

# BEHIND THE NUMBERS

WE MEASURE OUR SUCCESS IN ACTUAL

LIVES CHANGED. MEET A FEW OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE WORK OF OUR PARTNER AGENCIES. THEY ARE EXAMPLES OF HOW HELPING ONE PERSON SUCCEED IN LIFE IS A VICTORY FOR ALL OF US!



## HĀNA ARTS -

"I moved to Hāna August 2019, after ending my 10 year marriage. It was a very hard time and with two young boys it took a good six months to settle and find a job. By March 2020 after two months working, I could afford my rent and things were settling and looking up. The next week...COVID hit. I was in the tourist industry so no more job, no nothing. It was a very rough couple of months and I was not eligible for any unemployment because I had only been working for two months and before that I was a stay at home mom. We only had my cracked old iPhone as the ONLY device in the household. With the help of Hāna Arts and Maui United Way, we were able to receive two devices for my sons to do distance learning and connect with family. To thank Hāna Arts for their generosity, I began volunteering with them packing art kits and eventually was hired to join their team as a yoga and music teacher.

They had a second distribution for refurbished desktop computers and I was lucky enough to get one. I was able to prepare for my classes at home. Since then, I am now the Facilities Manager for Hāna Arts and still get to teach yoga. If it weren't for Maui United Way, I would never have had these opportunities and these blessings in my life. We still use the devices that were generously gifted to us every day for work and play. Mahalo nui loa Maui United Way for giving us some tools to make a fresh start. My family is truly blessed!" – **Shari Elkayam**



## LĀNA'I KINA'OLE

"My name is Shirley Samonte and I live on the island of Lāna'i, where medical resources are very limited. I was diagnosed with a rare neurological condition and my treatment required me to have intravenous immunoglobulin five consecutive days every four weeks for the rest of my life. For over a year, I traveled from Lāna'i to Oahu to the Outpatient Treatment Center,

taking me out of work during these days. Then Covid came...I was unable to make my treatments as scheduled due to flight changes

and travel restrictions. This really set me back in the healing process and my symptoms began to get worst. In December, my neurologist agreed for me to start home health services for my infusions. I am blessed that we now have Lāna'i Kina'ole on island who provides this service. I am now on time with my treatments and can truly focus on getting better. Instead of being so exhausted with the stress of travelling during my treatment days. Lāna'i Kina'ole provides much needed services for the island of Lāna'i. The Lāna'i Kina'ole staff are wonderful! They are very professional, respectful, and have a lot of empathy. All of the staff have a great heart. I can feel that they are truly concerned for my well-being and are there to help me in any way they can. Thank you for supporting Lāna'i Kina'ole!" – **Shirley Samonte**



## KUPU - HAWAII'YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS SUMMER PROGRAM

"I have learned more about Hawaiian culture than I knew before. After I went to middle and high school in Hawai'i, I learned more about the interconnectedness of problems and solutions in sustainability. One site manager explained to us how a fire spread invasive seeds all over Haleakala, and because of that, we will be removing pine trees for years to come. I learned that everything that I do has an impact. Although removing invasive wattle was not easy due to the hot, dry conditions, hiking over ridges for eight hours a day, I knew that I was contributing to something important. We were in a location that was among the remaining 5% of Maui's native dryland forests. I also learned how to cooperate with people you might not necessarily get along with. Treat them with kindness and respect, put yourself in their shoes, and treat the situation with respect. The program reinforced my future plans, and also helped me hone my interest more towards sustainability than conservation." – **Macaleigh**

## OUR WORK

### EVERYONE DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY

**TO HAVE A GOOD LIFE.** Time and time again, research has shown that the building blocks for a quality life are: an education that leads to a stable job; the financial stability to support a family through retirement; and good health. Maui United Way's work is focused on supporting vital non-profit organizations and programs that directly impact one's quality of life:

**EDUCATION** – Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

**INCOME** – Promoting Financial Stability and Independence

**HEALTH** – Improving People's Health

Advancing the common good is less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. With many people needing assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Maui United Way created a 211 helpline position that is dedicated to serving Maui County. The position was created in partnership with Hawai'i Community Foundation, Aloha United Way, County of Maui-Workforce Development and Nuestro Futuro Foundation. Tatiana Medeiros joined us in December 2020 as an extension of our partnership with Aloha United Way's 211 program on Oahu. She's taking over 50 calls a day and is a direct connection for those seeking services to those providing them here in our community. This is the first outer-island 211 position but there is hope that it will open the door to having 211 positions for the Big Island and Kaua'i. Whether it is a health, economic, or environmental disaster, we have done our best and will continue to do so by providing a hand up to those that need it most to ensure our community is better tomorrow and beyond.

If you are in need, please **DIAL 211** for assistance.

To access 211 online, visit **AUW211.org**.



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# PARTNERING AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

MAUI UNITED WAY WORKS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS MAUI COUNTY'S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS TO ENSURE OUR LOCAL FAMILIES ARE SUPPORTED IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. LISTED BELOW ARE THE 39 PARTNER AGENCY PROGRAMS THAT ARE RECEIVING FUNDING FROM MAUI UNITED WAY.

## EDUCATION – HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH EDUCATION

**Best Buddies International Inc.** . . . . . 242-6962  
Dedicated to building one-to-one friendships, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui** . . . . . 242-9754  
Provides positive role models to help Maui's youth avoid risky behaviors, embrace higher aspirations and hope for the future, and succeed in school.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui** . . . . . 242-4363  
Ultimate Journey at the Club and in Life Program—youth being given the opportunity to do their best and ability to attain their goals.

**Child & Family Service** . . . . . 877-6888  
Maui Sexual Assault Prevention and Education provides counseling and therapeutic services to help Hawaii's families address serious life challenges such as poverty, abuse and neglect.

**Girl Scout Council of Hawai'i - Maui** . . . . . 244-3744  
Leadership Experience Program teaches girls how to advocate for themselves and by promoting their engagement in leadership and STEM.

**Hāna Arts** . . . . . 248-7569  
Provides life-enhancing & income-generating arts/culture education and events in East Maui.

**Imua Family Services** . . . . . 244-7467  
Infant and Early Childhood Services provides critical and comprehensive early childhood services to children with special needs, development delays and disabilities.

**Kupu** . . . . . 735-1221  
Provides hands-on training in conservation and environmental education for young adults, with the goal of fostering our next generation of stewards.

**Lahaina Arts Guild** . . . . . 661-0111  
Offers free art classes to children, many below poverty level, across Maui County.

**Maui Family Support Services, Inc.** . . . . . 242-0900  
Early Head Start program provides comprehensive services to families and children in Maui County.

**Maui Hui Malama** . . . . . 244-5911  
Education training serves youth that need additional encouragement and reinforcement to achieve their educational goals.

**Maui Mediation Services** . . . . . 244-5744  
Conflict resolution services and training program provides, teaches, and facilitates appropriate dispute resolutions for people of all ages.

**Pa'ia Youth Council, Inc.** . . . . . 579-8354  
Pa'ia Bay Café provides a balance of social, educational, cultural, vocational, and recreational experiences for the youth of Pa'ia and surrounding communities.

## HEALTH – IMPROVING PEOPLE'S HEALTH

**Aloha House, Inc.** . . . . . 579-8414  
Medically Monitored Detoxification Program provides critical mental health and substance abuse services to adults.

**Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter** . . . . . 591-2771  
Educational programs on alzheimer's disease and brain health.

**American Lung Association** . . . . . 377-6248  
Provides lung health education to help youth and adults better manage their lung disease, and advocates for policies that protect lung health and clean air.

**Feed My Sheep** . . . . . 872-9100  
Island Wide Mobile Food Distribution Program provides healthy, nutritious food to the poor and needy on Maui.

**Hospice Maui** . . . . . 244-5555  
Provides quality, compassionate hospice care to help ease the physical, emotional and spiritual pain associated with a terminal illness.

**Hui No Ke Ola Pono Inc** . . . . . 244-4647  
Traditional Hawaiian Practices provides services as a Native Hawaiian Health System.

**La'akea Village** . . . . . 579-8398  
Empowers people of all abilities to live, work, learn, play and thrive together to realize their greatest potential.

**Lāna'i Kina'ole Inc.** . . . . . 565-8001  
Serves clients in their home environments or at a community location, as preferred by the individual or family members.

**Malama Family Recovery Center** . . . . . 877-7117  
Therapeutic Living Program where children are able to reside with their mothers in treatment while life skills, parenting and healthy living is taught.

**Maui Adult Day Care Centers** . . . . . 871-5804  
Provides a social, memory care, therapeutic/respite daytime program for frail, elderly individuals.

**Maui Youth & Family Services** . . . . . 579-8414 x 8211  
Substance abuse treatment for adolescents.

**Mental Health America of Hawaii, Maui** . . . . . 242-6461  
Provides advocacy, education and services to enhance mental wellness for all of Hawaii's people across all stages of life.

**Mental Health Kokua** . . . . . 244-7405  
Residential & Psycho-social Rehabilitation Services assists people with mental health and related challenges to achieve optimum recovery and functioning in the community.

**Na Hoaloha** . . . . . 249-2545  
Escort Transportation Volunteer Program provides free of charge services by volunteers in service to the senior population and persons with disabilities of Maui County.

**Parents and Children Together (PACT)** . . . . . 244-2330  
Maui Family Peace Center serves survivors and children impacted by domestic violence through crisis counseling and services.

**Planned Parenthood of The Great Northwest & The Hawaiian Islands** . . . . . 871-1176  
Sexual and reproductive health care for low-income patients.

**Women Helping Women** . . . . . 242-6600  
Emergency shelter and support provides a full range of services to victims of domestic violence in Maui County.

## INCOME – HELPING FAMILIES BECOME FINANCIALLY STABLE & INDEPENDENT

**Catholic Charities Hawai'i** . . . . . 873-4673  
Community of Hope program provides emergency financial assistance, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing.

**Common Ground Collective** . . . . . 509-851-8300  
Maui Foster Farming Project promotes responsible resource management and environmental stewardship through education and hands-on assistance.

**Habitat for Humanity Maui** . . . . . 242-1140  
Homeownership education and financial literacy provides homeownership education to the public.

**Hale Mahaolu** . . . . . 242-7027  
Homeownership & Housing Counseling Program provides housing and supportive services for low to moderate income seniors, families, and individuals in Maui County.

**Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers, Inc.** . . . . . 242-7600  
Employment Support Services Program serves the needs of the homeless and hungry on Maui by providing emergency food and housing, advocating, and empowering them to take responsibility.

**'Ohana Makamae** . . . . . 248-8538  
Ka Mohala Program provides East Maui residents with professional behavioral health services and valuable community resources.

**PATCH-People Attentive To Children** . . . . . 242-4786  
Cash for Caring Program encourages family child care providers to invest in improving the quality of care in their business.

**The Maui Farm, Inc.** . . . . . 579-8271  
Family Strengthening Program provides transitional housing and life skills training for families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to domestic violence and economic challenges.

**The Salvation Army, Maui County** . . . . . 871-6270  
Family Services Program provides critical resources and assistance to families who are struggling to make ends meet or are experiencing emergency situations.

# COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMS

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROVIDED BY MAUI UNITED WAY

## HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



Maui United Way and Friends of the Children's Justice Center (FCJC) with sponsorship from Pacific Media Group and Queen Ka'ahumanu Center held their 2020 Holiday Toy Drive to benefit children in need on Maui, Lāna'i, and Moloka'i. With the overwhelming support of the Maui

community, they were able to reach their goal and filled 100% of requests and distributed more than 2,300 toys. All toys were distributed through Maui United Way's non-profit partner agencies as well as the partners of Friends of the Children's Justice Center. "Special mahalo to our sponsor PMG, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui, JW Cameron Center, Kaiser Permanente Lahaina Clinic, Seabury Hall, County of Maui, and every donor and partner for your support in making this the most successful toy drive to date," said Maui United Way President and CPO Nicholas Winfrey. Makana Nunes, Community Impact Coordinator for Maui United Way shared, "We had special help again this year from a very generous elf who donated over 200 hours of her time to help with the distribution of the toys to our Partner Agencies. We really can't thank her enough for all her hard work and dedication."



## TOOLS FOR SCHOOL DRIVE

This year, our Annual Tools for School Drive took a different approach and requested supplies that cost families the most. These supplies included Sharpie

permanent markers, Expo dry erase markers, Crayola crayons and markers, and quality erasers and pencils. With the help of our generous sponsors, donors, and supporters we were able to serve over 1,000 keiki including over 300 keiki on Lāna'i. Mahalo to Kamaka Air for sending 250lbs of supplies to Lāna'i for us! Although we are still feeling the effects of Covid-19, those who were able to give definitely stepped up and we can't thank all our donors enough. A special Mahalo to our sponsors Pacific Media Group and HMSA for their continued support for the drive. Mahalo to Abbey Carpet for allowing us to use their warehouse to house our drive. Mahalo to our amazing drop-off locations and staff at Wailuku Federal Credit Union, HMSA, Ceramic Tile Plus and Abbey Carpet for all their donations. Kamaha'o of Maui High and Maddie of Maui Prep served as our student coordinators and they did a great job at going out in the community and advocating for their schoolmates in-need. We are extremely excited for our keiki who will finally be going back to school.

*If you would like to participate in either of these drives, please contact us!*

**"OUR MISSION IS TO EMPOWER OUR MAUI COMMUNITY THROUGH CARING PARTNERSHIPS THAT ENRICH PEOPLE'S LIVES."**