A Message from Our Executive Director

**Mahalo. Salamat. Arigato. Xiexie. Gracias.** No words can fully express our gratitude to all our supporters.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, so many people stepped up to help us meet the food assistance needs of our O‘ahu community. Food donors, distribution partners, volunteers, local businesses (large and small), private foundations, and especially our county, state, and federal government. Their help was tremendous.

We expected a drop-off as we transitioned to pandemic recovery efforts in 2021. This trend is often referred to in the nonprofit sector as “donor fatigue.” That was NOT the case! The growth and momentum have continued into 2021.

Food donations are nearly double pre-pandemic levels. This year, we distributed over 3.8 million pounds of food, and out of that, 2,861,051 pounds is rescued excess food. Community engagement is off the charts, with volunteerism increased by over 500% from 2019!

To kick off 2022, we’re working on a pilot composting program with the City & County of Honolulu and other nonprofit partners.

We are extremely excited at what this year will bring as we continue expanding our efforts to create a more resilient and sustainable food system in Hawai‘i. And we rely on continued community support to successfully carry out our mission to eliminate hunger and food waste.

We are truly blessed and eternally grateful. So, simply, from the bottom of our hearts: Thank you very much.

With sincere gratitude,

Augustus "Phil" Acosta
2021 Food Rescue Snapshot

3,813,906 lbs. total food distributed

Pounds Distributed by Category

2,861,051 lbs. rescued

857,600 lbs. USDA "Farmers to Families Food Box" program

95,255 lbs. purchased/donated

5% Increase From 2020 (2,720,074 lbs.)

Distribution Across O‘ahu

% of total food distributed & number of agencies serviced in 2021, by region

North Shore
9.13%
10 agencies

Windward
7.25%
38 agencies

Central
10.85%
30 agencies

Honolulu
56.02%
98 agencies

Wai‘anae
6.25%
25 agencies

Leeward
10.50%
32 agencies
2021 Donor & Recipient Breakdown

**Top 5 Food Donors**
*Rescued food only*

1. Foodland Super Market, Ltd.
2. Y. Hata & Co., Ltd.
3. Eggs Hawaii, Inc.
4. Ito En, Ltd.
5. Meadow Gold Dairies Hawaii

**Photo:** Our drivers rescue hundreds of pounds of food daily from Foodland, including prepared foods and fresh produce

**Rescued food came from**

420 food donors

总产值中205的新供应商

**Top 5 Recipient Agencies**
*Food from all sources*

1. Hawaii Cedar Church
2. The Pantry by Feeding Hawai’i Together
3. ‘Ohana, Family of the Living God
4. Light of the World Ministries
5. Kalihi Valley Homes Association

**Photo:** Aloha Harvest arrives at Hawaii Cedar Church throughout the week to deliver nourishment to the community in Kalihi

**Food from all sources went to**

232 recipient agencies

总产值中36的新受赠机构

## Food Donors by Category

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### 2021 Volunteer Activity

**1,260 hours**

*1,260 hours served by volunteers*

**8,611 lbs.**

*8,611 lbs. food rescued by volunteers*

- **545** existing volunteers
- **156** active volunteers
- **100** new active volunteers
- **91%** first-time volunteers
- **129%** returning volunteers since 2020

### Volunteer Feature: Leon

Leon has been a huge help to our food distributions with our food recipient agencies. He has volunteered over 75 hours at 20 different volunteer opportunities, making him our most active volunteer this year. Mahalo, Leon!

### Volunteer Hours by Program and Number of Opportunities**

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<td>Food Distributions</td>
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*FMFR = Farmers Market Food Rescue
**Graphic does not include anonymous volunteer hours
In April 2021, we launched our new Community Harvest program to help capture local produce from backyards, gardens, and farms on O'ahu. This new program has been a growing success as we have created an inventory of harvesting tools, expanded our volunteer base, and increased the number of individuals requesting a harvest to donate produce from their property. See what Community Harvest accomplished in 2021!

From Stacy, a Community Harvest produce donor:

We have a large garden and produce far more fruit than my family can use. It has been a real blessing to have the team from Aloha Harvest come harvest our excess.

It is a bonus knowing that they do the legwork to predetermine where to take the produce. Often it is to a site in our community which means the food gets used while fresh and that my neighbors benefit.

I’ve especially appreciated the enthusiasm of the volunteers. Some have experience harvesting, others don’t but they are willing to learn new techniques and have been very respectful of our garden space.

I truly believe that the work Aloha Harvest volunteers do to harvest excess produce from home gardens can significantly improve our ability to become food secure on O'ahu.

The Process

1. An individual requests a Community Harvest

2. Volunteers are coordinated to harvest the produce

3. The produce gets delivered to a recipient agency

Harvested from 8 residents across the island in Waialua, Mililani, Ewa Beach, Moanalua, Kahala, Kāne‘ohe, & Kailua

11 harvests jabong, avocado, ulu, star fruit, papaya, mango, limes, & jackfruit
2021 New Collaborations

Holiday Buy One, Gift One Program

Aloha Harvest was honored to partner with Touch A Heart in forming a pilot project to help those in need during the past holiday season with both Thanksgiving and Holiday Buy One, Gift One programs! Community members could purchase their holiday family meals while also receiving a complimentary extra meal to gift to an individual or family in need.

With over 400 meals donated, this partnership undoubtedly brought great seasonal delight to many local families!

"Compassion from the Arts" Online Fundraiser

Longtime friend of Aloha Harvest, Elizabeth Kent, spearheaded this effort to gather some of Hawaii’s most talented artists for an online fundraiser benefitting our food rescue organization. The sale in December allowed 24 crafters to showcase over 200 pieces just in time for holiday shopping.

Curated ceramics, scarves, quilts, jewelry, silverware, paintings, cutting boards, and many more unique artisanal items sold to raise funds to further Aloha Harvest’s mission! We are grateful that these local artists used their skills to show compassion for Hawaii’s hungry in this way.

Below: Several Aloha Harvest staff even donned aprons and pitched in to pack meals with the always kind Touch A Heart team

Above: The team working to prepare meals in the kitchen at Touch A Heart

Above: The menu featured a three-meal set and offered a selection of specialty desserts

Above: Some samples of pieces showcased in the online shop

Above: Fundraiser flyer

HOLIDAY BUY ONE, GIFT ONE FREE!

For each 3-meal set purchased, you’ll receive an extra set at no additional cost. All we ask is that you give the extra set to someone in need this holiday season.

3-Meal Set Meals
$30.50
Red Wine Braised Beef with Broccoli, Garlic, Roasted Mushrooms, and Carrots
Southwestern Style BBQ Pork Ribs with Corn & Red Poblano
Open-Faced Chicken Cordon Bleu with Cream Sauce over Pasta

Baker’s Heart Desserts
5$ each
and an additional $5 each will be donated to Touch A Heart.

Triple-Chocolate Brownie with Peanuts and Goji Berries
Lemon Cream Pie
French Round Coffee Panna Cotta
Blueberry Cream Cheese Square

Pre-order today!

Up to 100% of each sale was donated to Aloha Harvest

Week 12/8 – Sat 12/11, 2021

Compassion FROM THE ARTS

What is it?
1. Shop holiday art sale fundraiser to benefit Aloha Harvest, organized with local artists!

How will it support Aloha Harvest’s work?
50-100% of each sale will go DIRECTLY to Aloha Harvest’s mission, thank to these generous creators! Nak a beautiful, custom holiday gift while supporting food rescue and local creators.

How to participate?
1. Browse the art that’s already been uploaded at shop.ahoharvest.org
2. Plan what you’d like to purchase!
3. RSVP to and share our Facebook event to help spread the word!
4. Buy! Online shop opens Wed. 12/8 and closes 7:00pm Sat. 12/11.
“Atherton Family Foundation is excited to support Aloha Harvest’s Food Resilience Hub. The expansion of Aloha Harvest’s services to rescue and distribute more food on O‘ahu is critical for our community facing food insecurity. The Foundation is so grateful for the staff and supporters of Aloha Harvest as it continues to meet the needs of our community during the pandemic.”

— Elise von Dohlen, Program Officer, Hawai‘i Community Foundation on behalf of the Atherton Family Foundation

HCF is a steward of more than 1,000 funds, including over 300 scholarship funds, created by donors who desire to transform lives and improve communities. In 2020, HCF distributed more than $142 million in grants and contracts statewide. We give a special mahalo for the following gifts that were made to Aloha Harvest this quarter courtesy of the Hawai‘i Community Foundation: Aditi Fund and the Andrew and Ellen Bradley Fund.

“The Hawai‘i Lodging & Tourism Association partnered with Aloha Harvest in the earliest days of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide food drives to local hospitality workers and their families and truly enjoyed working with such an awesome team. With the successful return of the Visitor Industry Charity Walk, HLTA was pleased to be able to extend our support to an outstanding organization like Aloha Harvest that has worked tirelessly to support the needs of some of Hawai‘i’s most vulnerable residents.”

— Mufi Hannemann, President & CEO

“The Harold KL Castle Foundation, in partnership with the Kamehameha Schools, is delighted to share that Aloha Harvest’s important work was supported by the community, for the community in Windward O‘ahu via the Pilina Fund, a grant program governed by grassroots community leaders in the region. The program was designed to deploy funds as deeply into our community as possible as we respond to the COVID pandemic guided by those who know it best. We could not think of a better use for these funds than Aloha Harvest’s service to the community in rescuing and redistributing food to those who need it most.”

— Eric Co, Senior Program Officer for Ocean and Aina Resiliency

“Hawaiian Electric is pleased to continue our support of Aloha Harvest, which provides a much needed service to community members who struggle daily with food insecurity. We applaud their anticipated digital-based ‘aiRescue program which reduces the travel time for volunteers to rescue and deliver food so that recipients can enjoy quality meals that are fresh. By preventing food waste and serving the needy, hungry, and homeless while reducing their carbon footprint, Aloha Harvest’s efforts aligns with Hawaiian Electric’s vision for a sustainable Hawai‘i.”

— Kurt Tsue, Community Affairs Director
“The Cades Foundation is proud to support the good work that Aloha Harvest does for the people of Hawai‘i. By redistributing excess food to where it’s most needed, Aloha Harvest plays a critical role in both eliminating waste and serving the hungry. We celebrate this service and commitment to our community!”

— Michele S. Loudermilk, Vice President, The Cades Foundation

“Aloha Harvest has continued to strive above and beyond to meet community needs during one of the most challenging times in our history. Being quick to recognize the needs as they arose, they were able to expand and strategize to develop responsive solutions. Aloha United Way is pleased to be able to contribute to this important work on behalf of donors who contributed to our Safety Net Fund.”

— Lisa Kimura, Vice President, Community Impact

“The Rotary Club of Ala Moana has almost 50 years of service to local and global communities. We were privileged to partner with Aloha Harvest in two food distributions for the ohana of an elementary school that the club supports. We saw firsthand the impact of our financial donations to Aloha Harvest, and our members experienced the heartfelt gratitude from the over 225 families that were served in each distribution.

— Mahalo from Kevin McCrary, President, and all of the members of the Rotary Club of Ala Moana.”

“The Rosendin Foundation is proud to support Aloha Harvest, Hawai‘i’s largest food rescue and redistribution organization, in their mission to alleviate hunger and eliminate food waste to feed the hungry. We hope that our grant and volunteers can assist in increasing the percentage of food recovery to create a more sustainable Hawai‘i. Mahalo for providing us an avenue to support this important mission and to help educate others about food rescue.”

— Jolsna Thomas, President

Caleb Alarcon, Baskin-Robbins' 13th Pint-sized Hero, chose Aloha Harvest for his donation on behalf of The Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation. He wants to support Aloha Harvest's mission to feed the hungry and protect the environment. He was inspired by the fact that the organization acts as a collaborator with social service agencies to supply free food to the most vulnerable members of our community as well as efforts to reduce our environmental footprint and dependence on landfills by diverting excess food from entering the waste stream.
“At ʻIolani School, we built upon our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive by launching ‘Food 4 Thought,’ a series of activities to address food insecurity as ‘One Team.’ Aloha Harvest was instrumental in inspiring us to strive for positive impacts through community engagement, while highlighting the persistence of hunger and its connection to other needs on our island. We’re so grateful for the opportunity to partner with Aloha Harvest to share food, and we are also excited about supporting its efforts to reduce food waste and promote sustainable food systems!”

— Candice Sakuda, Director of Community & Civic Engagement

“PepsiCo is proud to honor Aloha Harvest as a 2021 PepsiCo Foundation Smiles in Action Award recipient. We applaud Aloha Harvest for the innovative work they do every day in our communities, and the strides they have made toward building a more sustainable food system.”

— Ryan Sobota, Hawaii Pepsi Market Director

“As a company, PepsiCo is committed to supporting the communities that we call home. We are honored to partner with Aloha Harvest as they work to strengthen our community by feeding our neighbors in need and reduce waste.”

— Chris Uyehara, Hawaii Frito-Lay Zone Sales Director

“Watanabe Ing recognizes the vital role that Aloha Harvest serves in the community. We are honored to support Aloha Harvest and its mission to reduce food insecurity and waste, and applaud the significant impact that it has had on the community since the organization was founded in 1999.”

— Summer Kaiawe, Attorney

“Every quarter, 100+ Women Who Care O‘ahu selects a local nonprofit to support with our combined donations. We hope to make a positive, powerful, and meaningful impact in the local community. We were moved by Aloha Harvest’s mission in feeding Hawai‘i’s hungry through food rescue and redistribution while also reducing waste of quality excess food. We are proud to support such a worthy cause!”

— Joanne Allagonez, Organizer

A special thanks also goes out to the Disney Community Support Fund via Charities Aid Foundation America and to the Jhamandas Watumull Fund. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us continue our mission!

Thanks to all the contributions from individuals, organizations, businesses, and workplace giving programs our Q4 donations have reached a total of $62,475.49!