled 17,763 pounds.

Mahalo nui to the organizers, participating teams, volunteers and all those involved in making this year’s Canstruction® a success.

Hawaii Foodbank introduced its inaugural Holiday Food Drive to help make it easy for those interested in giving during the holidays.

The community was encouraged to host their own food drives throughout the month of December and deliver their donations to Hawaii Foodbank’s Oahu warehouse on Dec. 22. Staff and volunteers were on hand to receive donations, and even Santa made an appearance.

Hawaii Foodbank is incredibly grateful to be the beneficiary of such an amazing event.

Mahalo nui to Lyft, Honolulu Moanalua Lions Club, Oahu Wedding Association, Aloha Bridal Connections, VIVIDfotos and DIS-N-DAT Media Group for donating their time and services to the event.
A different kind of resolution

Each new year, people all over Hawaii are filled with a newfound optimism in their ability to do better. We see it every January and February – we make resolutions centered around things like losing weight, kicking old habits and taking up new hobbies.

Now that the first several weeks of 2019 are over, we’ve had some time to consider our resolutions with all the good intentions of the new year. No doubt, the typical resolutions of weight loss and healthy eating are great forms of self-improvement. They are full of merit, and it is important for us to take care of our own personal well-being.

However, perhaps this year we can also incorporate resolutions that give back to our community as a whole. Here are three different kinds of resolutions you can make this year that will help nourish our hungry ‘ohana.

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1. Teach Our Keiki about Giving Back

Involve the keiki in your plans to give back. Whether it be organizing a community food drive, spending the morning volunteering at our warehouse, or even reading them the classic tale of Stone Soup – there are many age-appropriate ways to introduce children of all ages to the concept of kōkua. Another great way is to bring them to a Hawaii Foodbank event like Annual Food Drive Day, Hunger Walk or Canstruction®.

Resolution: I will volunteer at a Hawaii Foodbank event this year that my whole family can attend!

2. Share Social Media Posts

One of the easiest ways to give back is by helping us spread the word on hunger. Hawaii Foodbank’s mission is focused on providing food for anyone who needs it. A big part of that involves keeping our community up-to-date on things like food distribution locations, volunteer opportunities and emergency relief procedures. Tag, like, retweet, share, follow - just one click or tap can go a long way in helping our hungry ‘ohana.

Resolution: I will follow Hawaii Foodbank on social media, share content and show my friends what I stand for!

3. Sign Up for Fight Hunger Hui

For many of our donors, recurring gifts are a practical and convenient way to give back. Fight Hunger Hui is a group of dedicated donors who make monthly or quarterly gifts to help feed Hawaii’s hungry. These gifts allow us to focus our resources more on programs and less on raising necessary funds. Just $10 can make a big difference – helping to provide enough food for 25 meals. No matter how much you give, your donation is greatly appreciated and will be used to help feed hungry keiki, kupuna and families in need.

Resolution: I will make my donation a recurring one by joining Fight Hunger Hui!

Resolutions that give back allow us to do better while helping our community be better.

Last year, Hawaii Foodbank served 1 in 8 people in Hawaii. This includes low-income families, the working poor, homeless individuals, disabled veterans, the underemployed and unemployed, people in need of emergency food assistance, retired kupuna and more than 54,000 keiki.

by Danny Schlag
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