
2022 IMPACT REPORT



Rescuing Quality Food to Nourish and
Strengthen Our Community





PHOTO Our Aloha Harvest truck dropping off rescued food from earlier that morning to a food distribution hosted by our recipient agency partner *New Hope Central O'ahu* in Wahiawā.

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A Letter From Our Executive Director

This past year has been another record year for Aloha Harvest. In late spring 2022, we reached a major operational milestone, over 30 million pounds of food rescued and redistributed since our organization's inception in 1999. At the end of the year, we have already topped 32 million pounds. That is the equivalent to over 6,500 MT of CO2 emissions sequestered, 25 million+ meals served, or \$84 million+ saved! Unfortunately, this is an indication that the ongoing supply chain disruptions, inflation/'shrinkflation'/'eggflation', increasing prices of housing, fuel, food, and other essentials is severely affecting the financial stability of many families. In June, we released a bold 3-year [Strategic Plan](#) to scale the impact of our mission. In the fall, we were blessed by *The GIFT (Giving Inspiration For Tomorrow) Foundation* with a generous donation to expand our fleet. We also ended 2022 on a high note with our largest one-time donation, over 26 tons of fresh fruits, vegetables, and eggs.

We look forward to achieving more in 2023 as we work with our donors and community partners to reduce the impacts of food waste to our economy and environment and improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in Hawai'i. The running statistics reads as follows:

1 out of 6 individuals in Hawai'i is food insecure and rely on some form of food assistance

Nearly 40% of the food produced globally never gets eaten

24% of the materials in our landfill is food waste, more than any other single material in our everyday trash

Food waste is the third-leading contributor to greenhouse gas emissions

If we want to change this narrative, we must think progressively and act boldly. We have to be comfortable with being uncomfortable and do the hard things. We are starting off 2023 strong by launching our joint composting efforts with small businesses in Chinatown, local nonprofits, and *the City & County of Honolulu*. We are drafting a comprehensive Fund Development Strategy to support all of our goals and objectives, and we are grateful for your continued support. Whether you are a generous food or financial donor, a dedicated volunteer, or an enthusiastic cheerleader of what we do, you are incredibly appreciated. We encourage you to join us at one of our monthly coffee meet-ups, or one of our future "Aloha Friday" events. Stay connected by [subscribing to our newsletter](#) or following us on social media!



With our deepest gratitude and sincere thanks,



Phil Acosta, Executive Director



2022 FOOD RESCUE & DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW



NEW MILESTONE REACHED!
30 MILLION POUNDS
OF FOOD RESCUED SINCE WE BEGAN IN 1999!

Celebrate by joining us in our 30x30 Challenge to help us raise \$30,000 by June 30th, 2022
alohaharvest.org/donate

IN 2022,
WE DISTRIBUTED A TOTAL
3,090,147 lbs.
OF FOOD ALL OVER
THE ISLAND!

In June 2022, we reached a milestone of 30 million pounds rescued since inception! Read more about it in our [blog](#).



414

FOOD DONORS

207 of which were first-time food donors!

partners that donated/sold food

148

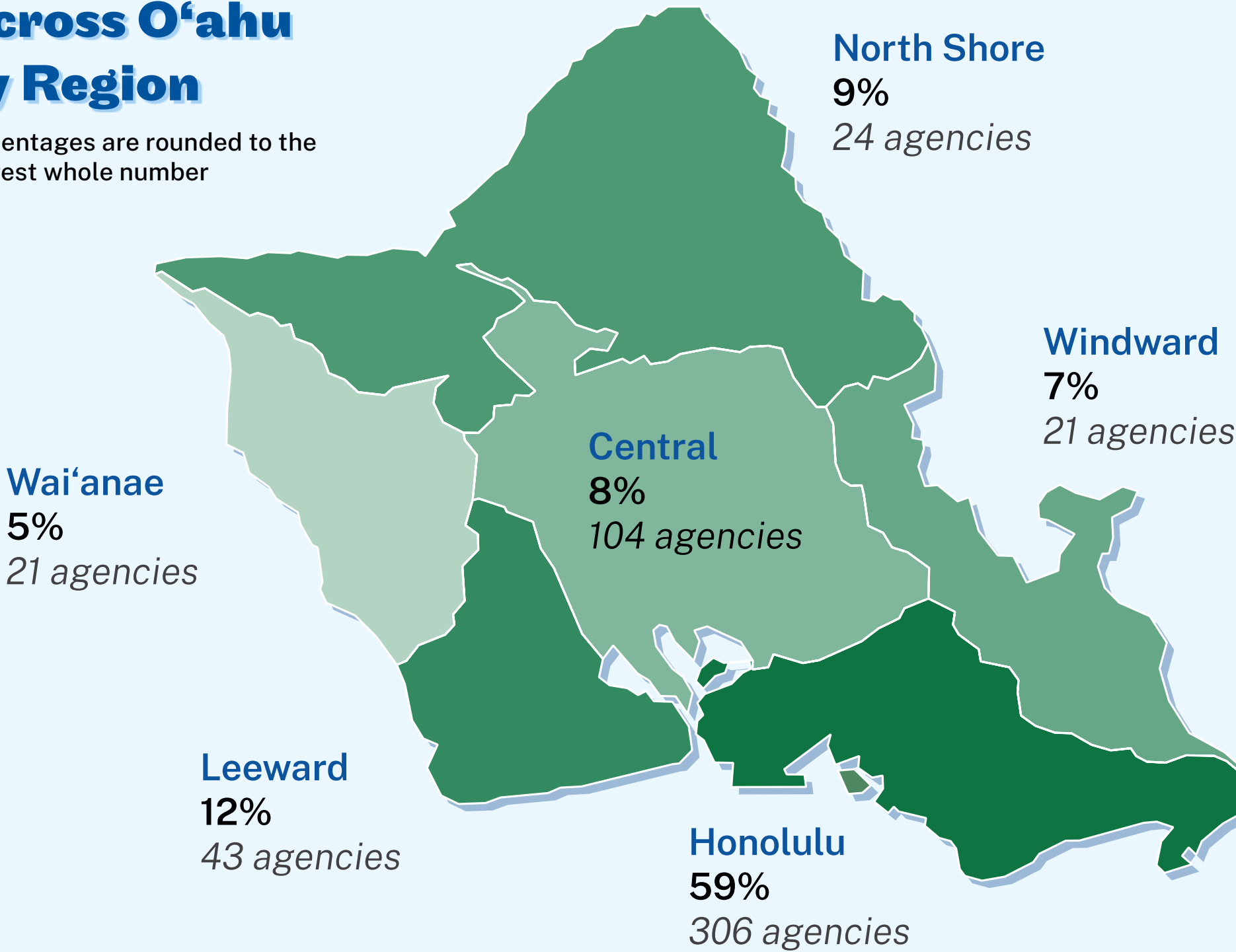
RECIPIENT AGENCIES

23 of which were first-time recipient agencies!

partners that received food

Distribution Across O'ahu by Region

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number



Pounds Distributed by Category

Total Amount Rescued:	3,000,737 lbs.	97.10 %
Total Amount Donated:	75,842 lbs.	2.46 %
Total Amount Purchased:	13,568 lbs.	0.44 %

Rescued refers to food that would otherwise go to waste.

Donated refers to food that the donor could have potentially sold for profit and wouldn't necessarily go to waste.

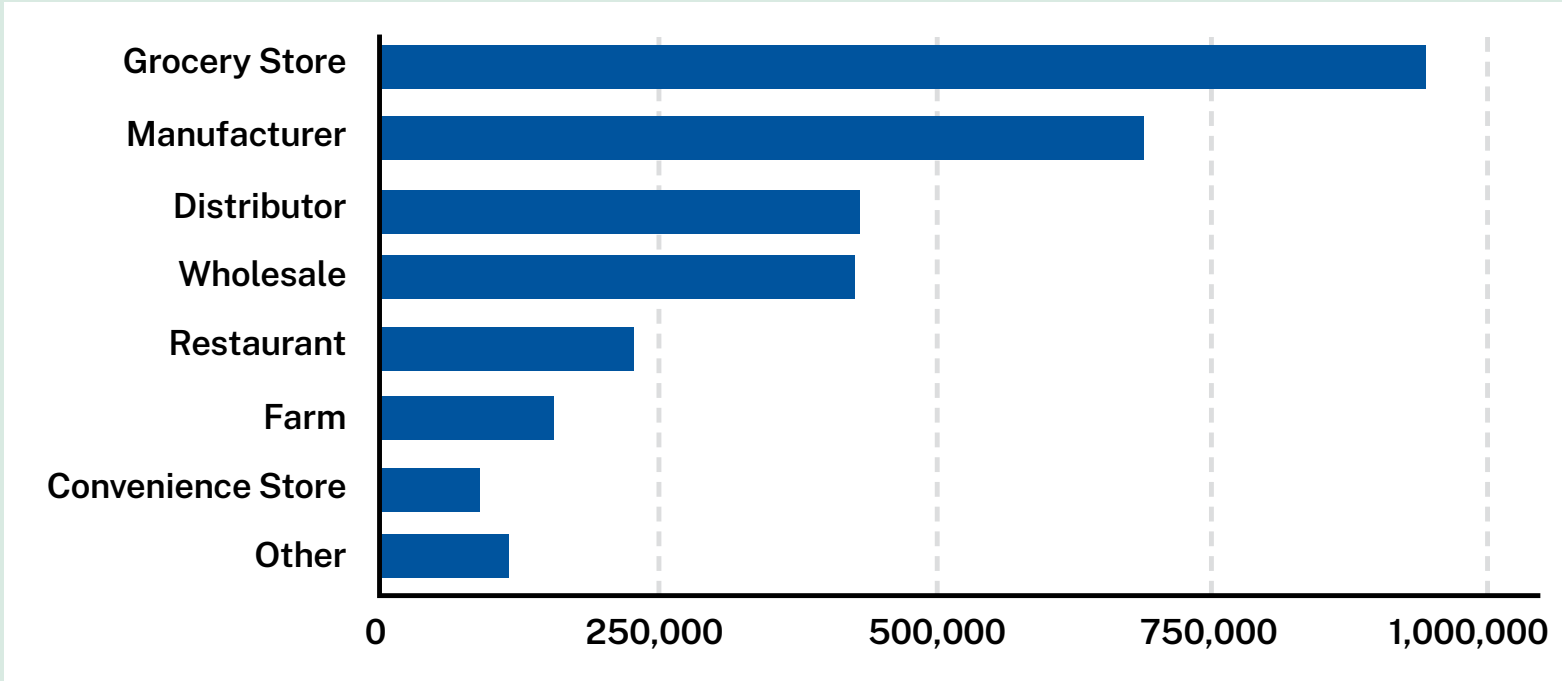
Purchased food from this quarter includes food purchased from private foundation funding for specific programs.



Poundage Breakdown by Category

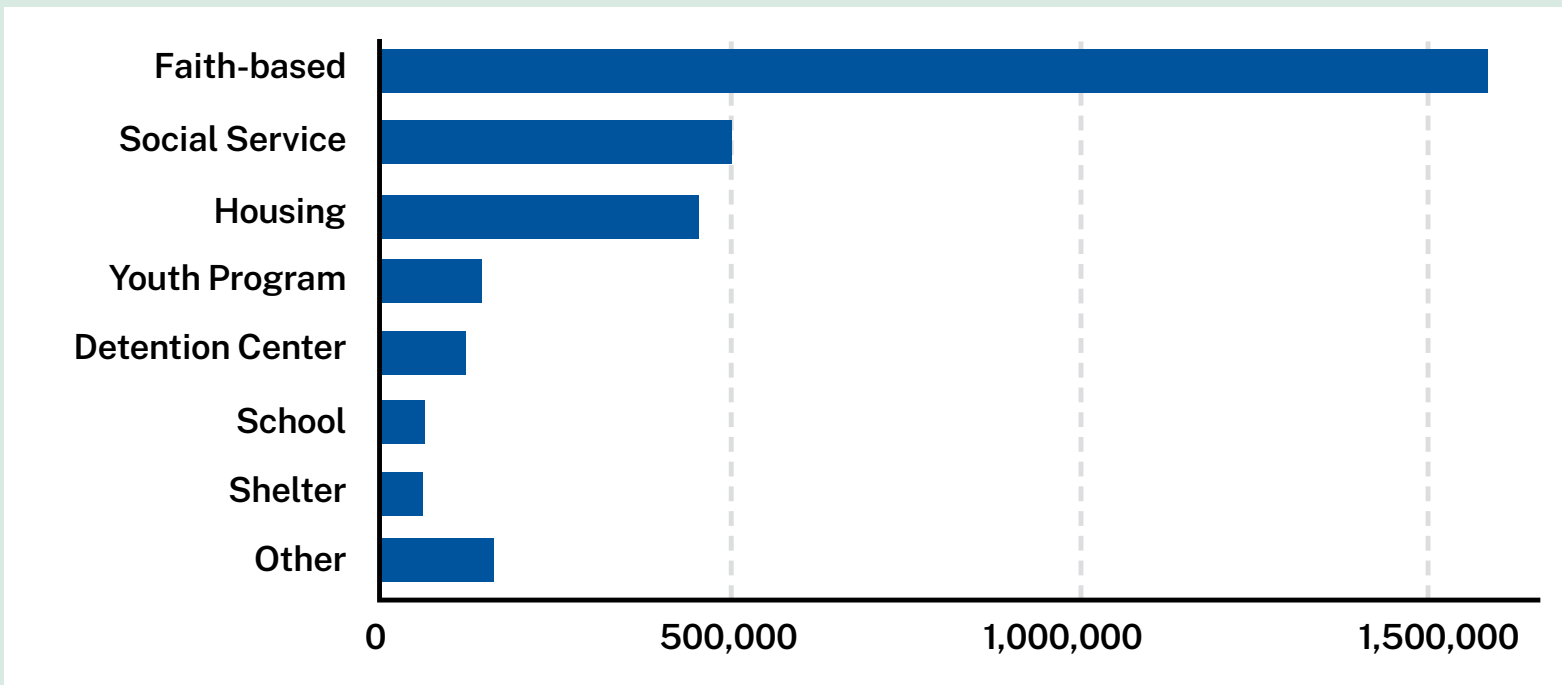
In 2022, rescued food came from
408 food donors

207 NEW &
65 RE-ENGAGED*!



In 2022, food from all sources went to
148 recipient agencies

23 NEW &
44 RE-ENGAGED*!



*Re-engaged refers to donors or agencies that have donated or received food after 6 months or more of no donation activity

TOP 10 FOOD DONORS





















TOP 10 RECIPIENT AGENCIES























PARTNER HIGHLIGHT - D. Otani Produce

The Largest Single Donation Aloha Harvest Has Ever Received!

In December 2022, on behalf of *Saint Louis School*, *D. Otani Produce* organized **the largest single donation Aloha Harvest has ever received** of 26 tons of fresh produce and eggs to distribute to families in time for the holidays.

Matson provided their shipping and freight services free of charge and *Y. Fukunaga Products* graciously provided their warehouse space and equipment to staff and volunteers from both *Saint Louis School* and *Aloha Harvest* to assemble the produce boxes.

[Read the full press release here.](#) [🔗](#)



Saint Louis School

Matson

Y. FUKUNAGA
PRODUCTS LTD.

DONATION IMPACT

26 TONS
OF FRESH PRODUCE DONATED
= 50,354 LBS.

\$80,000+
WHOLESALE VALUE
OF THE FOOD DONATION

DONATED FOOD WENT TO

19 RECIPIENT
AGENCIES

WHO TOGETHER SERVED

5,838 INDIVIDUALS **2,350** HOUSEHOLDS

TYPES OF RECIPIENT AGENCIES INCLUDED:

- LOCAL FOOD BANKS
- CHURCHES
- HEALTHCARE SERVICES
- LONG-TERM ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTER
- AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY'S VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

255
VOLUNTEERS
DONATED
709
HOURS OF
THEIR TIME



FROM LEFT: Glenn Medeiros, president Saint Louis School, Phil Acosta, executive director, Aloha Harvest, and Dwight Otani, owner of D. Otani Produce and Saint Louis School alumnus



LEFT AND BOTTOM RIGHT: Recipients at One Love Ministries with their produce box donations





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT - Meals with Aloha



LEFT: Our driver Nela dropping off freshly harvested and rescued produce from that morning to *Touch A Heart's* kitchen at *Kalihi Union Church*



LEFT: One of the weekly meals of lemon cilantro steamed cod with steamed Okinawan sweet potato. Meal sets are designed with kūpuna-focused nutrition in mind using a unique aggregation of purchased and rescued excess food.



RIGHT: The *Touch A Heart* team assembles weekly meal sets to prepare for kūpuna to pick up as well as volunteer drivers to deliver to kūpuna every Wednesday.



Nourishing
and
strengthening
our kūpuna.



Program Overview

The *Meals with Aloha* program provides kūpuna free weekly meal sets and additional social services as needed. Meal sets are designed with kūpuna-focused nutrition in mind using a unique aggregation of purchased and rescued excess food.

A Team Effort

Beginning in August 2022, *Aloha Harvest* has helped to deliver high quality, local produce to *Touch A Heart* whose team then makes into delicious meals for the *Meals With Aloha* program. Both *Aloha Harvest* and *Touch A Heart* provide volunteers who deliver the sets of 3 meals to the kūpuna every Wednesday. The community health workers from *Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI)* work with the kūpuna on the health assessments, providing social services as needed.

Social services and additional support provided by the program's Community Health Workers included:

- SNAP and Veteran Aid benefits
- Caregiver education
- LIHEAP (energy bill assistance)
- Digital literacy (using laptops, cell phones etc.)
- Medicare
- Fresh food delivery from Farm Link
- Weatherization assistance program (reduces energy cost for eligible houses)
- ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program, help low-income households connect to the internet)

The *Meals With Aloha* program is also supported by the *City & County of Honolulu* and the *Kūpuna Food Security Coalition* as part of the *Kūpuna Collective*. Health assessment data will support the *City's* database for support of future programs.



Program Impact

7,174

POUNDS DONATED

from Aloha Harvest to Touch a Heart

2,475

MEALS SERVED

66

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

62-102

AGE RANGE OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

11

VOLUNTEERS

5 from Aloha Harvest and
6 from Touch A Heart

“ I really like the meals, they are very healthy with fresh veggies.

Before *Meals with Aloha*, I was going and buying fast food and plate lunches. That was so unhealthy, but that was the only thing I could eat that was already made.

I have a hard time moving around and standing for a long time so I can not cook meals for myself.

I also like how friendly the staff are at *Touch A Heart* when I pick up my meals. I am grateful to be receiving these meals.

Ethel,
Meals With Aloha
program participant

”

BELOW: Our volunteer delivery driver Kelsey loading up her car with the meal sets to deliver to kūpuna.



LEFT: Our drivers Taki and Nela discussing the day's delivery to *Touch A Heart's* program coordinator, Tina.



BELOW: A balanced meal of chicken and broccoli stirfry with multigrain rice.



LEFT: *Touch A Heart's* program coordinator, Tina and executive director Robin ensuring all meals are delivered to the kūpuna participants.



LEFT: Our team's *Meals With Aloha* program coordinator, Lauren, and *Touch A Heart's* program coordinator, Tina posing with some Beef Spinach Luau meals.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT - Community Harvest w/ Sunset Ranch

In December 2022, Sunset Ranch, donated our largest **Community Harvest** yet — **2,275 pounds of avocados!** We were honored to help with their first-ever harvest of their avocado orchard from their 30-acre north shore property.

Sunset Ranch is one of Hawai'i's first private conservation easement, a popular wedding venue, its property also has a horse ranch, fruit tree farm, aquaculture site, and botanical garden.

“ We heard about all of the great work *Aloha Harvest* does and we immediately wanted to work with them. Not only did *Aloha Harvest* assist with a nice donation to the community, but they quickly assembled a team of volunteers to assist with a large harvest and maintenance of our avocado orchard. This was an otherwise overwhelming task for a small ranch and farm like ours. We love their mission and we look forward to working with *Aloha Harvest* in the future.



Greg Pietsch,
President, *Sunset Ranch*
Pūpūkea, North Shore



2,275 lbs.
AVOCADOS HARVESTED



21 VOLUNTEERS
+3 STAFF



12+
RECIPIENT
AGENCIES WHO
RECEIVED THE
AVOCADOS



290
HOUSEHOLDS
RECEIVED AVOCADOS
VIA THE PANTRY



350 lbs.
DONATED TO
HALEIWA PARTNERS



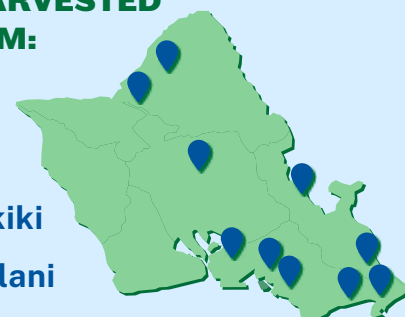
What is **Community Harvest**?

Community Harvest is Aloha Harvest's gleaning program designed to rescue excess produce growing on O'ahu. With the support of volunteers, crops are harvested growing in yards, gardens, and farms all over O'ahu and then immediately donated to local social service agencies.

IN 2022, WE HARVESTED
PRODUCE FROM:

Āina Haina +
Hawai'i Kai

Hickam Makiki
Kailua Mililani
Kāne'ohe Nu'uano
Kalihi Pūpūkea
 Waialua



3,820
POUNDS

TOTAL AMOUNT
OF PRODUCE
HARVESTED IN 2022

TYPES OF PRODUCE HARVESTED INCLUDE
AVOCADO, BANANA, CABBAGE,
EGG FRUIT, HERBS, JABONG/POMELO,
LIMES, MANDARINS, AND MANGO

Visit alohaharvest.org/community-harvest/
to learn more & sign up to donate or volunteer for a #CommunityHarvest



23,610 lbs.

OF FOOD RESCUED BY VOLUNTEERS

2,173

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

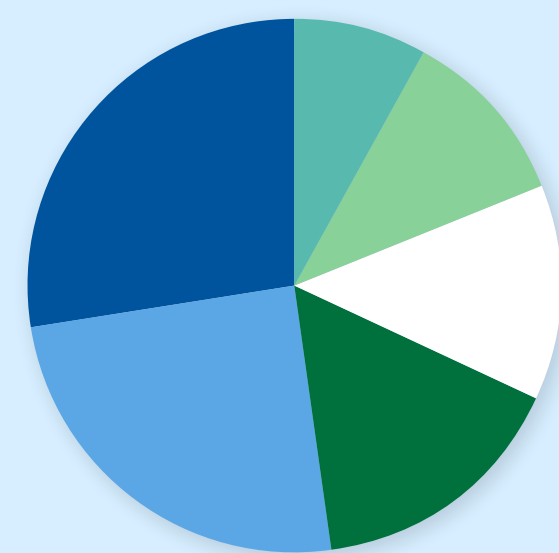
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VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES

298

ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS

% Pounds Rescued by Volunteer Program



- 27% Mililani Farmers' Market
- 25% On-call Food Rescue
- 16% Community Harvest
- 13% Kaka'ako Farmers' Market
- 11% KCC Farmers' Market
- 8% Blaisdell Farmers' Market

Sign up or learn more about our volunteer opportunities on our volunteer portal at alohaharvest.org/volunteer



27

COMMUNITY
HARVESTS



359

ON-CALL
FOOD RESCUES

RIGHT: Our staff member Violet with our volunteer Stacie with 186 lbs. of fresh produce and food from the Kaka'ako Farmers' Market.



182 FARMERS' MARKET RESCUES



6

LARGE
FOOD KIT
ASSEMBLIES



Volunteer Meet-ups

In September 2022, we started a monthly Volunteer Meet-up to strengthen our community connections. Existing and new volunteers, even food donors and recipients, have joined our meet-ups to talk story and learn how to get involved with Aloha Harvest.

Each month, we choose a different local business to support and treat our volunteers to a cup of coffee or snack.

Come join us and talk story! Follow us on social media @alohaharvest or subscribe to our volunteer portal alohaharvest.org/volunteer to be notified about upcoming meet-ups.



New Team Members

In the beginning of 2022, our administrative team had six full-time members and has grown to accomodate five more new positions including two interns supporting our marketing & communications and volunteer management. Our driver team also grew from seven to nine staff members.

We're excited to welcome our most recent team members to join, Cécili and Haleigh!



Cécili Aufang
Volunteer Management Intern

Cécili is a Dietetics major at *University of Hawai'i at Mānoa* and started off as one of our volunteers! She is currently researching local farms and their impact on food security on O'ahu for her senior thesis portfolio. Outside of work and school, she is an amateur bodybuilder in *Women's Physique Division*.



Haleigh Jones
Sustainability Coordinator

Haleigh joins us with a background in sustainable agriculture and environmental plant science. She is the project lead on all our sustainability efforts and initiatives including our special projects *O'ahu Compost Project* and *Community Harvest*. In her free time, she loves spending time outdoors, traveling, and trying new cuisines.



Join our team!

To see our current open positions, please visit our website at alohaharvest.org/jobs.

You can also follow us on social media [@alohaharvest](https://twitter.com/alohaharvest) and [subscribe to our email newsletter](#) for the latest open positions.

We are always on the lookout for passionate individuals to join our team and get involved in helping us build a more equitable and sustainable food system. We welcome you to reach out even if we don't have positions listed.

[View our full team and Board of Directors on our website here.](#)



Volunteer

Peter, Volunteer,
Mililani Farmers' Market Food Rescue

"Volunteer opportunities that address multiple needs make the most sense for me. *Aloha Harvest* addresses both food insecurity and the environment. Some of my favorite parts of volunteering are interacting with passionate vendors, fellow volunteers, and recipients at churches."



Food Donor

Mike Hayashi, Administrative Manager,
Japan Airlines, Honolulu

"Our company was looking for ways to reduce food waste in our passenger lounge. We sometimes have a relatively large quantity of untouched leftover hot meal items such as Japanese-style curry and veggies that we discarded in the past. We found out about *Aloha Harvest* through our research, and it seemed a great fit.

It initially took a while to gain internal approval from our head office as rescuing food is not commonly practiced in Japan over liability concerns.

However, the *Aloha Harvest* team addressed all the concerns we had to mitigate logistical issues needed for the program (special shout-out to [former] Field Coordinator Tina and Operations Manager Mele!) and we have now set up a weekly pick-up schedule."



Financial Donor

The Rosendin Foundation

"After speaking to our community members and researching the needs of Hawai'i, we recognized that hunger plagued Hawaiians at significantly high levels more than any other issue. We chose to partner with *Aloha Harvest* because it has found a sustainable and creative approach to solving the food instability issues of Hawai'i.

Partnering with *Aloha Harvest* has helped to open our organization's eyes to a sustainable approach to alleviating the food instability issues for an island community like Hawai'i and provides our people the opportunity to embrace nature and farming while providing sustenance to our community."



Recipient Agency

Pastor Rick, Program Coordinator, Access to Education (ATE),
Leeward Community College, Wai'anae Moku

"I have always been a big fan of *Aloha Harvest*. I think that they provide an essential service that meets the needs of the disadvantaged within our community and even with those that are struggling to make ends meet.

Everyone at *Aloha Harvest* is friendly and has always been a real pleasure to know and work with.

They are responsive and willing to go the extra mile to make things work for everyone involved.

As a counselor at *Leeward Community College, Wai'anae Moku*, I coordinate the *Access to Education (ATE)* program that specifically supports students that were previously incarcerated, in recovery from drug and alcohol and/or were previously in foster care or adoption.

Nearly all my students are from or currently reside on the coast. Some of them were homeless themselves and lived on the beach along the Wai'anae Coast.



















Partnering with *Aloha Harvest* has given our students a means to give back to the homeless community in need of food. While passing out food, our students also have an opportunity to offer words of encouragement and hope and to share how attending college and participating in the *ATE* program has positively impacted their lives. Our students gain a greater sense of self-efficacy and realization of their value and potential.

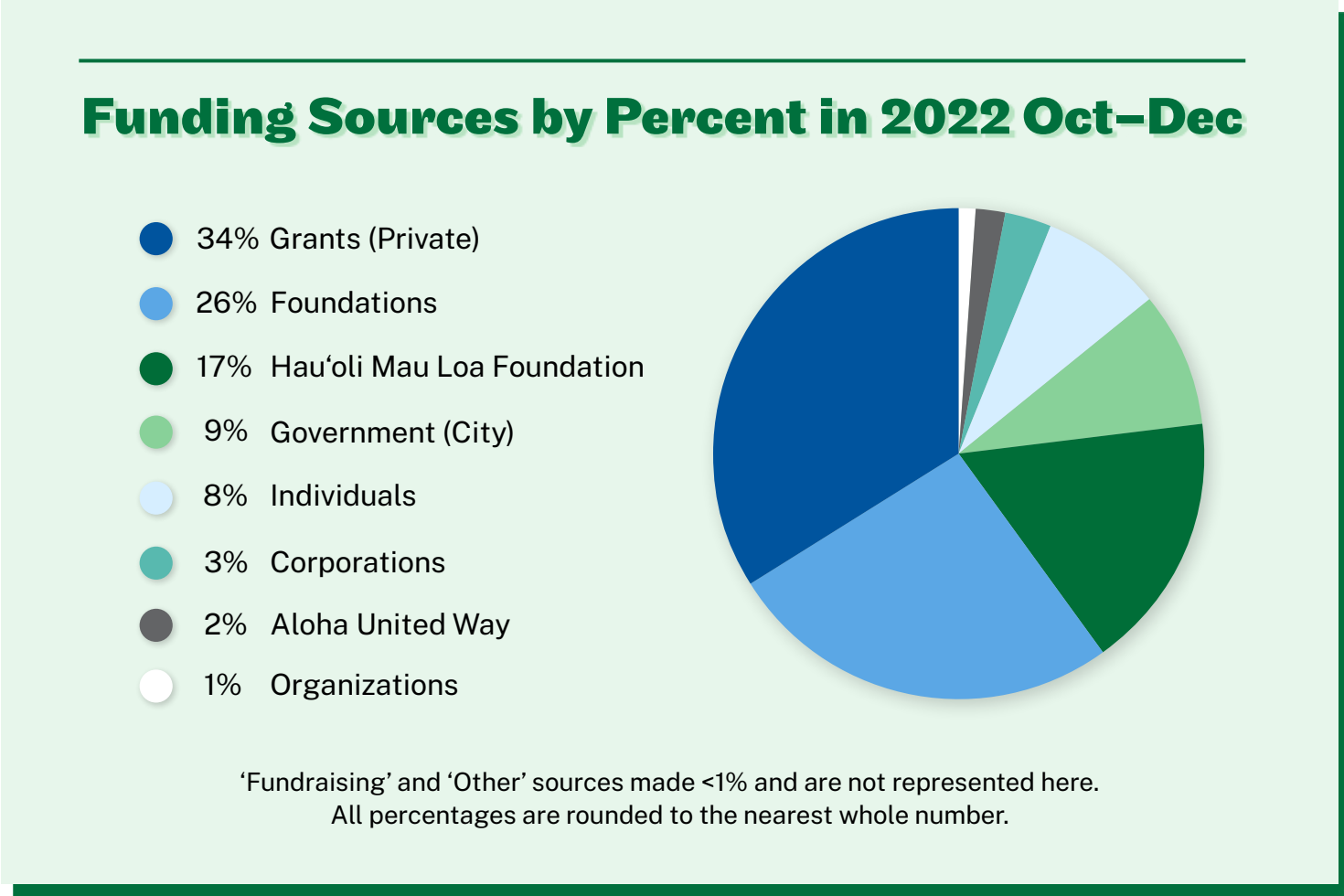
It's definitely a win-win situation. Mahalo nui to the entire *Aloha Harvest* 'ohana!"




As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all of our work is made possible by the generosity of our supporters.

Mahalo nui loa to everyone who enables us to reduce food waste, feed our community, and build a more sustainable food system!

	<p>The GIFT (Giving Inspiration for Tomorrow) Foundation donated special funds towards the purchase of a brand new flatbed truck to support our <i>O’ahu Compost Project</i>. This is a collaboration with the <i>City & County of Honolulu, Full Circle Farms, Supersistence, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai’i, and Zero Waste Oahu.</i></p>		<p>The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation donated funds as part of the <i>Employee Giving Grant Program</i>, in alignment with the Foundation’s mission to meet the basic needs of people experiencing poverty.</p>	The Red Cabin Foundation Trust	<p>The Red Cabin Foundation trust donated unrestricted funds to help with general food rescue operations.</p>
	<p>Hawaii Community Foundation donated special funds from multiple community funds such as the, <i>Aditi Fund, Aranoff Keiki Fund, CHANGE Framework, Drew & Ellen Bradley Fund, Hawaii Hunger Cohort, and Serendipity II Fund.</i></p>		<p>Whole Foods Market donated funds as part of their <i>Nourishing Neighbors</i> initiative. The funds are used to support our <i>Meals with Aloha</i> program and help with vehicle maintenance costs.</p>	   	<p>The Johnson Ohana Foundation partnered with All At Once, musician Jack Johnson’s social action network connecting nonprofits with people who want to take action and give back to their community, promoting sustainable & equitable food systems and more! All At Once also partnered with Conscious Alliance, a nonprofit supporting communities in crisis through hunger relief and youth empowerment, and local artists Wooden Wave to raise funds for <i>Aloha Harvest</i> with a specially designed Jack Johnson Summer Tour 2022 poster.</p>
	<p>The James & Abigail Campbell special funds in support of our <i>Meals with Aloha</i> program to feed the kūpuna, keiki, and families in Leeward O’ahu.</p>		<p>Cades Foundation donated unrestricted funds to help with general food rescue operations.</p>		
	<p>Kaiser Permanente donated special funds in support of our <i>Meals with Aloha</i> program to nurture our kupuna, keiki, and families throughout O’ahu.</p>		<p>The Rosendin Foundation donated funds from their annual grant program to assist with improving the health of our community.</p>		
Lanie Albrecht Foundation	<p>The Lanie Albrecht Foundation donated unrestricted funds to help with general food rescue operations.</p>		<p>Aloha Petroleum raised funds from donations customers made through their <i>Aloha Island Mart</i> in-store canister campaign.</p>		
Sara Sakamoto & Scott Whiting	<p>Sara Sakamoto and Scott Whiting donated unrestricted funds to help with general food rescue operations and special projects.</p>		<p>Dunkin’ Joy in Childhood Foundation donated funds in support of bringing joy to children battling hunger as well as via donations collected from the grand opening of their newest location in the <i>Āina Haina Shopping Center.</i></p>		
	<p>Hawai’i Lodging & Tourism Association partnered with us for their <i>43rd Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk</i>. Funds raised supported local nonprofits across the state.</p>	Audrey Mueh	<p>First-time donor contributing unrestricted funds to help us fulfill our mission to nourish and strengthen the community.</p>		
	<p>First Hawaiian Bank donated funds through their year-long workplace giving campaign for employees and retirees. <i>Aloha Harvest</i> was selected as a “charity of choice” for their donations to the 2022 Kōkua Mai Campaign.</p>		<p>Hawaii Cedar Church donated funds on behalf of Kap Suk Gregory and Hako Plumbing.</p>		
			<p>Hawaiian Electric donated funds to help with general food rescue operations and special projects.</p>		



 Mahalo to all the individuals, organizations, businesses, and workplace giving programs for your monetary donations! Individual monetary donations donated in Q4 totaled \$40,904.

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Mahalo for reading!



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