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**KAUA'I HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANNOUNCES MANDATORY ORIENTATION MEETINGS  
IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR  
HOMEOWNERSHIP IN THE 'ELE'ELE ILUNA SUBDIVISION**

**'Ele'ele, Hawai'i** –Kauai Habitat for Humanity announced today that it is beginning the selection process for families to partner with Habitat to build in the `Ele`ele Iluna Subdivision. Construction is slated for Fall 2014. Individuals who are interested in the program and meet the guidelines listed below, should call the office at: 335-0296 ext. 117 or 111 to register for one of the mandatory orientation meetings that will be held in February and March around the island. **INTERESTED HOUSEHOLDS MUST CALL AND BE REGISTERED TO BE ABLE TO COME TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FOR HOUSING.**

Meeting Dates, Places & Times:

- Wednesday, 02/19/14            5:00-8:00pm            Kalaheo School Cafeteria
- Saturday, 02/22/14            12:00-6:00pm            Kalaheo School Cafeteria
- Monday, 02/24/14            5:00-8:00pm            `Ele`ele School Cafeteria
- Saturday, 03/01/14            8:30-11:30am            Chiefess Kamakahalei Cafeteria (Lihue)
- Wednesday, 03/05/14            6:00-9:00pm            Chiefess Kamakahalei Cafeteria (Lihue)
- Saturday, 03/08/14            8:00am-2:00pm            Waimea Canyon School Cafeteria

Guidelines to become a Habitat partner family:

1. You must be a "first time homeowner", meaning that you have NOT owned a home in the last 3 years.
2. Your "Total" gross family income must be between 30% and 80% of Kauai's Median Income (see chart below). Note, "Total" gross income means the income from all people that will be living in the house who are over the age of 18.
3. You (household members) must be willing to partner, in good faith, with Kauai Habitat to build your home & put in at least 700 hours of sweat equity.
4. You must have sufficient income after your debt & bills to be able to make the mortgage payment on your home. See chart below for the estimated purchase price of these homes.

As of December 18, 2013, suggested allowable gross income to qualify is:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<u>Not Less Than 30%</u> of Kauai's Median Income	\$19,100	\$21,800	\$24,550	\$27,250	\$29,450	\$31,650	\$33,800	\$36,000
<u>Not More Than 80%</u> of Kauai's Median Income	\$50,850	\$58,100	\$65,350	\$72,600	\$78,450	\$84,250	\$90,050	\$95,850



## Size and Estimated Cost of Homes:

Size of Home	2 Bedroom/1 Bath	3 Bedroom/1.5 Bath	4 Bedroom/2 Bath
Estimated Cost	\$220,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$235,000.00



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### **About Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity**

*Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical, nonprofit, Christian housing ministry. Its mission is 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. Through volunteer and homeowner labor, and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses. The affiliate is also a proud partner agency of Kauai United Way.*

*Kaua'i Habitat features two main home building programs: New Home Construction Program and Repair and Renovation Program. Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity also operates ReStore<sup>®</sup>, which sells new and used discounted building and construction materials and household items. Proceeds from ReStore<sup>®</sup> support Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity's mission to build decent, affordable housing. Since 1992 Kaua'i Habitat has built 111 affordable homes and made critical repairs to 20 existing homes for Kaua'i families whose household income is between 30-80% of the median Kaua'i income. Because the critical need for affordable housing continues to persist on our island, Kaua'i Habitat has pledged to scale up our capacity and build our next 100 homes before the next decade.*

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*For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit [www.kauaihabitat.org](http://www.kauaihabitat.org), or follow us on FaceBook ([www.facebook.com/kauaihabitat](http://www.facebook.com/kauaihabitat)) or Twitter (@kauaihabitat).*