



2009 Holiday Service Opportunities

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is seeking donations of backpacks and gift cards to stores like Ross or Walmart. These gifts will provide Christmas cheer to youth ages 5-19 who are in foster care during challenging times in their lives. These youth are in CCH's Na 'Ohana Pūlama (Families of Light & Nourishment) program. Na 'Ohana Pūlama (NOP) provides therapeutic foster care through community-based group homes and foster homes and brings light into the lives of severely troubled children and their families by combining the nurturance of a healthy family environment with a treatment approach that has a proven track record. Please contact the EF Hawai'i office at info@efhawaii.org or 546-2288 to make a donation.

Children's Alliance of Hawaii: Christmas Angels Project for sexually abused children. The Children's Alliance of Hawaii and its partner organizations collect individual Christmas gift wishes of \$50 or less. Each gift wish is put on a cut-out angel and the "angels" are given to sponsors so that gifts can be purchased, wrapped and delivered to the Children's Alliance by December 4th. Alternatively, sponsors can make a donation for the sponsored gift and volunteers will do the shopping. Volunteers also handle delivery of the gifts to each child in time for Christmas. Please contact Alfred Herrera at 599-2955 ext. 215 or email herrera@cahawaii.org to sign up or for more information.

Family Promise of Hawai'i: Family Promise helps families transition from homelessness to permanent housing by partnering with local congregations that provide evening meals and a place to sleep for a week at a time, while staff members work with the families during the day to search for housing, jobs, and training and to develop the life skills necessary for self-sufficiency. Here's their wish list for the families in their program:

- Small TV with DVD player
- Arts & crafts supplies for children
- Free-standing fans
- Gift cards and gas cards
- Bus passes
- Dishware & flatware/cutlery sets for 4
- Cooking sets & utensils
- Rice cookers
- Bath towels
- Laundry detergent & baskets

Please call 261-7478 for more information.

Hawaii Foodbank: The Hawaii Foodbank is in desperate need of help to meet a growing demand. The lines at local food pantries have doubled while donations have been slow due to the economic downturn. Many people with jobs have sought help because they have so many mouths to feed. Consider conducting a food drive at your

company. Instructions and forms may be downloaded at www.hawaiifoodbank.org. Top 5 items requested by the Foodbank:

- Canned meats and tuna
- Canned meals (spaghetti, chili, corned beef hash)
- Canned soups
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit

Or gather a group of volunteers to help sort food donations. For more information on volunteering, please call 836-3600 ext. 239 or email volunteer@hawaiifoodbank.org.

Institute for Human Services: emergency homeless shelter seeks groups of volunteers:

- to decorate the shelters for Christmas
- to underwrite, prepare, and serve meals to shelter guests
- to sing Christmas carols at the shelters

Please call 447-2842 or email volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org to find out more about how you can help.

Kalihi Waena Streambank Restoration: December 12, 2009, 8:30-11:30 a.m., behind Kalihi Waena Elementary School (1240 Guillick Ave.). Sponsored by KAUPA (Kalihi Ahupua'a Ulu Pono Ahahui), which is dedicated to restoring the natural and cultural resources within the Kalihi ahupua'a through education, outreach and action. Volunteers will pick up and bag rubbish within and along the banks of Kalihi Stream, eradicate invasive species, transplant native plants, and do some graffiti removal. Gloves, trash bags, snacks and water will be provided. This volunteer activity takes place on the second Saturday of every month. For more information or to sign up, email kaupa4kalihi@hawaii.rr.com.

Lokahi / Adopt A Family: "Adopt" a struggling family for the holidays by providing a meal and a gift for each member of the family. Or drop off gifts for the Lokahi program at Ala Moana, Windward, and other malls around the state on December 5, 2009. For nearly 25 years, Lokahi has been helping Hawaii's struggling families by providing them with life's basic necessities, year round emergency assistance, and brighter holiday seasons. Please see <http://www.lokahigivingproject.org> for more information and volunteer forms.

Santa Paws: People bring their pets to be photographed with Santa and a portion of the \$25 fee is donated to the Hawaiian Humane Society. Volunteers are needed to serve as photographers' assistants, parking lot attendants, and cashiers. Dates:

- Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations of pet toys are also being accepted so that every animal adopted during the holidays gets a gift. For more information, please call 356-2225.

Toys for Tots: The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects toys from now until Christmas and distributes them to needy children in Hawai'i. This year their goal is to collect and distribute 45,000 toys. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at these locations:

Bank of Hawaii (any branch)
T-Mobile (any branch)
Napa Auto Parts (any branch)
Territorial Savings Bank (any branch)

Mobi PCS (any branch)

Many other drop-off locations are listed at <http://kaneohe-bay-hi.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/donate-toys.asp>.

Waimānalo Community Recycling Day: January 10, 2010, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Waimānalo Beach Park. Sponsored by Hui O Ko'olaupoko, an organization dedicated to improving watershed health for the protection of ocean resources in the Ko'olaupoko district. Recycle cell phones, computers, batteries, tires, scrap metal, printer cartridges, newspaper, telephone books, beverage containers and many other items. About 100 volunteers in 2 shifts (7:30 a.m.-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) are needed to help unload and sort the recyclables and direct traffic in and out of the beach park. Volunteers will receive lunch, drinks, snacks and a t-shirt. Please call Kristen Nalani Mailheau at 381-7202 or Jean Brokish at 483-8600 ext. 123 for more information.

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