# Project Hawai'i, Inc.

How YOU Help Change Lives of OUR Homeless Keiki



# **Super Packed 3rd Quarter**

While our Transitional Housing and Dormitory build/rehab project on Big Island was our greatest and largest project of the quarter we also were able to provide our summer camp, teen mentoring programs, back to school readiness, implement a literacy program, host a Radiothon on O'ahu and participate in the Gratitude Network Cohort program. Furthermore we were selected as the Target Circle and 'Ohana Fuels 3rd Quarter Charity.

13,098

### **MEALS SERVED**

Providing a summer of hot nutrias meals, summer camp meals and meal boxes **208** 

#### **Volunteers**

135 volunteers worked on our transitional housing project 687

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Sent homeless keiki back to school prepared on Maui, O'ahu and Big Island



#### **Literacy Program**

Wai'akea sponsored our summer literacy program with books



#### 'Ohana Fuels

Selected us for their "Fill up for Charity" June - Sept.



#### Target Circle Votes

We received over 81,000 votes and raised \$2,923.57

PROJECT HAWAI'I. INC. 3RD QUARTER IMPACT REPORT

## **Summer Success**

Even with Covid, we were able to implement more programs to assure our keiki were well cared for!!

Our summer programs are the backbone to the overall success of our homeless children. 52 homeless children attended a **two-week educational program** filled with activities to support their mind and body development. This year we had 31 jr. leaders and teens receive their



certificates from life skill workshops and community service participation. Accumulating 1,860 service hours. Providing 3,348 healthy meals during the camp. Our summer programs were able to succeed in part of a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation & Kohanaiki Foundation

Thanks to a special grant from *Verizon Wireless*, we were able to implement **Keiki Fun Day** for 5 weeks for children to be mentored one on one with a volunteer while playing games that require strategic thinking, reading books, making projects and yard games. Of course this event included meals and snacks. Providing 380 meals and snacks to help keep our keiki fed over the long summer break. We were able to host 115 volunteers for 345 hours of service to our homeless keiki.

With our *ongoing partnership with Wai'akea Water*, we were able to implement a **literacy program** with a library of books for keiki to take home and keep. Children and teens alike were able to select their books to help keep their minds working over the summer. Providing over 600 books this summer.

# THE ANSWER 94.3 FM & 690 AM RADIOTHON ~ AUG. 27TH

We had a 12 hour LIVE ON AIR Radioton that was a huge success. We were able to talk story with so many of our homeless children and parents, our volunteers, and past clients who shared their successes. Even our donors like Marcus Mariota from the Las Vegas Raiders called in.

We had amazing sponsors who provided gifts and matching funds. A wonderful event on Oahu!!



### "Transitional Housing Project Success

This project has been a life long vision and dream that had met so many roadblocks in the past. Finally we are in the construction/rehab process of making this a reality. Over the summer we were able to partners with an travel youth group that provided 15 full days of volunteers to help with the preparation for this project to start. 125 volunteers provided 875 hours of labor from clearing land, painting, demolition work, and creating a clean slate to allow the construction to officially begin this fall. More information on our current needs and budget can be found on our website.

With our locally owned partners, our homes will have amazing new touches, from new cabinets and granite counter tops provided by *Big Island Granite* and all new plumbing from *Central Supply, Inc.* Bedroom doors were provided by *Mental Restoration*. The community came together and assisted with the needed exterior paint and our new staircases for all the homes and dorms.

The impact this project will bring to our homeless families will be amazing. We will be able to house 13 girls per semester as they continue their educational goals and obtain degrees which will lead to their career and off the public tax system. And to put this in a different perspective. These same teen girls would most likely have one or even two children in the same time frame if they were left in their current situation of their cycle of poverty and homelessness. That means we could have had another 13- 26 babies born to the welfare system and 13 young ladies with no chance of escape.

The homes will provide families who just need that extra supportive step to home ownership. Over the past 5 years we have had behind the scene transitional housing pilots programs with our founders homes. Over the 5 years we were able to assist 4 families have the needed time and support to put their lives back together and more forward. In fact our last single mom of 3 will be moving into her very own home this Nov. She has secured the home loan and is currently working on moving from our home to her very own.

### KIDS HELPING KIDS.

Due to covid restrictions group activities were limited, but our youth still need service hours. This youth group was able to assist in packing over 4,000 pounds of meal boxes for our families.

Project Hawai'i, Inc. provides meal boxes that include ALL the ingredients needed to prepare meals, including the fresh meats, veggies, breads, or other perishables.

