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Volunteer Newsletter  
Summer 2013

Kauai Habitat For Humanity

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Summer brings....  
Jim and Frank!

"Seasonal" volunteers and long time friends Jim McCall (Washington state) and Frank Odegard (Oregon) returned to their summer vacation paradise and could only think of one thing, volunteering at Kauai Habitat for Humanity!



What brings them back each year? Working along side their long time friend, KHFH's Construction Superintendent Bob McNamara and their desire to help bring affordable housing to the people of Kauai. Jim and Frank have their wives drop them off at the Hanapepe Base Yard twice a week during their few weeks on island.

They have been supporting KHFH through their volunteer service since 2000!

This year, Jim even managed to provide a half day of service on his 50th wedding anniversary! "That was her present to me, letting me volunteer." said Jim.

Mahalo to Jim, Frank, and all of our seasonal volunteers.



**You're Invited!**  
COME CELEBRATE OUR  
AMERICORPS CREW LEADERS



Please come celebrate Mike Muir and Ryan Carmichael's accomplishments since becoming AmeriCorps Crew Leaders, working with Kauai Habitat since September 2012.

### **Mahalo Party**

**Friday July 27th**

**5:00PM-8:00PM**

**Salt Pond Beach Park, Pavilion #2**

**This is a "Pot Luck" event**

*\* beverages, paper goods and plasticware provided by affiliate.*

**Did you know....**

Together Mike and Ryan contributed over 3,700 hours of their time building safe and affordable housing on Kauai.

Together Mike and Ryan served 8 Kauai Habitat families through New Construction and Repair and Renovation programs.

**Fun Facts about our AmeriCorps members....**

Mike enjoys Hula, and has danced with every Global Village team at their Mahalo Parties. Mike has renewed his commitment to AmeriCorps and will be one of the two appointed Kauai Habitat

May 2013

## Volunteer Spotlight

### Joe Nahaahiki

After experiencing benefits of Kauai Habitat for Humanity first hand as a Repair and Renovation Program (RRP) homeowner, Joe soon became an advocate of KHFH. He took on a much needed role of spreading the word to the Hawaiian community, encouraging others (in their native language, Hawaiian) to apply for assistance with much needed housing repairs. Joe continues his volunteerism, using skilled and experience gained on his own home to help rebuild the two RRP homes in his neighborhood and by supporting our volunteer teams.



June 2013

## Volunteer Spotlight

### Greg Iten

Tuesday mornings staff always looks

AmeriCorps Crew Leaders for the 2013-2014 service year!

Ryan is passionate about many things, including: organics, composting, recycling, hiking, and creating relationships with the families he has served. Ryan undoubtedly will maintain the many friendships he has formed, and return to Kauai in the future.



## Nepal to Na Pali

pictured: visiting volunteer Kathy King

Many people will tell you, the "Habitat World" is a small one. But how do you get from Nepal to the Na Pali Coast of Kauai? It's all about building relationships while building homes.



The story starts in Nepal in 2012, while Kathy was on a Global Village build trip with Habitat for Humanity International. Halfway around the world from both Kauai and her home in Washington state, she met and volunteered alongside KHFH staff member Bob McNamara on a construction crew. Together Bob and Kathy slung mud, and made bricks. And bricks. And even more... bricks!

forward to the little green car arriving in the parking lot. We know Kalaheo resident Greg Iten is coming to help out! For the past several years, Greg has donated 6-8 hours of his time each week on a Habitat construction site. Recently, he's been keeping busy on the Nakaahiki Repair and Renovation home in Kekaha. From the car port, to the foundation, Greg has been there for our homeowners.  
Mahalo nui loa, Greg.



July 2013  
Volunteer Spotlight  
Monica

**Enthusiastic, passionate, thoughtful! All words that come to mind immediately when talking about our youngest ReStore volunteer, Monica. A high school student at Kamehameha on Oahu, Monica chooses to spend school break time giving**

back in her hometown

During all this mud-slinging, Kathy was taken with Bob's passion for his own affiliate and the Kauai community. His story left her wanting to discover more. Soon, she learned about KHFH's visiting volunteer program. Kathy scheduled a build trip, a few months later she was on her way to Kauai with her (adult) son, Paul (pictured below).

Kekaha (west side) was their first 'assignment' as visiting volunteer. The home is an extensive Repair and Renovation project home, with Native Hawaiian Homeowners. At first, Paul was unsure of his ability to 'build a house'. After a few hours on the job site, he realized what mom had told him was true; building a house isn't always about pounding nails and putting up walls. Its about teaching, learning, making relationships, and working together.

That's the (short) story how Kathy King of Washington State ended up volunteering from Nepal to the Na Pali Coast, with Kauai Habitat for Humanity.



Picture above: Paul Vranesh

### **Current Projects seeking volunteers**

**Call 335-0296 x152 or email  
volunteer@kauaihabitat.org**

**Repair and Renovation:** 2 active project homes, both located in Kekaha. Seeking construction volunteers, no experience is necessary. Most work is at the interior stage.

Wednesday-Saturdays 8:30am-3:30pm.

**House Move:** Kahili to Anahola, site prep underway in Anahola! Seeking volunteers to help prep the lots (tree cutting) and prep the house for its trek across the island. Some demolition involved.

Call for scheduling, work dates TBD.

**Back in her hometown community, Hanapepe with KHFH. Always cheerful while sorting donations and helping customers, we love having her help in the ReStore. Mahalo nui loa, Monica!**

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**ReStore:** Seeking someone interested in conservation, by helping with materials recycling (cardboard, metals, hazardous materials).

Interested in meeting new people? There is always room for more customer service volunteers at the ReStore; accepting, sorting donations, helping customers find treasures, loading and unloading of donations. Don't have a lot of time? That's OK. One time commitment of 2-3 hours helps tremendously.

**Base Yard:** Clean up and organization underway - love to recycle, remove, and reduce clutter? We'd love to have you help to improve our efficiency. Flexible scheduling available.



**Gardening/Yard Maintenance:** Help maintain our flower beds. This can be done on your own schedule, whenever you have time (drop in). Estimated time 3-5 hours a month.

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Kauai Habitat found their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, with AmeriCorps NCCC team Blue 6!



The National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a full time, team based, residential program for participants ages 18–24 years of age. Members commit to 10 months of service, they are assigned to various participating non-profit sites around the USA.

While team Blue 6 was on Kauai serving Kauai Habitat for Humanity, they completed installation of over 2,000 feet of dust fence. The dust fence is a requirement to begin our much anticipated Ele'ele Iluna Phase II development.

Team Blue 6 also helped with our Anahola house move project. All members are chainsaw certified, perfect skills for removing branches and trees that have been blocking progress of the house move.

Several team members also spent days in Kekaha, installing drywall on the Beniamina Repair and Renovation home. Native Hawaiian homeowner, Kanani Beniamina was so appreciative of their service: she presented the members with puka shell necklaces she hand crafted. They were honored to receive such thoughtful, and meaningful gifts.



pictured: puka shell necklace made by homeowner Kanani Beniamina

Blue 6 helped with many other projects, from editing documents to sorting clothes in the ReStore. Members made friends with all of our staff, our Habitat homeowners and neighbors, even our HabiCat Gracie Mae was spoiled with their energy and passion for all things good.

On their departure, Kauai provided the best gift of all, a rainbow at the end of their dust fence, just as they were loading their duffle bags into the van to head towards the airport (pictured above).

We appreciate everything this amazing group of young adults contributed to Kauai Habitat and the Kauai community.

Mahalo nui loa Alicia, Brandon, Madi, Trevor, Nick, Sadi, Briana, and Ryan. Reach for your dreams! A hui hou.

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