Hi my name is Marsha Jones. I am a wife and a mother of five beautiful children. In 2002, I was approached by a MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (MFSS) worker in the hospital when I gave birth to my son. She explained to me what types of services and support MFSS offered. Being that my son was my first born and we all know that when babies are born we don’t receive an instruction manual on how to raise them, I was excited to sign up and receive services. About a week later, I was contacted by a home visitor that was assigned to me. She explained to me in detail about the types of services I would be receiving. She stated that I would receive weekly home visits by her and we would work on activities to help my son meet all his developmental milestones, she offered parenting skills and encouragement, and twice a month playgroups that we attended. She also helped connect my family and me to other community agencies and services. At that time, we were living in the homeless shelter and all this information we received from her helped us cope and encouraged us to be hopeful for the future. My husband was working full-time, but we still were living off of state assistance.

Fast forward to 2012, four out of my five children have been a part of the MFSS agency. I was an active parent sitting on the MFSS Policy Council and also on the Health Services Advisory Committee, all while working a full-time job and off of state assistance! In March of 2012, I was asked to apply for an opening at MFSS as a home visitor. At that time, we were living in the homeless shelter and all this information we received from her helped us cope and encouraged us to be hopeful for the future. My husband was working full-time, but we still were living off of state assistance.

At that time, I was excited and filled with an overwhelming feeling of wanting to give back to my community, sharing what I have learned and been through. In April 2012, I was hired at MFSS as a home visitor. Today, July 2018, I can honestly say I LOVE MY JOB! My heart is content with working with families in Maui County. Every chance I get I am volunteering my time for MFSS. I would like to thank MFSS for all the support and guidance that helped us in the time of need and for the opportunity to help other families.

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IMUA FAMILY SERVICES was there for our family when we didn’t know where else to turn. Their services are invaluable to the community in offering support and services for our local keiki and their families.

Our son Zyler was able to overcome a rough start in his early preschool career through the guidance, love and professional services that Imua was able to provide him. Imua is a critical and necessary local and community resource, and we are forever grateful. -The Yoshidas

AHO’A, my name is Leinaha Bailey Cosma. I am born and raised here on the island of Maui. Giving is a big part of the Hawaiian culture. I was never taught to save, if my family or friends were in need, you help by giving.

Financial stability wasn’t important at the time. I had bad spending habits, poor credit, unpaid bills and no savings, which made me feel like a failure. I desperately needed to find a solution to my problem. I was told about HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Maui where I met Sophie and she told me about “The Homeowners” class. It was wonderful, it taught me how to manage my money, how to make a financial plan, also tips on how to obtain a home. It gave me confidence and control over my life. It allowed me to dream again. I want to say Mahalo Habitat Maui and Sophie.

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MY NAME IS COSMA BAILEY. I was born and raised on the island of Maui. Giving is a big part of the Hawaiian culture. I was never taught to save or budget. If my family or friends needed help, I would help.

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Our work

Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a good life. Time and time again, research has shown that the three pillars of a quality life are: an education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health.

Maui United Way’s work is focused on supporting vital non-profit organizations and programs that directly impact one’s quality of life:

EDUCATION Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

INCOME Promoting Financial Stability and Independence

HEALTH Improving People’s Health

Advancing the common good is less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. We are all connected and interdependent, especially on our beloved island of Maui. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, and when people are healthy. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. Last year alone, 36,358 services were provided to those in need through the work of our 53 education, health and human service partner agency programs.

Living UNITED means being a part of the change. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future. We invite you to be the change for Maui County. Together, UNITED, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That’s what it means to LIVE UNITED WITH AHO’A.

How your contribution is making a difference
**PARTNERING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS**

Maul United Way works to support programs that address Maui County's health and human service needs to ensure our local families are supported in their time of need.

**EDUCATION – 29% Helping children and youth achieve their potential through education**

- Aloha House, Inc. .................................................... 579-8414
  - Medically Monitored Detoxification Programs for adults
- Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter .......................... 591-2771 ext 8243
  - Understanding Memory Loss: Classes for Maui Family Caregivers
- American Red Cross of Hawaii, Maui ................................ 244-0051
  - Disaster Preparedness & Response Program to recruit, train, and coordinate volunteers to provide disaster relief assistance and conduct community disaster education outreach
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui ........................................ 242-4363
  - Triple Play Program—Paukukalo will help drive healthy lifestyles in the areas of mind, body & soul for the youth
- Child & Family Service ....................................................... 677-6888
  - Maui Sexual Assault Center provides education, prevention and skills to the community and service providers
- Girls Scout of Hawaii ...................................................... 244-3744
  - Girl Scout Leadership Program develops leadership potential of girls in grades 1-12
- Early Childhood Development Program provides early intervention services to children who do not meet developmental milestones and fall outside the scope of DOE Special Education Services
- Lahaina Arts Association .................................................. 661-0111
  - Maui Youth Art Outreach Program provides no-cost, skills-based art classes to low-income and at-risk children of Maui County
- Maui Family Support Services, Inc. .................................. 242-0900
  - Early Head Start Program promotes the school readiness of low income by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development in a learning environment that supports their growth
- Maui Mediation Services .................................................. 244-5744
  - Mediation Services and Conflict Resolution Training provides, teaches and facilitates appropriate dispute resolutions for people of all ages
- Pa‘ia Youth Council, Inc. ................................................... 264-6161
  - Pa‘ia Bay Café Program is a life skills program that teaches proper nutrition & cooking to youth ages 9-19 years old

**HEALTH – 38% Improving people’s health**

- Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest & The Hawaiian Islands ............................................ 871-1176
  - Reproductive and sexual health care for those in need through sliding-fee-scale, regardless of ability to pay
- Aloha House, Inc. .................................................... 579-8414
  - Medically Monitored Detoxification Programs for adults
- Imua Family Services ...................................................... 244-7467
  - Autism Services provides medically necessary, individualized treatment to young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Maui County
- Maui Family Support Services, Inc. .................................. 242-0900
  - Early Head Start Program provides early intervention services to children who do not meet developmental milestones and fall outside the scope of DOE Special Education Services
- Maui Adult Day Care Center ........................................... 871-5804
  - Provides a social, memory care, therapeutic/respite daytime program for frail, elderly individuals
- Maui Youth & Family Services ........................................... 579-8414
  - Substance Abuse Treatment for Adolescents
- Mental Health America of Hawaii, Maui .......................... 242-6461
  - Provides advocacy, education and services to promote mental wellness and reduce stigma
- Mental Health Kokua ..................................................... 244-7405
  - Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program serves those with mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse disorders who are homeless and living in residential supportive housing programs
- Parents and Children Together (PACT) ............................. 244-2330
  - Maui Family Peace Center serves survivors and children impacted by domestic violence through crisis counseling and services

**INCOME – 33% Helping families become financially stable & independent**

- Catholic Charities Hawaii .................................................. 873-4673
  - Community of Hope program provides emergency financial assistance, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing
- Habitat for Humanity Maui ................................................ 242-1140
  - Homeownership 101 Program provides homeownership education to the public
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**COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMS**

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROVIDED BY MAUI UNITED WAY**

The 2017 Holiday Toy Drive was held from November 24 to December 17th. We aligned with Friends of the Children’s Justice Center, again, to ensure that our toys are getting distributed to the most needy keiki on Maui. Pacific Media Group has been a huge sponsor of the Holiday Toy Drive for many years, so we were thrilled that they continued their support. Queen Ka‘ahumanu Shopping Center also joined forces with us and became one of the main collection sites. With the overwhelming support of our Maui community, we were able to distribute toys to a record 2,587 needy keiki in Maui County this past Christmas. Mahalo to PMG, QKC, all donors and partners for your support in making this our best toy drive to date. We were able to fulfill 99% of the requests, let’s aim for 100% in 2018!

**TOOLS FOR SCHOOL DRIVE**

Our 6th Annual Tools for School Drive was a great success! The community rallied to donate items and raise funds so that over 800 keiki in need could have the tools they need to head back to school. All supplies were distributed through Maui United Way’s 32 non-profit partner agencies. We want to send a big mahalo to Pacific Media Group and HMSA for their partnership and to Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea for their generous support. A special mahalo to Jolee Correa-Tanaka, a student at Maui High School, for once again serving as our Student Coordinator for the drive. Mahalo to everyone who donated this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

If you would like to participate in either of these drives, please contact us!