

Important Dates

July 4, 2014	4th of July
July 16, 2014	Board Meeting
August 15, 2014	Clients' Picnic
August 15, 2014	Admissions Day
September 1, 2014	Labor Day
September 17, 2014	Board Meeting

Programs for adults with disabilities

- Job assessment, placement, coaching and long-term support
- Adult day program through Medicaid Waiver Program
- Internal employment through grounds and custodial services

For more information about our programs and services visit our website at www.kalimaomaui.org or contact us at 808-244-5502

KA LIMA O MAUI

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Ka Lima O Maui is a private Not-For-Profit organization founded in 1955 serving adults with disabilities and/or who are economically disadvantaged. Our mission is to "Enhance Lives Through Self-Reliance" through employment program and living skills.



Wala'au

(Talk Story)

"Enhancing Lives Through Self-Reliance"
Since 1955

July 2014



WOW, WOW and WOW for **Fae Torres** who represented the island of Maui and the State of Hawaii in the Special Olympics USA Games. **Fae** earned the opportunity to travel to Princeton University in New Jersey to compete in swimming events. She has been competing in the Special Olympics for the past 40 years, earning medals in bowling, bocce ball and swimming. She is a fierce competitor who never gives up and inspires us all on a daily basis. Her efforts were rewarded in New Jersey with several medals and an unforgettable trip. Read all about **Fae's** experience through her personal interview in this newsletter.

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From the Executive Director Chantal Ratte

This past quarter we want to thank the following business for giving us the opportunity to serve them:

Vennard Residence - Grounds
Des Tobin Sheet Metal - Custodial

My crutch is my ticket to work? A young man from California, with the help of Source America and his team turned his crutch into a mop in order to fulfill all the skills necessary for his position. They attached a microfiber mop with a swivel head to the crutch and it was a perfect fit. This is one of the many inspiring stories that were shared at the 2014 National Training and Achievement Conference put on by Source America this past May. Source America, a national nonprofit, is the leading source of job opportunities for a dedicated and highly qualified workforce – people with significant disabilities. Through their work, they make the American Dream more accessible to a segment of the population where nearly 80% do not have jobs. The theme of the conference was “New Approaches for Changing Times” where experts discussed challenging issues facing Community Rehabilitation Programs such as Ka Lima O Maui. It would have been easy to get discouraged from all the challenges facing the industry, however the compassion and dedication of the people attending this conference left me filled with optimism and hope for the future. This newsletter is filled with success stories from **Fae** representing Hawaii at the Special Olympics USA Games in New Jersey, to **Ryan** being recognized for his volunteer work to **David, Ian, Jarrett, Beau, Abner, Michelle** and **Juan** finding permanent employment. The future is bright indeed.

Grant in Aid of \$500,000 awarded to Ka Lima O Maui

A big mahalo to the State Legislators who awarded Ka Lima O Maui a grant in aid in the amount of \$500,000 to be applied towards the construction cost of Phase I of our Capital project. Phase I involves the renovation of our existing **Harry and Jeanette Weinberg** Foundation multi-purpose building that currently houses our Medicaid Waiver program. The building was initially constructed in 1993 to accommodate our Horticultural program and is in dire need of repair and modifications to better serve its current use. A special thank you to the Maui Legislators who supported and advocated for our request.

Perfect Attendance Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following for staying healthy during the past quarter!!!

Roland's Team

Billy Tagay
Joseph Keanini

Nancy's Team

William Kaahanui

Robin's Team

Brian Bantilan
Crystal Nunes
Keoni Wilson
Evelyn Bocobo

Ed's Team

Jonathan Hosaka
Shawn Labang
Matt Wanderscheid
Kepano Panela

Marthamae's Team

Kanale Medeiros

Lucy's Team

Karl Pastor

Gail's Team

Eugene Perreira
Leroy Miranda
Maria Cavan
William Koa
Abner Peralta

Norma's Team

Jason Sugahara
Rosemary Manini
Dean Ireland

Aaron's Team

Elmer Baluran
Jayson Harris
Joemar Dichoso
James Santiago
Anthony Silva

Kamaile's Team

Alan Bantilan

Jay's Team

Jonathan Hoska

The Buzz Around Ka Lima

Our newsletter committee members

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INTERVIEW WITH FAE TORRES

1. What events did you swim in? **200 Free style (Bronze), 100 free style (silver), and the mixed relay (bronze). I cried when I got my medals it made me feel like a champion swimmer it made me feel good!!**
2. Who did you travel with? **Coach Marie, Niki Iani (Maui), Shelly(Honolulu), and Michelle (Honolulu)**
3. Did you like New Jersey and why? **Yes I like the police escort to the opening ceremony and the pool because it was big.**
4. What was your favorite part of the trip? **Going on the plane for 9 hours, watching movies, and eating. This was my first trip to the mainland.**
5. Did you make any new friends? **Yes, the coach from Ohio.**
6. How did it make you feel to represent the state? **It was great!**
7. What was the practice schedule to prepare for the nationals? **I practiced 3 days a week for about 3 hours a day.**
8. Are you taking a break from swimming? **No I'm still practicing on my own**
9. How do you feel about being on TV, the news, and meeting the mayor? **Good, excited and it makes me feel proud.**

The opening ceremony was the highlight of the trip, it was a big surprise there was so many coaches, volunteers, spectators, and athletes. I didn't expect so many people, I felt totally overwhelmed. Overall, it was a very awesome experience and I would do it again!!!

Fundraising



Maui Hotel & Lodging Charity Walk

On May 10th, Ka Lima participated in the 2014 Maui Visitor Industry Charity Walk by raising pledges, helping with an aid station and participating in the walk. This event continues to grow in its participation and the amount of funds being raised. At last count, the event had raised over \$850,000 for numerous worthy Maui Not for Profit organizations.

“100 Holes of Golf” over Memorial Day weekend

From sunrise to sunset, 20 avid golfers challenged themselves in playing 100 Holes of Golf. This year the participants raised over \$80,000 in pledges for Ka Lima O Maui, setting a new record for most funds raised. All of us at Ka Lima are extremely appreciative of those efforts, especially given the fact that 95% of the golfers are from outer island. A sincere thank you to **Larry Stubblefield** who goes above and beyond in organizing this event, the participants, **Alexa Higashi** for opening her beautiful home, Wailea Golf and the following Wailea properties:

- The Fairmont Kea Lani
- Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea
- Wailea Beach Marriott Resort & Spa
- Grand Wailea
- Andaz Maui at Wailea





Birthdays

Noe Suan April 2
 Rhonda Whetstine April 5
 Norma Sim April 8
 Rose Mary Manini April 12
 Nancy Tabon April 15
 Keoni Wilson April 22
 Matt Wanderscheid April 23
 Barbara Kim-Cugal April 28
 Elden Mahelona April 28
 Christina Chang April 29
 Ryan Behn April 29
 John DeBlasio April 30
 Buddy Nawaa April 30

Dan Cordell May 5
 Melissa Proud May 10
 Caridad Anton May 11
 Michael DeCambra May 18
 David Rodriguez May 22
 Erin Ramirez May 23
 Anthony Silva May 24
 Jarrett Carvalho May 28

William Koa June 1
 Evelyn Bocobo June 3
 Jayson Harris June 5
 Linda Hoshino June 5
 Arthur Salisbury June 13
 Cassie Bailey June 15
 Maria Cavan June 16
 Ivan Kaauwai June 19
 Michael Cabral June 26
 Margaret Emoto June 29
 Charlene Asuncion June 30



Vocational & Work Adjustment Training Program

By John DeBlasio

Year #1 Vocational and Work Adjustment Training Services

At the end of June Vocational and Work Adjustment Training Services completed its first year. During that time 10 individuals participated in work readiness classes. The classes explored workplace information and the skills required for success on the job. Assessments were used to identify each person's strengths. The process of job search was practiced. Of the ten who participated in classes, seven went on to apply their new skills in paid work experience sites that lasted from three to ten weeks. After completing the work experience, three participants have gone on to permanent jobs. In August a new group will begin training in a program revised and improved based on the first year's experiences. Meanwhile we will continue monitoring and supporting those in the first group who are still involved in job search activities.



Michelle Feiteira was a very focused student in the VWATS work readiness classes. She made it clear from the beginning that her interest in employment was totally about financial success. She therefore had no trouble switching gears when she could not find immediate employment in her first interest area, animal care. She moved on to searching for jobs with major retailers. She successfully secured employment with K-MART in preparation and serving of pizza. Her gregarious personality will assure her success.

Juan Granados is currently working for the Sugar Cane Maui restaurant as a dishwasher. He is a diligent worker who takes direction well. His excellent teamwork is appreciated by his current employer and shows potential for future career growth.



HUI Club News

By Barbara Kim-Cugal



Pack your bags and get ready to fly away to ViVa Las Vegas. The HUI Club will be going to Vegas February 11 thru February 15, 2015. Three nights and four days of exciting fun. Clients attending are **Hoku Bailey, Michael Cabral, Jayson Harris, Dean Ireland, William Kaahanui,**

Joe & Sally Keanini, Kanale Medeiros, Crystal Nunes & Jason Sugahara. If you are interested in attending the Vegas Trip with the Ka Lima O Maui HUI Club contact **Barbara** at 244-5502.

Vacations Hawaii is assisting us with travel accommodations.

FIND THE **MAGIC** OF GIVING BACK!
Saturday, August 23, 2014



Shop For A Cause gives you the opportunity to give back to your community and to help our organization. Purchase a \$5 Shopping Pass for exclusive savings in every Macy's store on Saturday, August 23, 2014. Ka Lima keeps 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the passes. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card. If you would like to purchase a Macy's shopping pass contact **Barbara** at 244-5502 or stop by our office.

Ka Lima O Maui will be hosting our Annual Client Picnic on Friday, August 15, 2014 from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm at Kalama Park.

All Ka Lima O Maui clients & staff are invited to attend a day of fun, food and fellowship. There will be games, prizes & water play. Hope to see all of you there.



Look What's Happening Around Ka Lima

By Pam Kahae & Erin Ramirez



On May 20th, **Kanale Medeiros, Kale Gilbert, Michael Cabral & Erlino Santos** took advantage of the Lifeline "FREE" cell phone and got hooked up.



They each walked away with a "FREE" cell phone. If you know of anyone that could use or needs a cell phone please contact **Pam** at 244-5502.

David Rodriguez

started working for Ka Lima O Maui on March 16, 2011 doing custodial work at TSA, then moved on to landscape work. **David** caught on so quickly that he was promoted to doing landscape work with little supervision at the Maui Police



David Rodriguez and Brian Kaulupali

Department. His attention to detail and willingness to stay on task helped him stand out. When an opening at the Dunes at Maui Lani came around, **David** knew he wanted to pursue it. **David** started his internship with the Dunes at Maui Lani for 60 days and learned how to cut cups, do basic repairs, and weed eat the golf course. Upon successful completion of his internship, **David** was offered full time employment as a Labor I. **Brian Kaulupali**, Golf Course Superintendent, and his direct Supervisor, describes him as a hard worker and says, "He has learned the tasks required of him fairly quickly." Congratulations to **David**. We will miss you!

Look Who's Working

By Pam Kahae



Ian Domingo's first day of work was on June 30, 2014 at the Kahului Foodland. **Ian** was hired as a courtesy clerk and works part-time in the evenings. **Ian** came to Ka Lima O Maui for employment services in the later of 2013, when we started in his job search but **Ian** put his vocational interests on the side temporarily to concentrate on college. So when **Ian** came back to Ka Lima in May of 2014, he was ready and motivated to find work and the rest is history.

Congratulations **Ian Domingo**, your future looks bright.

Jarrett Carvalho is back and picked up where he left off. **Jarrett** pursued other options while away from Ka Lima and decided to give us another try. He is a hard worker and we are lucky to have him back. He is currently working on the South side weekend crew keeping the County parks beautiful for the public. Welcome back **Jarrett Carvalho!**



"Looking for Employment"

Ka Lima O Maui has dependable, loyal and qualified persons from all areas on Maui who are highly motivated and available to start working today. If you are looking to hire an outstanding employee please call Ka Lima O Maui and ask for **Pam** at 244-5502

Waiver

Submitted by Keri Pasion-Salas



On April 5, the County of Maui honored volunteers with a Volunteer Hero award. **Ryan Behn** received the nomination for his dedicated volunteer work at Hale Makua in the lunch program over the past 5 years. **Ryan** is a volunteer at the lunch program, serving drinks, lunches, and sometimes assisting residents back to their rooms. Great Job **Ryan!!**

In May, participants visited the Fire and Police departments and learned about the different departments and services that they offer. The Wailuku Fire Fighters treated our guys to a station tour, truck tour, a mock dispatch call, and fire safety. The police department gave us information on the different departments, general safety, and a tour of holding cells, and the Dare cars. The participants really enjoyed the tour!!

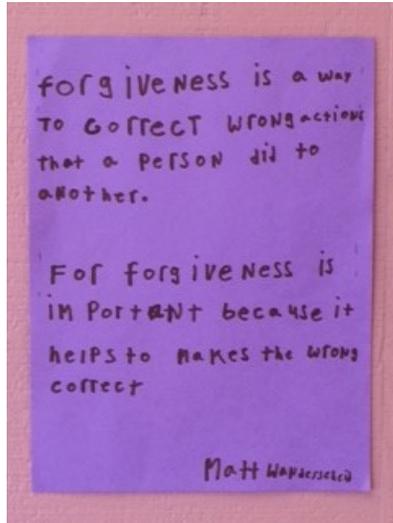
Thank you to the police and the fire department for all the hard work they do for our community and for taking the time for our program.



Waiver

Submitted by Keri Pasion-Salas

Our agency's Mission of "Enhancing lives through Self-Reliance" involves ongoing individual support to our participants based on their needs and interests. The waiver program is intended to be a support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to receive assistance in meeting their personal goals. Goals range from employment, pre-vocational, volunteering, socialization, community integration, and learning to be self-sufficient. This quarter's activities are a direct reflection of a few of these areas.



Our participants play a key role in the direction and types of activities we do. As a result we have started two "clubs", the Fishing and the Movie club. Both clubs are participant driven and meet at least once a quarter. The club members come up with ideas and actives that they would like to

do. The Fishing club had an introduction on fishing equipment, knots, and even went on a fishing outing in June. The movie club has started a monthly red box movie rental and have also gone to the movies in the theater.



Look Who's Working

By Pam Kahae



Beau Mynar is back at work at Ka Lima O Maui as of July 14th. He works in **Roland's** grounds crew. **Beau** is a tall man with strength but has a very quiet nature about him. He is working part-time but has his mind set on increasing his hours to full-time. Welcome back **Beau!**

You have to admire **Abner Peralta's** persistance to finding permanent employment. On June 19th Ka Lima hired **Abner** for the third time. We are confident that his previous experiences will be an asset to build upon. His first position was working in litter control at the Maui Landfill, then he moved to grounds work and now you will find him in a janitorial crew. Welcome back **Abner!**



Medicaid Waiver Program

