

E komo mai Ryan and Mike!



We would like to introduce you to Ryan Carmichael and Mike Muir, our new AmeriCorps National Direct Members who will be living on Kaua'i and working with us for the next ten months.

Ryan is from Maine and Mike is from Virginia. Both men are starting their 2nd year of Habitat work experience through the AmeriCorps National program.



Mike and Ryan at Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build in Kona.

A hui hou Chris and Hannah!

Chris Casey and Hannah Livingston, our previous AmeriCorps team, accomplished a great deal while they were here. We are so grateful to have had them working with us for the last year. Both Hannah and Chris will be moving on to further their studies.



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Build Update:

- In Anahola all 3 homes are now framed and ready for installation of trusses in October. Carport slabs are poured, framing to be completed soon.
- In the coming year, we will be starting on another project with Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands—5 new homes in Anahola and 1 in Kekaha.
- Work with Repair & Renovation Program will be picking up. We will soon circle back to finish projects that were on hold. We are also now seeking interested applicants who own homes in Waimea and Kōloa and have need of electrical and plumbing work. Seed money for those projects are made possible by Community Development Block Grant Funding.



Kaaihue-Paopao home

Building homes. Building community. Building 'ohana.

What will YOU Build?

Your ongoing support is critical to our work of building and repairing affordable homes on Kaua'i. You can help us keep the momentum going through a financial contribution. Our top funding priorities this year are:

- Annual Fund
- Prepare to Build Campaign
- Tool Fund

To make your tax deductible gift today, visit www.kauaihabitat.org.



Dedicated to helping families afford decent and safe housing on Kaua'i.

Summer/Fall 2012

PREPARE TO BUILD

From the Executive Director...

We've had a flurry of activity during the last few months thanks to all of our donors, volunteers, and supporters. Some of our latest highlights include:



- Completion of 2 new homes (Kalaheo and Anahola)
- Completion of 4 projects in our Repair and Renovation Program
- Installation of the main offsite water line for the 'Ele'ele Iluna subdivision, courtesy of CDBG funding and private grants
- Our affiliate's first Women Build event in May
- Successful Build-A-Thon 2012 in August with Kauai Board of REALTORS®
- Framing completed on 3 new homes in Anahola
- Finalizing family selection for 5 new Anahola homes and 1 new Kekaha home on Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands property
- Restructuring of ReStore® operations and facility improvement, including roofing repair
- Improved Volunteer Program recruitment efforts

As for the 'Ele'ele Iluna subdivision, our main water line has been installed, and construction of the detention basin is next on the list.

There is still much work to do, but I know we can count on your enduring support and encouragement as we move forward. I hope you can take the time to read our latest news, and stop in to see us if you are on island, or passing by Hanapēpē. Don't forget, you can always visit us on the web or on Facebook and Twitter.

With aloha,

Stephen L. Spears, Executive Director

Blessings and New Beginnings...



In July, we had the pleasure of blessing the new home of Dellyne Gandia on Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) land in Anahola.

For a time, Dellyne lived with her daughter and her family and then moved on to rent a small duplex in Anahola on her limited income. After having her name on the DHHL homeowner waiting list for years, she took a friend's suggestion in 2010 and decided to complete an application for Habitat to build her a home. Her initial reaction was, "No, I'm not sure..." but she persevered.

The application process and construction period were big and challenging steps, but Kaua'i Habitat Family Services Manager Catherine Ka'auwai was there to assist Dellyne along the way, offering encouragement and clear explanations. By August 2011 volunteer crews were ready to start construction.

When asked what her thoughts were on her experience she replied, "I'm so grateful! But I wouldn't have been able to get this far without the help of my family, friends, and new friends at Habitat."



Dellyne Gandia with her children and grandchildren.

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Visit us on the web and take a peek at our new look! We recently redesigned our website thanks to capacity building funding from Hawai'i Community Foundation.

Our Mission:

Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world—one house at a time on Kaua'i—and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.



Now Building...

- 3 new homes (Anahola)
- Repair projects (Kekaha, 'Ele'ele)



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Mahalo! Last fiscal year, our donors and volunteers contributed over \$300,000 in philanthropic donations to fund our programs. About 50% of that came from individuals like you. And, over 350 volunteers contributed over 12,500 hours of labor! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those in need on Kaua'i!

1st Women Build in celebration of National Women Build Week



Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity was proud to host its first Women Build event in Kekaha on Sat. May 5, 2012 in celebration of National Women Build Week from May 5-13.

Over twenty volunteers came forward in service for Kaua'i Habitat and homeowners Joe and Nani Naka'ahiki. Our group included wāhine volunteers from the Kauai Chapter of American Association of University Women, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Na Wāhine leadership group, island residents, and island visitors who worked hard to make critical roofing and exterior repairs to the Naka'ahiki family's pre-'Iniki home. A few gentlemen also joined the group to assist with the repair work. The event was sponsored by Lowe's, who provided Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity with a \$5,000 Lowe's store gift card in support of National Women Build Week.

The Women Build theme, "The Build Generation," reflected the event's goal to recruit and train women volunteers, as well as welcome the next generation of Habitat Women Builders – young women, ages 18-24 – to support Habitat's mission to create affordable housing.

Staff Spotlight: Jessica & Pablo

This past Spring, Jessica Clabo joined the Kaua'i Habitat team as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Jessica has many years experience working with the public and coordinating volunteer programs for both individual and group volunteers. Contact Jessica at (808) 335-0296 x152 or by email to jessica@kauaihabitat.org.



In July, Pablo Herrera also joined the Kaua'i Habitat ohana as Construction Supervisor. In this new position, Pablo serves as part of our construction management team and works alongside Construction Superintendent Bob McNamara to assist with all phases of affordable home construction and repair projects. Pablo comes to us with over 11 years of construction experience and a background in resource management and environmental planning. Contact Pablo by email to pablo@kauaihabitat.org.

If you are on island, passing by the office, or have time to drop a quick note, please join us in officially welcoming Jessica and Pablo!

Volunteer Spotlight: Sandra Baffia

Sandra Bafia moved to Kaua'i in 2007 from Colorado with an extensive background in locksmithing, carpentry, and general contracting work. After losing both her mother and grandmother within 3 months of each other, Sandra vacationed on Kaua'i to visit her daughter and granddaughter only to become hired by a local contractor.



Beset by two knee injuries, Sandra was not content to lie still and recover. She always wanted to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and now seemed like the perfect opportunity for her. Although her injuries limited the work she could perform, Sandra proved to be an excellent leader on the jobsite, helping to instruct other volunteers on how to use tools safely and get the job done. She shared her expertise at the Women Build and Build-A-Thon 2012 events and during the construction of Dellvyné Gandia's Anahola home. Sandra finds the experience "addicting" and is energized by the

supportive atmosphere founded on camaraderie and fellowship. She added that on the mainland, her field of work often felt competitive in addition to the added challenge of being a woman in a landscape most often dominated by men.

Sandra remarked that she would ultimately love to become a building inspector or become further involved in Habitat for Humanity as an instructor and educator.

We are so fortunate and grateful for Sandra's generosity of time and skills to help others even while she is healing from her own injuries. It is people like Sandra who are the life force of Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity.



Above: Sandra with husband James (bottom row) and Jessica Clabo, volunteer coordinator and Chris Casey, AmeriCorps (top row).

Build-A-Thon 2012, "Working Together to Build a Better Kauai" in partnership with Kauai Board of REALTORS®

On August 4 and 5, over 50 members and affiliate members of the Kauai Board of REALTORS®, friends, and volunteers came together with a combined 400+ hours of labor to give a "hand up" to three Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity partner families in Anahola.



Kaye Leonard installing hurricane straps.

Thanks to the support and fundraising efforts of the Kauai Board of REALTORS® and its members, families, and friends, over \$7,100 in contributions were raised to further the efforts of Kaua'i Habitat's work of building affordable homes for Kaua'i families in need.



Steve Latham and Hannah Livingston installing blocking.

And to top it all off, a generous gift of \$1,325 was given by Hawai'i Life Real Estate Brokers as a matching gift for every dollar their agents raised for this event! The grand total raised through their efforts before, during, and even after the 2-day build event was \$8,500!



By the end of the build event, the floor was raised and sheeted in plywood on the Fernandez lot, floor joists were constructed on the Napoleon lot, and footings were dug on the Ka'aihue-Paopao lot at the upper end of the street.

A lot was accomplished in those two days under the hot Anahola sun – thanks to everyone who supported us and came out to build! It is simply amazing what good can be done when caring individuals, friends, families, and neighbors, work together toward a common and all too important goal. The renewed partnership between Kaua'i Board of REALTORS® and Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity is a natural fit given our mutual goal of providing housing on Kaua'i and has unlimited potential.



Kaua'i Habitat homeowners and build crew with Dickie Chang. Mahalo to Kauai Board of REALTORS®!

Mahalo!

Volunteers Make the Difference!

Mahalo to our dedicated volunteers, both individuals and groups, who came from near and far this year!



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