



# LAULIMA

## From the Executive Director...



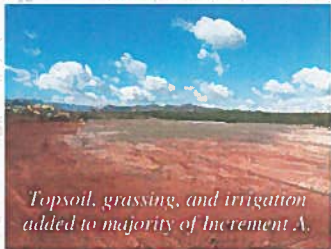
### It takes a village...

At Kaua'i Habitat, we take the Hawaiian concept of *laulima* (many hands) to heart. Many hands have always made lighter work and it certainly has taken an entire community to get our 'Ele'ele Iluna subdivision project to where it is today.

- All underground utilities (sewer,

water, drainage) are installed and have been inspected.

- Topsoil has been added and grassing and irrigation system was installed for a majority of *Increment A* (the first 48 lots).



*Topsoil, grassing, and irrigation added to majority of Increment A.*

- Roadwork begins the 3rd week of August with the final grading and gravel work. Road paving will begin soon afterward.

Funding is in place and being expended for the infrastructure work, but we are just at the very beginning of a critical stage of our project to build the next 107 Habitat homes on Kaua'i. Affordable housing here in the islands is needed now more than ever. We now need funding for the actual building of the homes. We have homeowners conditionally approved to begin building 22 homes and a total of 257 families with active applications to review for the remaining lots. The families are ready and the need for the funds to build homes is upon us. Our Board and staff are working diligently to move forward on our *Holomua Capital Campaign* to raise the remaining \$3 million needed to get this subdivision completed.

We are in need of leadership donors to invest in this worthy project for Kaua'i's people. A leadership gift provides more than just housing, it provides opportunity for our fellow residents to advance their lives and continue the mission of this great organization.

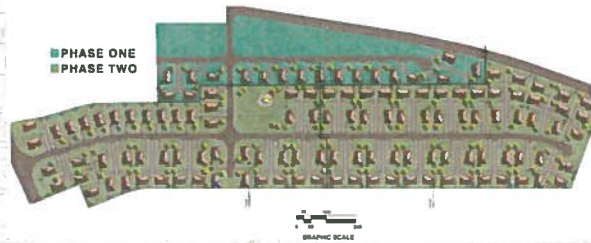
There are many ways you can make your charitable gift to the campaign. I encourage you to speak with any of our Board Members or staff to learn more about the impact you can make with a major contribution. Please contact us at (808) 335-0296 ext. 113.

Mahalo a nui loa,

*Stephen*  
Stephen L. Spears, Executive Director

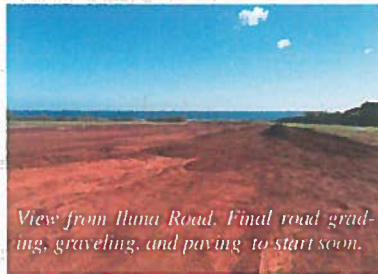
## Twenty-two Selected for 'Ele'ele Iluna Subdivision

Habitat 'Ele'ele Iluna Subdivision Project - 107 new affordable homes



Twenty-two future homeowners were conditionally approved for Phase II of the 'Ele'ele Iluna subdivision.

If all goes well with their loan application process this Fall, they will fulfill their dream of home ownership sometime next year. The 22 households were chosen while reviewing more than 250 applications in lottery rank order for this increment of the subdivision.



*View from Iluna Road. Final road grading, graveling, and paving to start soon.*

Construction of at least 6 homes will begin later this Fall. Management may be able to begin building 12 if we are not limited by funding.

## What will YOU Build?

Help us build a lasting legacy to ensure that those in need have access to safe, affordable housing.

Contact us today about tax advantages through charitable giving tools such as **Charitable Gift Annuities** or other options which enable you to make **worthwhile investments** that truly make an **impact and can benefit** you in this lifetime.

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## Our Mission

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

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In its early days, Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity had a BIG job to do. People were displaced after the devastation wrought by 'Iniki, a category five hurricane, in 1992. Caring people from the U.S. mainland contributed over \$500,000 to start an affiliate on the island and help the residents. A board of directors was formed, supporters joined the bandwagon, and the home building began. One small business was among these initial supporters. With hearts of gold and passion for community, the owners played a major role in helping Kaua'i Habitat launch its first efforts. That same community spirit continues today. This is their story.

## Donor Spotlight: Island Hardware The Pride of the North Shore

Island Ace Hardware offers many services for the visitor, do-it-yourself homeowner and contractor!

Conveniently located in The Princeville Shopping Center on Kauai's beautiful north shore, Island Hardware supplies both locals and visitors with a variety of products.

All photos courtesy of staff member Don Gatlin, Operations Solutions/Social Media



Terry Caplan, Owner, Island Ace Hardware

### Went on vacation... ...bought a hardware store!

People say all the time Kaua'i is a special place. When Terry Caplan and his partner Michael Rutherford came to Kaua'i in 1987 on vacation, they immediately fell in love with the island and the community. When asked by Habitat staff about how Island Hardware got its start, Terry laughed and said, "I went on vacation to Kaua'i and came away with a hardware store!"

Having always been mechanically inclined and growing up watching an uncle run his own hardware store, Terry explained that he always wanted to have a hardware store of his own. It was a bit serendipitous when He and Michael saw that a 3,000 sq. ft. True Value store was up for sale in Princeville.

But it wasn't meant to be — it was already in escrow. After their Kaua'i vacation, Terry and Michael returned home to California. The couple was surprised when later that Fall, Northshore Realty informed them that the previous escrow on the store had fallen through.

By the end of 1987, Terry and Michael had moved from their home in Santa Monica to Princeville and on January 2, 1988, they took over the store.

From day one the owners endeared themselves to the community and revamped store inventory by bringing in items that residents wanted and needed.

### Community spirit

In early September 1992, with Hurricane 'Iniki threatening to make landfall, Terry and Michael made the decision to stay open as long as possible so that Island Hardware could help provide people with items they needed to protect their homes. They were the last store to close. When the winds and rain finally dissipated, Island Hardware was the first store to reopen. As there was no electricity on the island for some time after the hurricane, they operated the store using flashlights.

In good community spirit and in an effort to help others get back on their feet during the aftermath, Island Hardware began to sell goods "on signature." They were touched when nearly all of these customers, many of them regulars, made good on their promises to pay.

### Re-building Kaua'i with Habitat

Terry and Michael made many close

friends in the north shore community. Among these was Kaua'i Habitat founder LaFrance Kapaka-Arboleda. When time came to ramp up Habitat's efforts after the hurricane, LaFrance approached Terry to ask for help in building the first Habitat homes on Kaua'i during the "7 on the 11" build event. The event was a large-scale blitz build held on September 11, 1993, the one-year anniversary of Hurricane 'Iniki.

Many great donations and volunteers contributed to that great effort, including a tremendous gift of paint for all the homes from Island Hardware.

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### Re-Use • Re-Purpose • Re-Build

When Kaua'i Habitat held its first event, "7 on the 11" in 1993 in Anahola, Island Hardware proudly contributed mis-tints from the store which gave Habitat a large supply of gray exterior paint for the project.

Thanks to their support, Kaua'i Habitat completed the 'blitz build' of seven homes in eleven days.



Valspar paint—one of several quality brands offered at Island Hardware.  
Pictured above: Floor Manager Alex Cabulisan and Owner Terry Caplan.

### Continued philanthropy

Michael was an integral partner of Island Hardware until his passing in 1997. His generosity lives on with Terry as he continues to make significant contributions to help with Kaua'i Habitat's affordable homebuilding efforts and other worthy community initiatives. Terry more than doubled the size of the store and had a grand re-opening in November 1998.

Terry's recent major donations from Island Hardware have included over six pallets of lighting, plumbing, and electrical supplies and a large supply of paint and colorants valued at more than \$40,000. These goods were made available for resale at ReStore®, Kaua'i Habitat's resale outlet for new and used merchandise offered at deep discounts. All revenue generated from ReStore® supports Kaua'i Habitat's work of providing affordable housing opportunities on Kaua'i.

Island Ace Hardware is also a generous supporter of community organizations such as Kauai Hospice, Kauai Humane Society, and Kauai North Shore Lions Club.

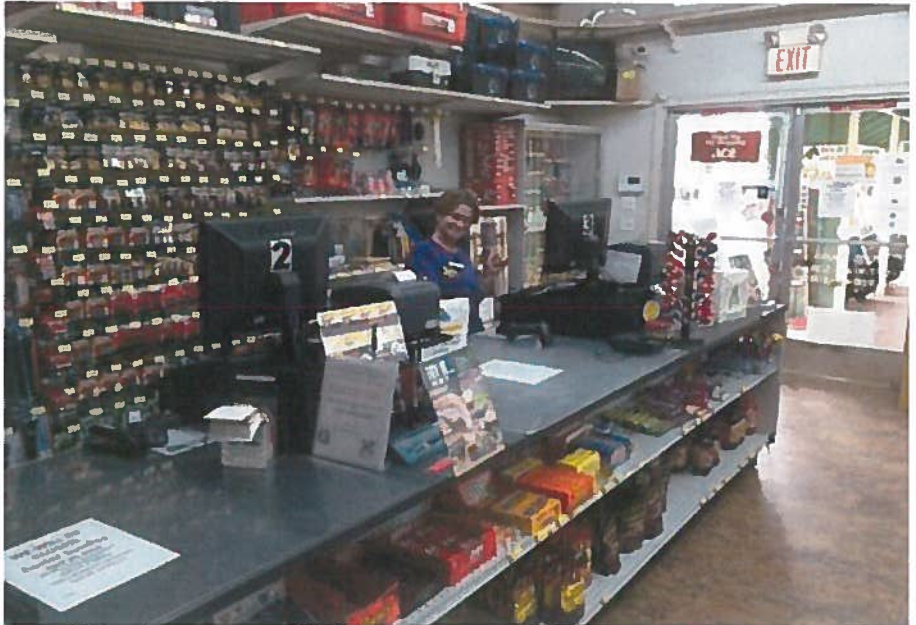
### Bright future

When Terry and Michael first took over the hardware store, they had four employees. Today, Island Ace Hardware (formerly True Value prior to 1995) has a team of nineteen employees and is open every day of the week. This year, Island Hardware completed its remodel of the paint department and front entrance. They now feature paint from



*The newly remodeled Paint Studio*

*Below: Cashier Dee Monahan shows off the front entrance remodel.*



*Part of the 'ohana at Island Hardware—Haley (above) and Chloe (below). Four-legged friends are welcome in the store with their leashes!*



Clark + Kensington (an Ace Hardware exclusive item) and Valspar, a longtime national sponsor of Habitat for Humanity. The company also celebrated its twenty sixth year in business.

The future is bright for Island Ace Hardware as they continue to be a huge resource for the island. The staff regularly greets residents and visitors, new and regular customers, many of whom are do-it-yourselfers or contractors.

Customers are asked frequently for comments and input on store merchandise and whether the current inventory is meeting customer needs. Sales and special offers are promoted throughout the year. Every Wednesday seniors can take advantage of 10% off everything in the store.

Terry intends to build up eco-friendly product lines and introduce more organics into the stores inventory. With the expansion of The Princeville Shopping Center to start soon, exciting plans are in place for Island Ace Hardware to become a free-standing store.

### **For more information on Island Ace Hardware:**

- Call **808-826-6980** or stop in at the store at Princeville Shopping Center from **7:30am-5:30pm**
- Like them on **Facebook** under **Island Hardware Princeville**
- Visit them on the web at **[www.islandacehardware.com](http://www.islandacehardware.com)**

## Events that brought people together to build homes and hope on Kaua'i

### Build-a-Thon

On July 11-13, 2014 Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity joined forces with our neighboring islands in holding the Eighth Annual Statewide Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association Build-a-thon. The purpose of the event is to bring the community together to raise awareness and support for affiliate initiatives across Hawaii.

The event was a success as volunteers came together to build and raise the walls of future homeowners Vern Kauanui and Don Baker's Anahola home. Vern originally grew up in the area and is anxious and excited to be able to own his own home there. Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. and Kaulana Finn from Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard's office were even there to watch the walls go up.



Kaulana Finn, Vern Kauanui, Don Baker, and Mayor Carvalho



Connie Chan takes time off from the E.R. to participate in Women Build

### Lowe's Women Build

It was all about the Wāhine this Mother's Day as the women of Kaua'i came together to show off what they can do. It was truly amazing to see the amount of work that was done as more than a dozen women (and a couple of men) took on the Eguchi home-stead in Kekaha. The home of future homeowners Nelson and Marian Eguchi was transformed before our eyes as siding was hung and the structure was roofed.

This was the third year in a row that Kaua'i Habitat was selected to host this nationwide event by our longtime partner Lowe's. This year, Lowe's contributed \$1.75 million to National Women Build Week as part of a new five-year partnership with Habitat that will bring Lowe's total contributions to more than \$63 million since 2003.

"We are excited to participate in National Women Build Week," said Stephen Spears, executive director of Kaua'i Habitat. "This is a great opportunity for women of all skill levels to come together to help a family in need."

The participants of this year's event were especially dedicated as many of them have been volunteering on our construction projects ever since. A couple of them have been traveling from other islands to help build on Kaua'i.



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### Dow Renovation Project

It was a busy day on the worksite of Elvis and Debbie Fitzgerald-Troche’s future home. More than 20 volunteers showed up eager and ready to go as part of the company’s 2014 commitment to Habitat. The 2014 partnership with Habitat for Humanity International includes 41 habitat builds in 15 countries, and more than 1,500 employees who are expected to log 10,000 volunteer hours with Habitat. In the last two years Dow has contributed over \$15,000 toward the renovation of the Fitzgerald-Troche home.

“We’ve been a community member here on Kaua’i for 5 years and we’re proud to build this Habitat home in partnership with a neighbor,” said Bo Miller, global director for Corporate Citizenship at Dow and president of The Dow Chemical Company Foundation. “It’s a pleasure for us to not only contribute employee volunteer hours and project funding to help make this project possible, but also the products that will reduce energy consumption, helping make this home affordable for a family in our community.”

The volunteers from Dow did an amazing job of clearing the yard and painting the exterior of the home. The homeowners were so pleased with the amount of work that was done in such a short period of time.

## 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
- *Holomua* Capital Campaign
- Tool Fund

To make your tax deductible gift today, visit [www.kauaihabitat.org](http://www.kauaihabitat.org).



### U.S. Navy Build day

On May 13, 2014 Captain Bruce Hay, commanding officer at the Pacific Missile Range Facility provided ten U.S. Navy volunteers to continue critical work on Nelson and Marian Eguchi’s home on Department of Hawaiian Homelands in Kekaha.

The project held special significance to Captain Hay and the volunteers as they know Nelson Eguchi from the Pacific Missile Range Facility fitness center where he works. Captain Hay also has additional connections with Habitat for Humanity as he helped to establish the Habitat for Humanity of Island County affiliate in Washington state as well as serve as a Board Member.



### Dine Out for Our Community

With so many caring individuals in our community wanting to help us achieve our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live, we needed to come up with an easy way that anyone could help. What could be easier (and more delicious) than going out to dinner. With the generosity of Plantation Gardens Restaurant & Bar, all anyone had to do was show up for dinner.



It was on a beautiful evening in June that the restaurant hosted the fund raising event giving a portion of all its sales to Kaua’i Habitat. They were wonderful hosts and even concocted a signature drink for us called the “Habitat Cocktail for Humanity.”

## AmeriCorps Appointments

It's always hard to say good-bye when an AmeriCorps member completes their 10 ½ month assignment with us. It's easy to get attached when you spend your days working alongside such dedicated individuals. We are happy to announce we will not have to say good-bye to **Mike Muir** and **Drew Wolenter**. With so much construction planned at the 'Ele'ele Iluna Subdivision, both Mike and Drew have been hired by Kaua'i Habitat as Carpenter Crew Leaders. Now they will be sharing all their knowledge and expertise with a new crew of AmeriCorps appointees. This fall we will be welcoming three new members to our team.



*Mike Muir and Drew Wolenter*

**Rita Klofta** is a construction crew leader in New Mexico. She is looking forward to building in a completely new climate. This should be a great fit for her as she loves to be outside. She was also an Art major in college and works in oil painting. She is looking forward to serving here in Kaua'i and we are excited to welcome her and share our aloha spirit.



*Rita Klofta*

We are extremely proud of **Faustino Apilado**, or "**Howie**" to those who know him. Howie is our first on island AmeriCorps appointee. We became acquainted with

Howie while constructing his families home in Kekaha. Howie became a permanent fixture at the job site and his enthusiasm to learn impressed staff and volunteers alike. He has acquired a great deal of experience building not only his family's home but also by volunteering at multiple job sites around the island.



*Faustino "Howie" Apilado*



*Maggie Stryker*

Not all of our AmeriCorps appointees will be working in construction. **Maggie Stryker** is part of the AmeriCorps VISTA program. Maggie recently graduated from the University of Vermont and will be working with our ReStore® on capacity building. She has studied abroad in Kenya and Tanzania, and spent the past summer interning with Feeding Children Everywhere. She is looking forward to meeting everyone here and we are just as excited to meet her.



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

- *The AmeriCorps Oath*



The proceeds generated through ReStore® enable our affiliate to keep its programs running and provide affordable housing opportunities to income qualified households.

### ReStore® Hours:

**Tue., Thu., Sat.** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Wed., Fri.** 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Sun., Mon.** CLOSED

## Build Update

In addition to 'Ele'ele Iluna Subdivision, we are working on three new construction projects and one repair and renovation project on Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands. All four projects are expected to be completed within the next few months.

- **Eguchi (Kekaha)**—In the final stages. Current tasks: flooring, finish work.
- **Loketi (Anahola)**—In the final stages. Current tasks: interior painting and cabinet installation.
- **Kauanui (Anahola)**—Wall raising completed. Current tasks (September): build carport, install truss and roof.
- **Fitzgerald-Troché (Anahola)**—Relocation of donated home completed in May. Painting is complete. Finish work in progress.