

INSIDE THE RESCUE

Rescuing Food to Feed Hawaii's Hungry

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New Faces, New Names

Aloha Harvest has experienced several new changes this past year. We feel it's only fitting to introduce the new faces and names of our Board of Directors.



Aulani Kekuna,
ProService Hawaii



Mark E. Davis,
Carnegie Mellon University



Bronson Chang,
Uncle Clay's HOPA



Joanna Kawamoto,
DeLoitte LLP



Summer Kaiawe,
Watanabe Ing LLP

Message from the E.D.

Aloha Harvest has been fortunate to have dedicated board members since its inception. One of the struggles of nonprofits is creating and adhering to board terms. This happens for many reasons — love the mission, dedication to the organization, don't want to lose connections a member might bring, no set board terms, lack of enforcement of terms . . . We can all think of many reasons why “not” to make changes to our board of directors. It's hard to let good people go, right?

At Aloha Harvest we have had the pleasure to work with very dedicated board members — Robert Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank; Terry Thomson, Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing; Tom Grimes, Aloha Petroleum; Bonny Amemiya, AIO Hawaii; Emi Kaimu-Loa, Watanabe Ing LLP; Chris Colgate, Duke's Waikiki & Hula Grill Waikiki; and Jennifer Shiraki, ACW Group. All have served between 5 – 15 years helping to keep us grounded and focused on our mission of

“Rescuing Food to Feed Hawaii's Hungry.” Not to mention several who have served in the past and others who continue to serve on our board today. In April 2014, our board of directors made the decision to enforce our staggered board terms. So we have said aloha to those listed above over the past 16 months. Robert Harrison continues on our board as Chair Emeritus. We are truly grateful for their years of support, time and dedication!

However, with the enforcement of staggered board terms comes new faces and new names! Aloha Harvest is delighted to welcome as new board members Aulani Kekuna, Mark Davis, Bronson Chang, Joanna Kawamoto and Summer Kaiawe. Each brings great talent and leadership to help move Aloha Harvest forward. I, as the Executive Director, look forward to working with Lisa Tomihama as our Chair, Janice Fukuda, Kevin Oda and these new board members as we continue to

partner with our food donors, social service agencies and all of you that support us financially. It takes all of us pulling our energy and resources together to take care of our 'Aina and meet the needs of our community.

We're still looking for a few more good people to fill board vacancies.



Kuu'ulei Williams
Ku'ulei Williams, Executive Director

Food Donor Corner

Pizza Hut seems to be everywhere in Hawaii, with some 40 outlets across the four major islands. With everything from stuffed garlic knots pizza to chicken wings, pasta, breadsticks and the ultimate Hershey's chocolate chip cookie, anybody can find something they like.

Hawaii Pizza Hut is in the first phase of a push to make sure what little food is left behind will now make its way to Aloha Harvest.

Pizza Hut's parent company has always been committed to stopping world hunger around the world, according to Liliha Pizza Hut General Manager Matthew Funk. Every market goes about that in a different way, donating excess product and the rare error.

Recently, the Hawaii stores moved from the Asia market to the U.S. market. The switch created different standards and a renewed push to have Hawaii Pizza Huts get their excess food to places and people that need it most.

Aloha Harvest, which has rescued and delivered over 16 million pounds of food since 1999, was suggested because of its ability to reach nearly every store.

The Liliha Pizza Hut — one of three that offers a buffet — is one of four original test stores. The goal is to roll out 10 more as soon as details can be worked out.



Three mornings a week since November, one of the refrigerated Aloha Harvest trucks has come to Liliha to make a pickup. Most of the donated food is left over from the buffet, saved and stored in aluminum tins that Aloha Harvest

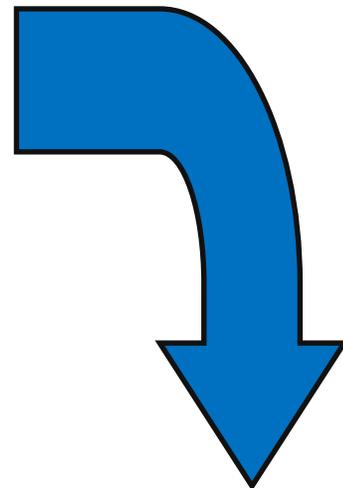
provides. Each container holds up to a dozen slices.

Once in awhile, there might also be a whole pizza, appetizer, pasta or dessert, but that's a rarity. "We hardly get mistakes," says Funk. "There would be more no-shows and cancels."

If the excess was not donated, it would be thrown away. That's what happened before November, much to the employees' chagrin. "It's for goodwill and it helps morale for the crew too," Funk says. "They no longer see us wasting food."

The food picked up each day is delivered the same day to social service agencies feeding Hawaii's hungry. Strict standards for food safety are followed during the entire process.

"They are very supportive and understanding," Funk says of Aloha Harvest's employees. "They have been very helpful in the whole process. Going in, we didn't know what to expect or what's going on and it's a great partnership we've established. We really are trying to roll out more stores. We want to grow that partnership." Aloha Harvest couldn't agree more.



Agency Highlight

Aloha Harvest's ability to deliver rescued food to areas outside Honolulu is what originally brought it together with Gregory House. Six years later, the collaboration is thriving at both Gregory House shelters.

"Aloha Harvest was instrumental in providing meals to our Waipahu shelter during a time most food distribution was focused on Honolulu-based programs," Transitional House Program Manager Tumua Taimasa recalls of those early days. "The relationship grew so strong that once we moved to Honolulu, Aloha Harvest followed our shelter as well as picking up the additional town shelter under the Gregory House program."

Gregory House is one of more than 180 social service agencies that Aloha Harvest helps. The House's mission is "to provide affordable housing assistance and support services to persons living with HIV/AIDS in Hawaii."

It was founded in 1988 as Ho'omanaloana. About the same time, Richard Smart, owner of Parker Ranch on the Big Island, bought a small apartment complex for the agency to house persons living with HIV/AIDS. It was named Gregory House in memory of Charles Gregory, a close friend and artist who died of AIDS complications in 1985.

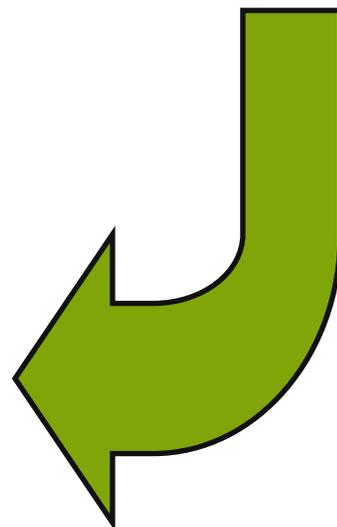


Safe and stable housing with access to support services — like Aloha Harvest — is essential to long-term survival for those with HIV. Gregory House provides a way for people to lead dignified lives, stick to a medication regimen, keep in constant contact with their doctors and maintain proper nutrition.

Aloha Harvest tries to help with that, delivering donated food once or twice a month to feed all 26 residents at the two transitional shelters, both now in Honolulu. They are among some 65,000 we feed monthly. The delivery can be between 20 and 100 pounds, depending on the type of food. Most often it is vegetables, juices or sodas and prepared meals, with hot food always the most popular.

"The best part of having the connection with Aloha Harvest," Taimasa says, "is being able to maintain the relationship and help more people who come through our programs. And being able to extend the connection to our other programs."

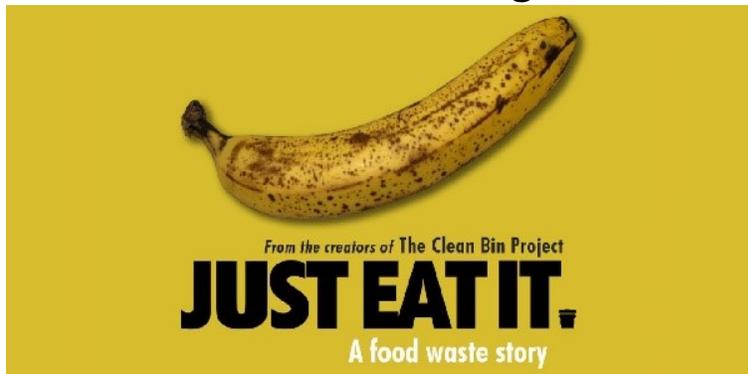
Aloha Harvest is available to help any 501(c)3 non-profit organization on O'ahu with a feeding program. Agency applications are available online or by calling the office.



GREGORY HOUSE PROGRAMS
HAWAII'S STATEWIDE HIV/AIDS HOUSING AGENCY

Upcoming Events

☐ April 28: Just Eat It HI—A Film Screening & Chef Challenge



In partnership with 'Iolani School and Pili Group, Aloha Harvest is hosting Just Eat It HI - A Film Screening & Chef Challenge. *Just Eat It* is a nationally acclaimed documentary film about food waste and food rescue. Chef Mark Noguchi of MISSION Social Hall & Cafe, Chef Ronnie Nasuti of Tiki's Grill & Bar and Chef Lee Anne Wong of Koko Head Café have accepted the challenge to create a delicious tasting out of the foods that Aloha Harvest rescues on a daily basis. Join us Thursday, April 28 at 'Iolani School at 5 pm. Ticket prices for film only are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Ticket prices for film and tasting are \$30 for students and \$45 for adults. More information and tickets available at www.JustEatIt-HI.eventbrite.com.

☐ July 1: Party 4 A Purpose by HPF



Honolulu Professionals Foundation (HPF) is hosting a benefit for Aloha Harvest and Epilepsy Foundation Hawaii on Friday, July 1 at Pomaikai Ballrooms in Dole Cannery from 6 - 10 pm. Come celebrate the 4th of July weekend with hosted beer, wine and specialty drinks, heavy pupu, live local entertainment, silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$80, ages 21 and over only. To purchase tickets call Aloha Harvest (808) 537-6945 or email mele@alohaharvest.org

Big Mahalo



To Friends of Hawaii Charities for donating over 5,500 pounds of excess food in January from the Sony Open at the Waialae Country Club.



To the National Pro Bowl Environmental Program for allowing Aloha Harvest to rescue over 5,300 pounds of excess foods from all the Pro Bowl events.



To everyone who volunteered at and supported our 4th annual Fill the Truck Food Drive and Panda Express Fundraiser in February. We collected 2,700 pounds of canned goods and boxes. We also raised over \$1,200 from monetary donations and the fundraiser.



To Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha and Blue Hawaii Surf for selecting Aloha Harvest to receive a portion of the proceeds from the Pop-Up Shop in February.



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STEP WALK OUT TO STOP DIABETESSM

Join the Aloha Harvest team on Saturday, March 19, at the Kapi`olani Band Stand, 7:30 am. This walk is in support of the American Diabetes Association of Hawaii. To sign up with our team, call (808) 537-6945.

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