BEHIND THE NUMBERS

FEED MY SHEEP
ISLAND WIDE MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
This is my family, and they are the beneficiaries and not just a statistic, but real human beings. They have been blessed with the help of Feed My Sheep. My wife and I are celebrating closer to 50 years of marriage. Four years ago we were married with not having any children, we signed up with an adoption agency. But after 17 years with that adoption agency we didn’t have any children. Then a friend called me to say that someone was going to have a baby and was going to put him up for adoption. I called her and I told her, “I don’t think that you were going to have a baby and that you were going to put him up for adoption, could I be considered for that.” She told me yes uncle you can have the baby when he is born. He was born a few months later. I gave him the name Kahuia Kualaila-Kalei Ke Aloha o Haleakala o Ko Pomakai Makalani Ke Kie Brown. My dad asked me, “Why did you have such a long name?” I said, “I did not have kids of my own. This all the names of the children I should have had.” We were told a few months later that he had cerebral palsy and was going to be a “vegetable” that he was not going to live past the age of two. I told the doctors, “Thank you very much. We should all have ‘vegetables’ like that. Can I take him home now?” I said, “I cannot change what happened, but I can change his life and mine. And I’m going to do whatever I can to be able to do so.” And with the help of different agencies and people, I’ve been able to do that. My son is going to be 27. He graduated from High School in Hawaiian. He can speak and understand Hawaiian and English. This “vegetable” wasn’t supposed to make it to 2 years old. I’m so proud of him. He can speak and understand Hawaiian and English. This “vegetable” wasn’t supposed to make it to 2 years old. I’m so proud of him. He's a 6-time medalist in Special Olympics. We’re part of the Feed My Sheep program. They continue to feed my life and our lives and they sustain us in ways that we know we have been a blessing for us and we could not do it without them. Feed My Sheep has helped us every week to provide for our needs. Not just physically, but spiritually too. My son, in his quiet little world that he cannot speak looks forward every week to come and see the gang at Feed My Sheep. I’m proud to be one of the sheep and to have them as a shepherd. They help me and my family to be able to be nourished in both body and spirit. Thank you so much. — Mr. Brown

MALAMA FAMILY RECOVERY CENTER
THERAPEUTIC LIVING PROGRAM
I was born on Oahu, I came to Maui when I was 10 years old. One of the first places I lived on Maui was at the Women Helping Women shelter. My father was very physically and mentally abusive, and an addict, so my mom took us away from him. I moved to sing as a child, and my mom always told me I always carried a light within me, and somehow I was very positive, despite my surroundings. But I used to get beaten up a lot by my father, I would have bruises from head to toe. I learned then, as a small child, what I needed to do to survive. I was always afraid, but I always had hope.

In my junior year I started drinking and partying. I was trying to fit in, because I didn’t know what my self-worth was. I had different stages of substance use — alcohol and weed, which is the gateway to cocaine. I was experimenting with heroin, then I was trying opioids, then later meth, both smoking it and then injecting it. These are what brought me to Malama Family Recovery Center. My daughter’s father left me, and my whole world crashed. I lost my kids. Then I went to jail. It saved my life. If it wasn’t for that, I wouldn’t be clean. The day the cops picked me up, I had used a bad needle, I should have died that day. They had to cut the needle out of my hand so the infection wouldn’t go to my heart. In February 2022 I made four years clean. I have so much gratitude for what I have today, because I saw the very bottom. I became involved with NA and church, and built a foundation of support for myself. The one thing I’m most grateful for is my change in mindset. The brain does heal, and we do recover. I’m free today. I learned to love my scars by forgiving those who gave them to me, including myself. Since participating in this program, my hope for the future is to continuously be the change I want to see, to be the positive example, as one lists drug addict out there.” — Spring Taylor

Spring now works as a Program Assistant in the Aloha House residential program, and is studying Liberal Arts and Human Resources at UHMC.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
I joined Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2020 when I decided to do some volunteering. After an extensive background check, I was matched with my Little Brother Drej. He was 12, he had gone through difficult times at a very young age, and was being raised by a single mother. I was terrified to meet him, because I worried I wasn’t a good enough role model, or that I would do more harm than good. But when I finally met him, I was surprised he didn’t seem terrified to meet me. In fact, the first thing I realized about him is his bravery. In our very first conversation, I was stunned by how he was actually helping me to feel better about this whole thing. Despite his rough past, he was friendly, easy-going, and respectful. On that first day meeting him, I realized I would learn a lot more from my Little Brother than I could ever teach him myself. Since then, we’ve gone on countless outings. I taught him how to surf, and he taught me how to play lacrosse. We both learned to play the guitar together. Every time we hang out, I learn something new. Drej has welcomed me into his family, and I have welcomed him into mine. Most recently, he was the best man at my wedding. I am honored and privileged to be his Big Brother, and I am especially grateful for the life lessons Drej has taught me along the way. When I signed up for Big Brothers Big Sisters, I thought it would just be another weekend volunteer opportunity. I didn’t realize this program was going to change my life forever.” — Ted Kirkbride

OUR WORK
EVERYONE DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A GOOD LIFE. Time and time again, research has shown that the building blocks for a quality life are: education that leads to a stable job, the financial stability to support a family through retirements, and good health. Maui United Way’s work is focused on supporting what nonprofit 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 as about helping one person at a time, but also more about changing systems to help all of us. With many people needing assistance due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Maui United Way has a 211 helpline position that is dedicated to serving those in Maui County. Whether it is a health, economic, or environmental disaster, we have done our best and will continue to do so by providing is hard up to those that need it most to ensure our community is better tomorrow and beyond.

If you are in need, please DIAL 211 for assistance. To access 211 online, visit AUW211.org.
**EDUCATION – HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH EDUCATION**

Best Buddies International Inc. .......................... 242-6962
Dedicated to building one-to-one friendships, and leadership development for people with intellectual and development disabilities (IDD).

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui .......................... 242-9754
Provides positive role models to help Maui’s youth avoid risky behaviors, embrace higher aspirations and hope for the future, and succeed in school.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui .......................... 242-4363
Ultimate Journey at the Club and in Life Program—youth being given the opportunity to do their best and ability to attain their goals.

Child Family Services .......................... 877-6888
Maui Sexual Assault Prevention Center provides counseling and therapeutic services to help Hawai‘i’s families address serious life challenges such as poverty, abuse and neglect.

Girl Scout Council of Hawai‘i – Maui .......................... 244-3744
Leadership Experience Program teaches girls how to advocate for themselves and by promoting their leadership and STEM skills.

Hana Arts .............................................. 250-7569
Provides life-enhancing & income-generating art education and events in East Maui.

Imua Family Services .................................. 244-7467
Infant and Early Childhood Services provides support and comprehensive early childhood services to children with special needs, development delays and disabilities.

Kupuna ................................................. 735-1221
Provides hands-on training in conservation and environmental education for young adults, with the goal of fostering our next generation of stewards.

La‘akea Village ........................................ 579-8398
Provides respite and education to adults to live, work, learn, play and thrive together to realize their greatest potential.

Lana‘i Kine‘ole Inc. ........................................ 566-8001
Serving the home of Lana‘i Adult Day Care at a community location, as preferred by the individual or family members.

Maui Family Recovery Center .......................... 877-7117
Therapeutic Living Program where children are able to reside with their mothers in treatment while life skills, parenting and healthy living is taught.

Maui Adult Day Care Centers .......................... 871-5804
Provides a social, memory care, therapeutic/respite daycare program for frail, elderly individuals.

Maui Youth & Family Services .......................... 579-8121
Substance abuse treatment for adolescents

**HEALTH – IMPROVING PEOPLE’S HEALTH**

Alpha House, Inc. ....................................... 579-8414
Medically Monitored Detoxification Program provides critical mental health and substance abuse services to adults.

Alzheimer’s Association, Aloha Chapter .......................... 591-2771
Educational programs on Alzheimer’s disease and brain health.

American Lung Association .................................. 377-6248
Provides lung health education to help youth and adults better manage their lives, and advocates for policies that protect lungs and clean air.

Island Wide Mobile Food Distribution Program provides healthy, nutritious food to the poor and needy on Maui.

Hui Na Ke Olo Pono Inc .................................. 244-6447
Traditional Hawaiian Practices provides services as a Native Hawaiian Health System.

Hale Mahaolu ........................................... 242-7027
Substance abuse treatment for adolescents.

Habitat for Humanity Maui .............................. 242-7027
Homeownership education and financial literacy provides homeownership education to the public.

Maui Foster Farming Project .......................... 579-8271
Provides life-enhancing & income-generating arts/culture education and therapeutic services to help Hawaii’s families address serious life challenges such as poverty, abuse and neglect.

Maui Family Peace Center serves survivors and children impacted by domestic violence through crisis counseling and services.

Planned Parenthood of The Great Northwest .......................... 871-1176
Sexual and reproductive health care for low-income patients.

Women Helping Women .................................. 242-6600
Emergency shelter and support provides full range of services to victims of domestic violence in Maui County.

**INCOME – HELPING FAMILIES BECOME FINANCIAL STABLE & INDEPENDENT**

Charities Hawai‘i ...................................... 873-4673
Community of Hope program provides emergency financial assistance, homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing.

Common Ground Collective .................. 509-851-8300
Maui Foster Farming Project promotes responsible resource management and environmental stewardship through education and hands-on assistance.

Hale Mahaolu ........................................... 242-1140
Homeownership education and financial literacy provides homeownership education to the public.

La‘akea Village ........................................ 579-8398
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KauKau 4 Keiki .......................... 244-2330
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Parents and Children Together (PACT) .................. 244-2330
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**IMPACT PROGRAMS**

Maui 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. Listed below are the 39 Partner Agency programs that are receiving funding from Maui United Way.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMS**

Hawaii’s First School Drive took a different approach and requested supplies that could benefit families the most. With the help of our generous partners, donors and caregivers, we were able to fulfill over 100% of the requests for this upcoming school year. A special Mahalo to our lead sponsor Pacific Media Group for continuously providing media coverage that significantly helps families by donating to Maui United Way, and to Lara Schoepfle and Samantha Kramer from Keller Williams Treaty Maui for their generous donations to purchase new supplies. We are also appreciative to the Maui Chronicle, The Maui News and to Keiki in need on Maui, Molokai and Lanai. Bank of Hawaii served as the main drop-off location and helped sign up the participants and for your support in making this year’s drive successful. It was very touching to see how many people came together to support each other during these tough times.

**HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE & TOOLS FOR SCHOOL DRIVE**

Maui United Way, Friends of the Children’s Justicr Center with sponsorship from Pacific Media Group held their 2021 HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE & TOOLS FOR SCHOOL DRIVE. The goal of this campaign was to provide essential items to children in need on Maui, Molokai and Lāna‘i. Bank of Hawaii served as the main drop-off location and helped sign up the participants and for your support in making this year’s drive successful. It was very touching to see how many people came together to support each other during these tough times.

**OUR MISSION IS TO BRIDGE RESOURCES THAT ENRICH AND EMPOWER OUR COUNTY OF MAUI COMMUNITY.**