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Helping the Hungry

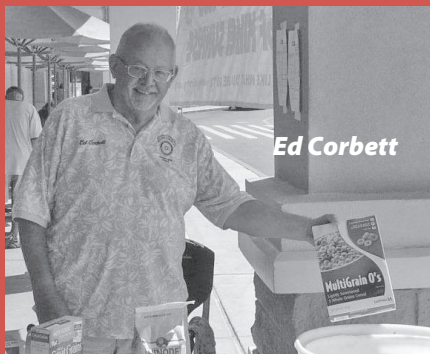
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Annual Spring Food Drive Generates Over 70,000 Pounds of Food to Help the Hungry in Maui County



Ed Corbett

Mahalo Ed!

Ed Corbett is the President of Rotary Club of Kihei Sunrise and a Maui Food Bank Board Member. He also serves as the Rotary Club Coordinator for all nine clubs on Maui, and assists in orchestrating the Maui Food Bank's annual Island-Wide Spring Food Drive.

His passion to help those in need was sparked while serving in the US Army in Vietnam. Distressed over all the orphaned children who had been displaced because of the war, he dedicated himself to a life of serving those in need. Ed believes that the community food drive effort exhibits the important link between individual food donations and the 10,000 people a month that the Maui Food Banks serves.

We are grateful for Ed Corbett's continued involvement in helping the hungry in Maui County.

Mahalo to everyone who participated in the Maui Food Bank's annual Island-Wide Spring Food Drive. We were delighted as 310 businesses, schools, service clubs, places of worship, fire stations, and individuals joined in the fight against hunger.

The Battle of the Businesses Food Drive, hosted by Charly and Makani from 99.9 KISS FM brought in a record high of 13,271 pounds of healthy food. There were 35 businesses that participated in this exciting event with our two winners, VIP/Cash N Carry and American Income Life, receiving a valuable advertising and marketing campaign provided by *Pacific Radio Group*.

April 30th was the Community Food Drop Off Day where grocery stores, community service clubs and churches partnered together and collected 19,694 pounds of food donations. A special Mahalo to all who helped make this day a success: Safeway, Foodland, Times Market, Sack N Save, Napili Market, Whole Foods, Longs, Haiku Grocery, VIP/Cash N Carry, Pukalani Superette,

Wal Mart, The Rotary Clubs of Kihei Sunrise, Kihei Wailea, Upcountry, Maui, Kahului, Wailuku, Valley Isle Sunset, Lahaina, Lahaina Sunrise, Airport Lions Club, West Maui Lions Club, Valley Isle Fellowship, St. Theresa Church, Christian Ministry Church, Keolahou Church, Salvation Army Lahaina, and Grace Church.

In total, all the island-wide Spring Food Drive participants collected over 70,000 pounds of safe and nutritious food to help the hungry in Maui County.

The Maui Food Bank currently serves over 10,000 needy people a month.

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Cash N Carry

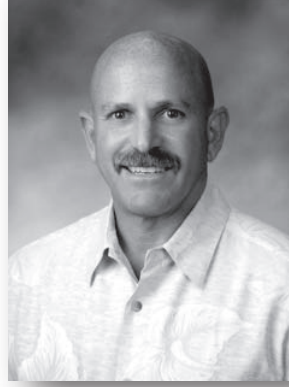


Longs



Safeway

From the Desk of Richard Yust



Aloha Friends,

Here at the Maui Food Bank, we are constantly reaching out to those in our community who have been affected by economic hardship and need help in finding food to put on their family's dinner table. I think we've all seen how the recession has impacted our island ohana.

As we head into summer, we know the need for food is going to increase because many children will not be receiving the free school meals they count on daily. There are many folks out there who never worried about where they would get their next meal, but now find themselves with significantly reduced hours at work or without a job at all.

The Maui Food Bank is taking extraordinary measures to reach out to those who find themselves in need of food due to the recession. The good news is that through the generosity of our community and the dedication of the *National Association of Letter Carriers*, over 46,000 pounds of safe and nutritious food was collected island-wide during the NALC food drive.

The NALC Food Drive is an event that we look forward to every year. On May 14, letter carriers throughout Maui picked up bags of food placed at individual mailboxes. Committed to making sure every food donation was delivered safely to the Maui Food Bank, many mail carriers volunteered their personal time.



On that day, the Maui Food Bank had over 150 volunteers available to help sort and box all of the food that was received. These volunteers came from community service clubs such as Rotary and Lions Clubs, Boy Scouts, unions, church groups, Youth With A Mission, MFB Board members, families, individuals and MFB member agencies. We are so appreciative for all of the volunteer efforts that helped make this event such a success!



Over 8,000 pounds of food a day, five days a week, go out the doors of the Maui Food Bank. We are the primary safety net for providing food relief in Maui County.

A very special Mahalo to everyone who participated in this year's NALC Food Drive. Your generosity and "Spirit of Aloha" is greatly appreciated.

Richard Yust, Executive Director



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Garret Hew

Born and raised on Maui, Garret Hew grew up on the family vegetable farm in Kula. After graduating from Maui High School, Garret moved to the mainland to continue his education. He received a Bachelors of Science degree in Horticulture from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon.

In 1978, Garret's father retired and Garret returned to Maui to take over the family farm. The main crops were Kula onions and tomatoes. Eventually Garret decided to move on from professional farming. Taking a

Board Focus - Garret Hew

job at HC&S, he worked his way up to his current position of Manager, Water Resources.

Throughout the years, Garret has been involved with and served on several non-profit boards. He says, "Serving on the Board of the Maui Food Bank is especially rewarding because of the food bank's mission to meet the most basic of human needs--which is providing food for the hungry." Garret went on to say, "Everybody needs to eat every day and without the Maui Food Bank thousands of people in our island ohana would go hungry."

After joining the Maui Food Bank Board, Garret's leadership capabilities quickly became evident and he was voted in as Co-Vice Chair of the Board and Co-Chair of the Governance Committee. Bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, Garret's passion to serve those in need is remarkable. He has been instrumental in overseeing the finances of our organization, and has worked hard to ensure that the Maui Food Bank remains financially sound and stable.

As a Board Member, Garret actively involves himself in attracting various types of funding to help meet the growing needs of the Maui Food Bank. He shows his concern for the welfare of others by looking for new and innovative ways to fill the shelves of the Maui Food Bank with safe and nutritious food.

One of Garret's priorities as a Board Member is to participate in helping the Maui Food Bank expand. Most recently, Garret contributed his time and efforts to the Maui Food Bank's 10,000 square foot warehouse renovation project.

We are fortunate to have someone as committed as Garret Hew serving on our Board. He continues to bring awareness to our cause and helps assure that our mission to help the hungry is fulfilled.

Garret and his wife, Mary, have been married for 28 years. They have two adult children, a son and daughter. Garret spends his spare time raising cattle and gardening with a portion of the harvest going to the Maui Food Bank.

Agency Connection - Boys & Girls Club



Matt and Lei Jim

Sunday afternoons are usually associated with college football and a relaxing nap—but this does not ring true for Matt and Lei Jim. It is on Sunday afternoons that these two can be found down at Kalama Park in Kihei ministering to their congregation at Maui Intersection Church. This church started as a community outreach back in August 2007, with just Matt and Lei attending the weekly meeting. Since that time, their service has grown to include approximately 30 people, the majority of them being homeless.

The vision for this church actually began in Arizona, where the Jims had previously lived for eight years. While there, they were very involved in several community outreaches. It was at their ordination for ministry that their pastor challenged them to start a church and to "turn the world upside down." Matt and Lei rose to the challenge, and upon their arrival back in Maui, decided to start a church that would minister to the homeless in Kihei.

Every Sunday, the Jims conduct a traditional church service for their congregation. At the

end of their service, they always serve a hot meal, and then distribute food bags to anyone in need. All of this food comes from the Maui Food Bank. Before becoming an agency with the Maui Food Bank, the Jims bought their food at retail outlets like Safeway or Costco. Since joining the Maui Food Bank, the Jims have been able to significantly decrease the cost of their food ministry budget.

In just four years time, Matt and Lei have seen many lives transformed through Maui Intersection Church. They have stories of individuals who have reconciled with their families, both in Hawaii and on the mainland, and are now living healthy productive lives. When asked about their approach to homeless ministry, Matt stated, "You just need to be transparent and gain their trust." Matt and Lei have done just that and have gained the respect and trust of their congregation. Every week, 30 lives are changed, and the Jims not only feed the physical hunger, but also the spiritual as well.

People Helping People

Sadee Albiar

In a creative gesture, Sadee Albiar, a high school junior at Kamehameha Schools, raised over \$1,200 this past semester for the Maui Food Bank. Sadee, who desires to become a Pastry Chef one day, auctioned off gourmet bake sale items as part of an end-of-year class project, and donated all proceeds to the Maui Food Bank. The name of her project was "Sadee's Sweet Shop," and she chose the Maui Food Bank as her charity of choice. *Thank you Sadee for your creative generosity!*



Sadee Albiar, Ellie Gribas, and High School Principal Ms. Jay-R Ka'awa.

Battle of the Businesses

The annual *Battle of the Businesses* competition proved to be quite a success this year! We had 35 businesses participate and raised over 13,000 lbs. of food! The competition was divided into Large and Small Business categories. The winner for the Small Business category was American Income Life of Kihei who raised 2,029 lbs. of food. For the Large Business category, VIP/Cash N Carry of Kahului took the prize, raising 2,090 lbs. of food. *A special Mahalo to 99.9 KISS FM and to all of the business who participated in this successful campaign.*



Small Business Winner - American Income Life of Kihei



Large Business Winner - Cash N Carry

Starbucks

On April 15, a dedicated group of Maui Starbucks managers descended upon the Maui Food Bank and volunteered their time and energy to help fight hunger. They sorted, categorized, shelved and boxed various food items. All of the managers were surprised to learn how many people receive assistance from the Maui Food Bank. "I'm amazed!" stated Ashley Nishijo. "I didn't realize how big the organization was!"



Starbucks Managers

Volunteering in the community is an essential part of the Starbucks corporate culture. Community service is a part of their mission statement, and April is considered "Community Involvement" month. In an effort to give back, this team of managers chose the Maui Food Bank as their service organization because they believe the Maui Food Bank offers assistance in the most tangible way. *Mahalo to the Starbucks team for all of your volunteer efforts!*

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Sack N Save

Because of your generosity and with the help of our partner agencies, we are able to put food on the tables of people who are in desperate need of food relief. It is a team effort and we sincerely appreciate all of our food and financial donors who have joined together with us to make a difference.



Foodland

How you can help



Food is our priority. Your food donations are distributed to over 10,000 needy people in Maui County.

Financial support is essential to our mission. For every dollar you give we are able to provide 5 meals to hungry people.

We rely on volunteers like you. Volunteers contribute significantly to the daily operations of the Maui Food Bank.