



LAULIMA

From the Executive Director...



What does home mean to you?

For many of us, home is a place, a roof over our heads. Others say home is family and friends. Some say it's communities, culture and heritage.

I think they're *all* correct. Because home is *so much*

more than four walls and a roof. Here at Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity, we have a *vision* of home. That vision is **a world where everyone has a decent place to live.**

To achieve this worthwhile vision, our mission exists to guide us and focus our efforts. In order to highlight the critical components of our work, Habitat for Humanity International recently revised our mission statement.

It is:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

It's all of you, the people Habitat brings together, who are the building blocks of our work. When we come together, spectacular things happen. A physical home gets built. Lives are touched. And hope lives on. Home means so many things to me, especially in my twenty-five years serving Habitat affiliates in the U.S.

I hope the next time you pull into your driveway, touch down at the airport to visit family, or pick up a hammer at our jobsite, you remember that **what you do makes a difference** in the lives of so many who are building their own vision of home.

Thank you for your enduring support!

Mahalo a nui loa,

Stephen L. Spears, Executive Director

"I will get things done for America to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier."



- The AmeriCorps Oath

In September, the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) marked the 20th anniversary of the AmeriCorps program. Each day for twenty years in communities across America, AmeriCorps members have made significant impacts on the most critical issues facing our nation.

From building homes to improving schools, fighting poverty, rebuilding after disasters, providing health services, preserving the environment, or supporting veterans and military families, AmeriCorps members are getting things done.

Since its inception, more than 820,000 men and women have taken the AmeriCorps pledge, serving more than 1 billion hours and improving the lives of countless Americans.

Our affiliate is grateful and proud to have had the support and assistance of AmeriCorps teams for thirteen years, since the first group of AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps came to Kauai to help build homes on Hawaiian Homelands in Hanapepe. Another way we and our homeowners benefit from the AmeriCorps program is through the assistance of AmeriCorps National members each year. These positions are critical and provide much needed additional construction leadership for our individual volunteers and volunteer teams.



Team leader Alicia D'Allesandro (left) and Briana Kasman (right) work to finish dust fence construction at the 'Eleele 'Iluna Subdivision. (June 2013)

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Our Mission

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AmeriCorps (continued)

AmeriCorps National members have been responsible for not only providing crew leadership on our jobsites, but also contributing valuable input in operational improvements and promoting a positive image of community service on our island.

This year, we welcome the addition of AmeriCorps National member, Drew Wolenter, who will be serving as a construction crew lead alongside returning AmeriCorps National member Mike Muir for a total of 46 weeks.

Drew comes to us from East Norton, Philadelphia. He is a third-year AmeriCorps Member and last served in Philadelphia. Drew enjoys working with volunteers. While on Kauai, Drew's priority is to help deserving people. On his days off, Drew is excited to learn about island life and learn to surf.

Mike has served with our affiliate for the last year. He is happy to be returning again for a second year of service on island. Mike, a third-year AmeriCorps National member and has also been part of an NCCC team. His years of experience have brought a wealth

of knowledge to our construction sites.

Kaua'i Habitat construction staff Bob McNamara and Pablo Herrera are very pleased with the progress the two have been making with construction efforts and also with the rapport they are building with our homeowners and volunteers.



Drew Wolenter (left) and Mike Muir (right) at Statewide Build-A-Thon in Anahola. (September 2013)

Elele Iluna Subdivision Phase II Progress

- Wa'alani Enterprises has been selected as the contractor to perform the roadwork for Phase II of the subdivision.
- The dust fence along the property was completed in the summer thanks to Team D'Alessandro with AmeriCorps NCCC.
- Financing is in place and Kaua'i Habitat is now awaiting an NPDES permit from the County of Kaua'i. Once permits are issued, we will begin the long-awaited process of turning ground.
- Nearly 2,000 families are waiting for an opportunity to own an affordable home. The work to be conducted on Phase II of the subdivision will pave the way for another 107 affordable homes to be built in `Ele`ele.



Holomua Campaign

A capital campaign to raise funds for `Ele`ele Iluna Subdivision Phase II

- Thanks to the vision of the late Christina Lee Campbell, Kaua'i Habitat will be able to fund the cost of one of the homes in Phase II through a generous gift from her estate.
- A committee from the Kauai Board of REALTORS® is working to diligently to raise \$100,000 among their membership to sponsor a home in Phase II of the subdivision. The group is over a quarter of the way there, having raised over \$27,000 in gifts and pledges to date.
- Fundraising continues for leadership gifts in the Holomua Capital Campaign to benefit the `Ele`ele Iluna subdivision construction project.

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Hawai'i Habitat for Humanity Association Statewide Build-A-Thon

In September, Kaua'i Habitat participated in the Hawai'i Habitat for Humanity

Association's Statewide Build-A-Thon. Each of the seven Hawaii affiliates (Hilo, West Hawai'i, Maui, Molokai, Honolulu, Leeward Oahu, and Kauai) held build events over two days from September 14-15. 800 volunteers worked on 12 homes and raised \$80,000 as part of the statewide effort.

On Kauai, approximately 40 volunteers gathered to start construction on two lots in Anahola for the McDermott and Kaneholani families.

Lunch was generously provided by the local Honsador Lumber staff. Honsador was also one of the sponsors of the statewide event.

Day one consisted of clearing the McDermott lot to prepare it for foundation work. Crews also worked to erect dust fences around the Kaneholani property located further down the road. On day two, volunteer teams erected the dust fence at the McDermott lot. On the Kaneholani site

they finished dust fence installation and were also able to begin foundation work by digging footings for the home.

Kaua'i Habitat, the McDermotts, and the Kaneholanis are thankful to all the volunteers who came out that weekend to help the families begin their journey to homeownership. Among the individuals who came to pitch in during the two-day event were neighbors, family and friends, volunteers from the Kauai Cherry Blossom festival, Honsador Lumber, and AmeriCorps.



Build Update

- The September 2013 Build-A-Thon marked the beginning of another two new homes in Anahola on Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands. The two homes are now framed, with trusses on the Kaneholani home and truss installation to happen in the coming weeks on the McDermott home.



Q: What gets uncovered during a Habitat Repair and Renovation project?
A: A whole lot of love!



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Can't afford a conventional loan?**



Before



After

Our new Repair & Renovation Program may be the answer for you!

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Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to building affordable housing on Kaua'i.

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"Sometimes you just have to put the pride aside and ask for help," said homeowner Joe Naka`ahiki as he reflected back on his Repair & Renovation project.

"And now, we have a safe place to live and our kids actually have a place where they can do their homework."

Left: Zariah Naka`ahiki shows off her new room.

Below: Jon and Therese LeGro from New York take a break from spraying the interior paint of the Beniamina home in Kekaha.

The LeGros were part of Global Village Team Young who volunteered on island in October. The couple "caught the building bug" with Habitat after Hurricane Katrina and then went on to participate in ten RV Care-A-Vanner builds across the U.S. and New Zealand.



Update: Repair work on the home of Caroline Naka`ahiki is nearly complete. Work continues on the major repairs needed for John and Kanani Beniamina's home. Interior painting is now complete and flooring and kitchen cabinets have been installed. Crews will now be working on detailed finish work throughout the home.



The challenge is on!

Join us in 2014 for a great series of culinary event challenges at the first ever Kauai Coffee Kōloa Rum Challenge for Charity!

Events featuring a dessert challenge, drink challenge, and entrée challenge will be held at various island venues from January—March 2014. The best of the best will be chosen to square off in a final challenge to see who will be crowned the **Kauai Coffee Kōloa Rum Challenge Champion!**

Get your tickets today! Visit www.kckrchallenge.com for ticket, sponsorship, and detailed event information. Proceeds benefit Kauaʻi Habitat for Humanity and Kauaʻi Community College’s Culinary Program.

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 Kauaʻi. You can help us keep the momentum going through a financial contribution. Our top funding priorities this year are:

- Annual Fund
- *Holomua* Capital Campaign
- Tool Fund

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

Get to Know...

Homeowner Kanani Beniamina



Born and raised on Niʻihau island southwest of Kauaʻi, Kanani is a caring, nurturing, and hard-working woman who enjoys sharing the Hawaiian culture with others.

While talking to Kanani on the first workday at her and her husband John’s home repair and renovation project, Kanani casually mentioned that she would be unavailable during a period of time in July.

As it turned out, Kanani was to travel with a team of cultural practitioners from University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo to demonstrate Lei Niʻihau Pūpū, the art of Niuhau shell lei making, at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Kanani is thrilled now to add home renovation experience to her accomplishments!



Habitat for Humanity’s Global Village Program is a domestic and international volunteer program. Individuals, both experienced and those new to construction, can travel with a team domestically or internationally to build

decent, affordable shelter alongside members of the community. Team members learn about poverty housing, development challenges and Habitat’s ministry and mission. The funds raised by team members help build decent shelter in the service area of the Habitat affiliate you visit and support the continuance of the Global Village program. Kauaʻi Habitat has had the opportunity to welcome over 40 Global Village teams at our home construction sites on Kauaʻi. To learn more about Global Village, or to lead or join a team, visit habitat.org/gv.

While we work to spread the mission of Kauaʻi Habitat every day on the jobsite and in the community we serve, there are times when we must answer a calling to do more. In recent years, two of our affiliate’s staff members, Bob McNamara and Carol Simon, have had the chance to take time off to challenge themselves and give back on a global scale.

Below are a couple snapshots of the work they and their teams accomplished in Nepal with Habitat for Humanity in 2011 and 2012.



Above: Carol Simon and her team helped complete House #8 in Itahari, Nepal in March 2011 as part of the Habitat for Humanity Australia’s Hand in Hand Build.

Below: Bob McNamara and fellow Global Village volunteers at House #16 in Panchkhal, Nepal. The team was led by Bob and Leslie Bell as part of Habitat’s “Everest Build II” in October 2012.

