

## We have reached an incredible milestone!



**Top left:** Linda from Councilmember Cordero's office presenting on behalf of Mayor Rick Blangiardi officially declaring June 2022 as Aloha Harvest Month.

**Top right:** Our milestone poster featuring our team members, volunteers, and board members. **Middle left:** Jewell Tuitele, president of one of our regular recipient agencies, Angel Network Charities, holding a donated papaya for an interview — "This is what it's all about right here!" **Bottom left:** Our 30x30 Challenge fundraiser results. **Bottom right:** Adam from Council Chair Tommy Waters' office to present the Council's certificate.

**We did it! At the end of May, we reached 30 MILLION pounds of food rescued since our operations began in 1999!**

We celebrated this incredible milestone with one of our partner recipient agencies, Angel Network Charities and held a press conference to be formally recognized by government officials with multiple commendations.

We were deeply honored to receive [official proclamations](#) from both the offices of Hawai'i Gov. David Ige and City & County of Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi announcing June 2022 as "Aloha Harvest Month." The Council of the City & County of Honolulu also officially recognized and honored Aloha Harvest and our Executive Director Phil Acosta for service excellence and contributions to food assistance for the residents of O'ahu.

In light of the milestone, we also kicked off a campaign, 30x30 Challenge, to raise \$30,000 in 30 days. Through our pandemic response, we experienced tremendous growth, and we are now operating at double the capacity from just a few years ago.

We called for these special donations to maintain this momentum as the ongoing supply chain disruptions, increasing prices of housing, fuel, food, and other essentials is keeping the need for food assistance at an all-time high.



**Total Amount  
Distributed  
April–June  
2022:**

**955,566 lbs.**



## Pounds Distributed by Category

Total Amount Rescued:

**950,517 lbs.**

Total Amount Purchased:

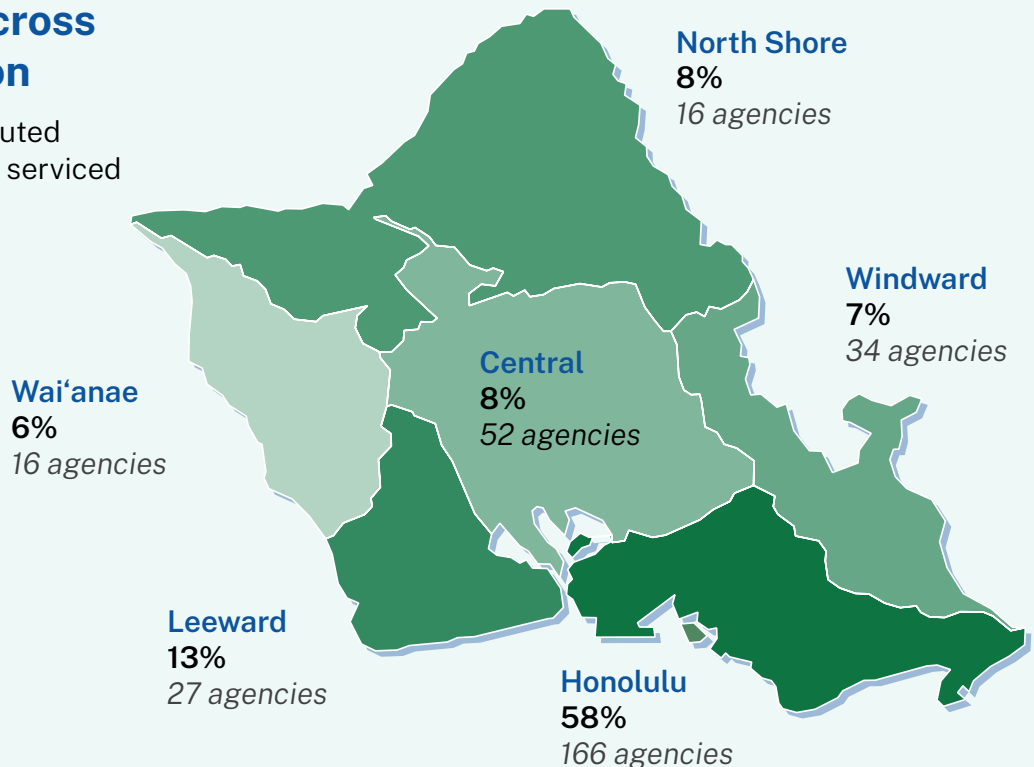
**5,049 lbs.**

**Rescued** refers to food that would otherwise go to waste.

**Purchased** food from this quarter includes food purchased from Windward farms as part of our Community Harvest program, supported through the Pilina Fund, first seeded by the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation.

## Distribution Across O'ahu by Region

% of total food distributed  
& number of agencies serviced  
in April–June 2022

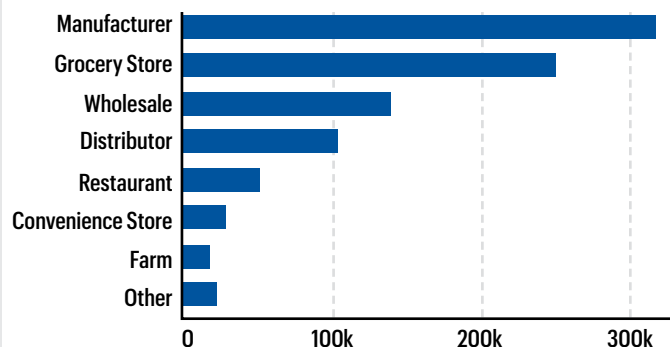




## Breakdown by Category

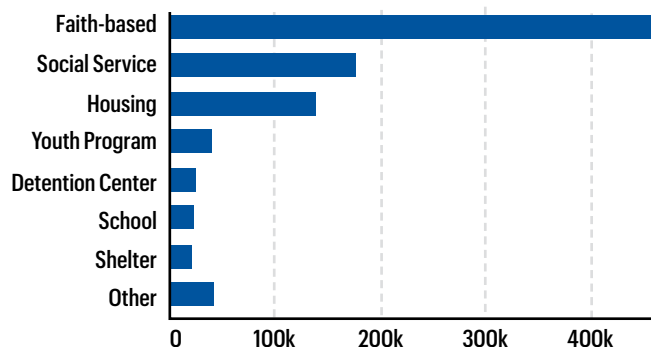
Rescued food came from  
**201 food donors**

37 new  
&  
15 re-  
engaged!



Food from all sources went to  
**107 recipient agencies**

5 new  
&  
20 re-  
engaged!



**Mahalo to all the individuals who donated food! Individual donations in Q2 totaled 3,298 lbs.!**

## Top 5 Food Donors

Rescued food only

1. Foodland
2. Hawaiian Isles Water Company
3. Y. Hata & Co., Ltd
4. Meadow Gold Dairies Hawaii
5. Eggs Hawaii



**Photo:** Eggs Hawaii has donated a total of 66,285 pounds of eggs this quarter! Mahalo Eggs Hawaii for helping us distribute nutritious food.

## Top 5 Recipient Agencies

Food from all sources

1. Hawai'i Cedar Church
2. Angel Network Charities
3. Kalihi Valley Homes Association
4. Ohana, Family of the Living God
5. Light of the World Ministries



**Photo:** Light of the World Ministries delivers food to the houseless including a community by the canal in Māpunapuna, under the Nimitz bridge, and the Institute for Human Services.

## Atlas Air

HONOLULU

### Words from Tim Burton, HNL Station Supervisor:

“I came to learn about Aloha Harvest through the *Eco Rotary Club of Kaka’ako*, which I am a member of. [Executive Director] Phil Acosta was a guest speaker at one of our meetings.

My role at Atlas Air is that I am one of the station supervisors at HNL working primarily on Amazon flights, but also assist on other cargo flights that we are contracted to handle throughout the year.

In June, I had a canceled flight, and Aloha Harvest was awesome. Nela drove to the airport to pick up the donation within 30 minutes. Probably like 20 sandwiches, 20 pieces of fruit, 10 salads, and a few hot meals. All of which will now feed those in need instead of ending up thrown away, wasted, and in our landfills.”



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We take immediately rescuing perishable foods seriously to ensure the quality and safety of what we offer to our recipients. All of our trucks and vans are refrigerated and we take precautions to spot check the food with infrared temperature guns.



#### Photos courtesy of Tim:

Some food from our first pick-up with Atlas Air (top) and our driver Nela quickly responding to a food rescue call with one of our five refrigerated vehicles.

**Since our initial pick-up with Atlas Air in April, we have been rescuing excess food from them on average, at least once a week!**



# Featured Food Donors



## Waialua Hidden Farms

WAIALUA

**Words from  
Allen and Davelyn Quijano,  
Farm Owners:**

“There are many things that we would like to do with our farm. We would like to open it to the public as a U-Pick farm where people can harvest produce themselves.

We also want to turn it into a co-farming/co-habitation for people who can privately grow food for themselves — basically creating a small community of farmers to share amongst themselves whether it be food from their garden or knowledge about farming.

The other thing we'd like to create would be a nonprofit organization for military veterans suffering from PTSD and mental health issues, using farming as a form of therapy for them.

Our ultimate goal with our partnership with Aloha Harvest is to get food out to places that don't have food security, to work together and feed our community. We are truly thankful to the volunteers who have visited the farm to help out and we would like to continue that relationship.”



**Photos:** Farm owners Allen and Davelyn (top), Aloha Harvest volunteers, and a few staff members weeding pea plants, and harvesting bananas and green mangoes for our Community Harvest volunteer program, which we donated to Kalihi Valley Homes Association, one of our top 5 most active recipient agencies ([see page 2](#)).



**Subscribe to our Community Harvest program on [our volunteer portal](#) to be notified of our next harvest with them!**



## Aloha From Whitmore

WAHIAWĀ

### Words from Rachel Salbedo, Program Director:

“The idea of partnering with Aloha Harvest stemmed from previous food distributions in Wahiawā that I volunteered at or participated in.

The rescued foods that Aloha Harvest has relentlessly nourished families with is a vital piece to society that enabled underserved or less fortunate families to have a chance of a meal.

A struggling ‘ohana, regardless of social status, worries about gas, food, basic necessities, etc. Aloha Harvest has been able to bridge a gap between those tough financial decisions of food or medicine, food or gas, food or toilet paper.

I felt my community may go unnoticed because of how small Whitmore is but after our first successful food distribution on June 13 at the Whitmore Community Center gym, the outpour of families seeking food assistance was astonishing. So many families built a habit of little to no food and that was their way of life. With the right help and the right intentions of changing to healthier lifestyles, the future of Whitmore community will thrive quickly.

Aloha from Whitmore is dedicated to serving residents of Whitmore Wahiawā a hand-up in public service so we’ll be able to thrive with hands together.”

**Photos:** Our driver Carlito and the Aloha From Whitmore team at our first partnered distribution in June with a wide variety of fresh and nonperishable food.



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# Featured Recipient Agencies



## Reality Honolulu

O'AHU

### Words from Marie Sonson, Outreach Coordinator:

Our church decided to partner with Aloha Harvest for our monthly food distributions because we loved the idea of giving out rescued food that would otherwise go to waste.

Thanks to their amiable team and easy process, we've been able to consistently offer a large variety of quality food items to the people we serve. We're so grateful to partner with an organization on island who can redirect a variety of fresh, perishable, and prepared foods away from the landfill and to those who need it."



### IMPACT FROM OUR FIRST PARTNERED DISTRIBUTION IN MAY:

**149 households**  
served

**684 total adults and  
children** served

**23 families** from  
Princess Ruth  
Ke'elikōlani  
Middle School  
served

**684 boxes/bags**  
distributed

**Photos** from our first joint distribution in May: Reality Honolulu really helps us expand our impact by having refrigeration capacity (top left) and general storage capacity (bottom right).

# Team Announcements

## New Team Members



### Lauren Oakland

#### Project Coordinator, Meals with Aloha

Lauren joins us with a background ranging from caring for all ages as a certified nurse assistant (CNA) to veterinary care and legislative support. She will be taking the lead on coordinating our new and special project “Meals with Aloha” in partnership with Touch A Heart. In her spare time, you can find her hanging out with her family, friends, and dogs; on a hike; or at the beach.



### Madelaine Taylor

#### Volunteer Coordinator

Madelaine has a background in philanthropy and fundraising in the human services sector. She will take the lead on managing and expanding our volunteer programs. In her spare time, she loves horseback riding and exploring new places.



### Sifa Tanoa

#### Driver Helper

Sifa joins us with a diverse background in law enforcement, healthcare services as a CNA, and landscaping. His hobbies include rugby, boxing, and going to the gym.



### Violet Moon

#### Volunteer Coordinator Intern

Violet joins us with a background in the service and retail industry, public health, and nonprofit outreach. She provides extra support to our volunteer coordinator, managing our many volunteer programs and workforce. In her spare time, she loves to paint and surf.



## Mahalo, Hannah, a hui hou!

It pains us to have to say a hui hou to an absolute star on our team, Hannah, our Volunteer Coordinator! She is off to the mainland to attend Colorado State University's Impact MBA program.

She has already made a huge impact in our community here, originally starting with us in 2020 as a Project Coordinator for our Meals with Aloha program, then transitioning to the Volunteer Coordinator role, launching and running our many active volunteer programs (Farmers Market Food Rescue, On-call Food Rescue, Community Harvest, food distributions, to name a few). Although we're sad to see her leave, we are so excited to see what she does next!

2022 Q2 (APRIL–JUNE)

## Volunteer Impact



596

Total  
Hours

70

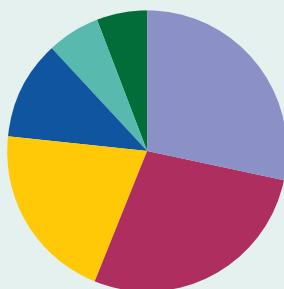
Active  
Volunteers

6,557

Total Lbs.  
Rescued

First-time  
volunteers  
increased **↑18%**

Volunteers who have  
helped 5+ times  
increased **↑12%**



### % Pounds Rescued by Volunteer Program

- 29% Mililani Farmers' Market
- 28% On-call Food Rescue
- 20% Kaka'ako Farmers' Market
- 11% KCC Farmers' Market
- 6% Community Harvest
- 6% Blaisdell Farmers' Market



Sign up or learn more about our volunteer opportunities on our volunteer portal at [alohaharvest.org/volunteer](https://alohaharvest.org/volunteer)



## ‘Iolani School

‘Iolani School has been a longstanding supporter of Aloha Harvest and our work in the community. They recently supported us in multiple ways:

### ‘IO Farms

The ‘IO Farms Team worked with students from grades K through 12 to present Aloha Harvest with a donation of \$1,000! The contribution was the literal “fruits of their labor,” growing, harvesting, and selling an abundance of gorgeous vegetables at their on-campus markets. We are investing their contribution towards our Community Harvest program, a volunteer-led effort capturing excess produce from backyards, community gardens, farmers markets, and small farms.

### Pathways to Community Leadership

Pathways to Community Leadership is a summer class at ‘Iolani School. The curriculum included modules on philanthropy, grant writing, and the role of nonprofits working toward social justice and social change. Our Executive Director had the opportunity to work with students who selected Aloha Harvest for their final project, putting together a grant proposal and presentation. Aloha Harvest was chosen by a panel of community leaders as the winner of the \$5,000 grant award from Ananda Fund Hawaii. We extend our sincerest gratitude to these two students and their teacher for their hard work and service to our community.



[Photos courtesy of ‘Iolani School](#) | Students from grades K through 12 worked hard to grow, harvest, and sell fresh produce through the school’s ‘IO Farms program, donating \$1,000 of market proceeds to Aloha Harvest.

# Mahalo Piha Q2 Financial Grants & Supporters

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.



Lloyd/Moore  
Foundation



The Ifuku  
Family Foundation

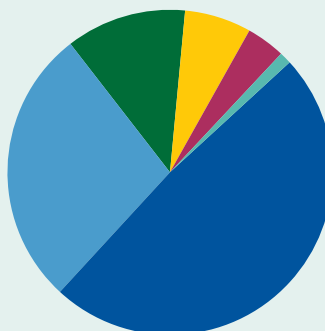
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Mahalo to all the individuals, organizations, businesses, and workplace giving programs  
for your monetary donations! Individual monetary donations donated in Q2 totaled \$37,000.

## Funding Sources by Percent

- 49% Grants–Private
- 28% Foundations
- 12% Individuals
- 7% Aloha United Way
- 4% Corporations
- 1% Organizations



## Mahalo for reading!

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