

BEHIND THE NUMBERS



FEED MY SHEEP ISLAND WIDE MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

"This is my family, and they are the beneficiaries and not just a statistic, but real human beings. They have been blessed

with the help of Feed My Sheep. My wife and I are celebrating close to 50 years of marriage. Four years after we were married with not having any children, we signed up with an adoption agency. But after 17 years with that adoption agency we didn't have any children. Then a friend called me to say that someone was going to have a baby and was going to put him up for adoption. I called her and I told her, "I heard that you were going to have a baby and that you were going to put him up for adoption, could I be considered for that." She told me yes uncle you can have the baby when he is born. The baby was born a few months later. I gave him the name Kahiau KealiaHaaHaa I Ke A Noloa o Haleakala o Ko Pomaikai Maikalani Kie Kie Brown. My dad asked me, "Why did you have such a long name?" I said, "I did not have kids of my own. This all the names of the children I should have had." We were told a few months later that he had cerebral palsy and was going to be a "vegetable" that he was not going to live past the age of two. I told the doctors, "Thank you very much. We should all have 'vegetables' like that. Can I take him home now?" I said, "I cannot change what happened, but I can change his life and mine. And I'm going to do whatever I can to be able to do so." And with the help of different agencies and people, I've been able to do that. My son is going to be 27. He graduated from High School in Hawaiian. He can speak and understand Hawaiian and English. This "vegetable" that wasn't supposed to make it to 2 years old. I'm so proud of him. He's a 6-time medalist in Special Olympics. We're part of the Feed My Sheep program. They continue to feed my life and our lives and they sustain us in ways that we know have been a blessing for us and we could not do it without them. Feed My Sheep has helped us every week to provide for our needs. Not just physically, but spiritually too. My son, in his quiet little world that he cannot speak looks forward every week to come and see the gang at Feed My Sheep. I'm proud to be one of the sheep and to have them as a shepherd. They help me and my family to be able to be nourished in both body and spirit. Thank you so much." – **Mr. Brown**

In my junior year I started drinking and partying; I was trying to fit in, because I didn't know what my self-worth was. I had different stages of substance use – alcohol and weed, which is the gateway to cocaine; I was experimenting with heroin, then I was trying opioids, then later meth, both smoking it and then injecting it. These are what brought me to Malama Family Recovery Center. My daughter's father left me, and my whole world crashed. I lost my kids. Then I went to jail. It saved my life. If it wasn't for that I wouldn't be clean. The day the cops picked me up, I had used a bad needle. I should have died that day. They had to cut the needle out of my hand so the infection wouldn't go to my heart. In February 2022 I made four years clean. I have so much gratitude for what I have today, because I saw the very bottom. I became involved with NA and church, and I built a foundation of support for myself. The one thing I'm most grateful for is my change in mindset. The brain does heal, and we do recover. I'm free today. I learned to love my scars by forgiving those who gave them to me, including myself. Since participating in this program, my hope for the future is to continuously be the change I want to see, to be the positive example, as one less drug addict out there." – **Spring Taylor**

Spring now works as a Program Assistant in the Aloha House residential program, and is studying Liberal Arts and Human Resources at UHMC.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

"I joined Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2020 when I decided to do some volunteering. After an extensive background check, I was matched with my Little

Brother Drej. He was 12. He had gone through difficult times at a very young age, and was being raised by a single mother. I was terrified to meet him, because I worried I wasn't a good enough role model, or that I would do more harm than good. But when I finally met him, I was surprised he didn't seem terrified to meet me. In fact, the first thing I realized about him is his bravery. In our very first conversation, I was stunned by how he was actually helping me to feel better about this whole thing. Despite his rough past, he was friendly, easy-going, and respectful. On that first day meeting him, I realized I would learn a lot more from my Little Brother than I could ever teach him myself.

Since then, we've gone on countless outings. I taught him how to surf, and he taught me how to play lacrosse. We both learned to play the guitar together. Every time we hang out, I learn something new. Drej has welcomed me into his family, and I have welcomed him into mine. Most recently, he was the best man at my wedding. I am honored and privileged to be his Big Brother, and I am especially grateful for the life lessons Drej has taught me along the way. When I signed up for Big Brothers Big Sisters, I thought it would just be another weekend volunteer opportunity. I didn't realize this program was going to change my life forever."

– **Ted Kirkbride**



MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY CENTER THERAPEUTIC LIVING PROGRAM

"I was born on Oahu, I came to Maui when I was 10 years old. One of the first places I lived on Maui was at the Women Helping Women shelter. My father was very physically and mentally abusive, and an addict, so my

mom took us away from him. I loved to sing as a child, and my mom always told me I always carried a light within me, and somehow I was very positive, despite my surroundings. But I used to get beaten up a lot by my father, I would have bruises from head to toe. I learned then, as a small child, what I need to do to survive. I was always afraid, but I always had hope.

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 about helping one person at a time, but also more about changing systems to help all of us. With many people needing assistance due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Maui United Way has a 211 helpline position that is dedicated to serving Maui County. 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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CHANGING LIVES & IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY



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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



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE & TOOLS FOR SCHOOL DRIVE



Maui United Way, and Friends of the Children's Justice Center with sponsorship from Pacific Media Group held their 2021 Holiday Toy Drive to benefit children in need on Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i. Bank of Hawaii served as the main drop-off location. The giving spirit was alive and well this holiday season, and those

who could donate stepped up and gave with their hearts. With the overwhelming support of the Maui community, we were able to reach our goal and filled 100% of requests, and distributed over 1,800 toys to Keiki in need on Maui, Lanai, and Molokai. 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 PMG, Bank of Hawaii, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui, Carden Academy, Castaway Construction, Makawao Veterinary Clinic, Chris and Catherine Brock, and every donor and partner for your support in making this year's drive successful. It was very touching to see how many people chose to do more good even in these tough times.

Our Annual Tools for School Drive took a different approach and requested supplies that cost families the most. With the help of our generous sponsors, donors, and supporters we were able to fulfill 100% of the requests for this upcoming school year. A special Mahalo to our lead sponsor Pacific Media Group for continuously providing media coverage that is critical to the success of our drive. Mahalo to HMSA, and to Lara Schoeppner and Samantha Kramer from Keller Williams Realty Maui for their generous donations to purchase new supplies. We are so appreciative to Big Brothers Big Sisters for allowing us to use one of their rooms to house our drive and, lastly, mahalo to our amazing drop-off locations and staff that helped bring in these much-needed supplies for our Maui keiki.



KAUKAU 4 KEIKI

Maui United Way joined The Kaukau 4 Keiki (K4K) program in 2021 as the fiscal sponsor. The K4K attempts to address the youth food access gap by providing students with a weekly box of food, delivered

directly to students' homes, for families who cannot access state Department of Education distribution sites. Each box contained milk, bread, protein and fresh Maui produce and was delivered by a team of community members. Most of the food is fresh produce from Maui farmers. Boxes for children in Hana included Hana-grown produce and protein and were boxed and distributed by the Hawaii Farmer's Union United Hana Chapter. Over 66,000 meals were provided to keiki during the Spring, Summer, and Winter breaks. Volunteers donated over 527 hours of their time to ensure the boxes of food and fresh produce were delivered to households on Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i. Sentry Insurance Foundation donated \$100,000 to MUW for The K4K Winter Program which went towards the purchase of food, distribution, and administration efforts to run the program on Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i.

"OUR MISSION IS TO BRIDGE RESOURCES THAT ENRICH AND EMPOWER OUR COUNTY OF MAUI COMMUNITY."