



# Residential Dormitory Program

Providing the pathway to a promising future

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Objective

To provide a safe and uplifting environment for at risk and homeless young ladies to attend college while developing the life and social skills they need to succeed in their future. Our dormitory is a full time residential program designed to provide each young lady with the tools needed to escape their cycle of poverty, find their passion and purpose while gaining the self-esteem and worth to pursue their goals. We work closely with several community partners to assure the full development of each young lady. Our overall goal is to have each student graduate this program with their own sense of purpose and the skills needed to pursue their dreams.

### Overall Goals

- To prepare our future generations, by propelling them into advanced education and providing skills for a bright future;
  - To create a safe place for our young ladies to gain their own self worth and find their passion through our workshops and on-site curriculum;
  - To positively impact the lives of our students by providing mentorship, leadership skill development and counseling programs to allow them to move into contributing members of society;
  - For each student to graduate with a 2 year degree or career development program while residing in the dormitory;
  - Once completing the program, each young lady will be ready for the real world with the skills to run and maintain a household, the financial understanding of being self-sufficient and the self-esteem to pursue their dreams.
  - Providing a safe and nurturing environment that creates the self confidence for each young lady to excel.
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## **Problem / Solution**

While homelessness is a wide spread crisis on our islands and stem from generation to generation, there are many underlying circumstances that are individual to each participant. Beyond some of the symptoms caused by the underlying issues of childhood trauma, mental and physical abuse and neglect and lack of proper role models, we see the potential in each child. Project Hawai'i, Inc. helps these young minds heal and re-train to find their own passion and purpose that help them thrive. Basically these children are just products of being born into poverty to parents who lack the life and social skills to escape, and WE help them heal and correct their upbringing.

Statistics show that in Hawai'i those raised in poverty will typically not graduate high-school and most will have babies in their teen years to repeat the cycle of which they were born. Growing into adulthood with limited life or social skills, including the basics of applying for a job, or filling out simple applications will once again lead them to the path of becoming dependent on the social service system and raising their children with limited skills as well. The Hawaii State P20 Statistics show that less than 30% of homeless children graduate high school and only 4% go on to college. Through our award winning teen mentoring program and other youth training programs we have brought our statistics of graduation into 85-90 percentile (and without having a child); furthermore, 50-60% rate of graduates going on to higher education or career training.

Our solution is one that was a natural process we needed to create to help continue the progress of our teens. After graduating high school, our teens who wanted to go to college found too many roadblocks including lack of housing, supportive services to navigate the application process and lack of funding for extra needs. We found the solution to be providing this dormitory program that actually works interactively with the growing needs of our young ladies. This 2 year program will be the foundation of their journey to a new lifestyle. Once they complete the program they will be self-sufficient, have leaderships skills and have the knowledge of how to pursue their future dreams. This will be the end of homelessness and poverty in their life.

## **Project Outline**

Our dormitory program will start one week prior to the UH fall semester and continue for a 2 year (4 semester) timeline. This all inclusive program will include everything the college student needs to reside and attend college along with our on-sight programs. This includes and not limited to meals, transportation, room and board, on-site 24/7 supervision, all dormitory needs and workshops, mentoring and individual/group counseling. Once the

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young lady graduates their 2 year program, they will have guided direction to their next steps to complete their goals and visions.

Working together with a wide variety of community services, our girls will have a well balanced educational, cultural and healthy living lifestyle curriculum to help them succeed.

- Weekly one-on-one mentoring and life coaching
- Bi-weekly counseling and group therapy sessions
- Community Lead Workshops and leadership programs with our partner agencies
- Daily life skills training with dormitory chores and community outreach programs
- Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle practices, including growing our own garden on site
- Employment readiness training with our local partners including resume writing, interview skills, proper attire, and more.

**Other Requirements for our program entrance:**

- Attend the college courses selected and approved by a school counselor, maintain adequate grades to reach target goal
  - Participate in all in-house workshops and programs with intention and enthusiasm
  - Complete all assessments each quarter, including their individual input
  - Meet with their coach at the end of each semester to asses progress and implement any changes that might need to be addressed to stay on track to completion.
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**PROJECT HAWAI'I, INC.****BUDGET****Annual Budget needs based on full occupancy.**

10 college students; on-sight dorm mom~full time, part time maintenance \yard staff; part-time driver.

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Residents /Double Room includes hygiene, house supplies, workshops, therapy, life coaching, etc.	10	\$21,600	\$216,000
Bedding/Room needs (they will take with them). One time fund	10	\$400	\$4,000
Laptop/Cell Phone/School Supplies (they keep these)	10	\$450	\$4,500
Meals (3 meals/2 snacks)	12150	\$18	\$218,700
Monthly Hygiene/Care/Laundry/Household Cleaners	10	\$1,500	\$15,000
Transportation cost, including financing, insurance, gas and hired driver	10	\$3,560	\$35,600
Dormitory Electric/Gas/Propane/Water/Internet	12	\$1,580	\$18,960
Full Maintenance/Yard Staff \$18 per hour	1040	\$18	\$18,720
Dorm Mom \$600 a week plus room and board	52	\$750	\$39,000
Dormitory Insurance /24/7 Security Monitoring	12	\$550	\$6,600
			\$0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$577,080</b>

**Current partners:**

- Island Affiliates ~ providing one on one counseling and group therapy
  - UH Hilo ~ providing interns, scholarships, support
  - Nature's Sunshine/Impact Foundation ~ \$10,000 cash, plus vitamins and minerals for girls
  - Target Careers~ training, clothing, plus \$12,000. Cash
  - Sunlight Entertainment ~ \$50,000 cash
  - CMG Financial ~ \$10,000 cash
  - Hawaiian Sunshine Nursery ~ \$60,000. Cash
  - Linda Paige Lifestyle Coaching ~ coaching, mentoring
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- **Individuals:** Prabhu 'Ohana \$25,000 cash, Victoria Flavell \$10,800 cash Keri Shepherd \$10,800 cash, Mark Jefferies \$40,000 cash,
- Waiakea Water ~ water and \$10,800 cash is pending
- Ali'i Gas ~ volunteers, products in kind and \$10,800 cash
- Kona Rotary Club ~ \$10,000 cash
- Oxford Industries ~ \$10,000 cash
- Atherton Foundation: \$50,000. Cash
- Healy Family Foundation: \$25,000. Cash
- Michael Family Foundation: \$35,000. Cash
- HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union: \$10,000 Cash, plus financial workshops
- Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation \$20,000 cash
- Karikan Foundation: \$57,000.00 cash (restricted)
- West Hawaii Association of Realtors \$5,000. Cash
- Ready Alliance Group: \$50,000. Cash
- Wedbush Family Trust: \$5,000. Cash

**PENDING:**

Belinda Miranda Realty \$10,800 cash

Shane Victorino Foundation \$25,000 cash

PSI Wahine Leaders Foundation: \$25,000 Cash

AlohaCare Foundation: \$10,000. Cash

We are applying for more grants with the goal to have each one commit to at min. 2 years to 4 years.

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