



August 22, 2023

'Ohana Resource Event

Kahului Community Center

275 Uhu St

Kahului, HI 96732

10 am to 8 pm (Closed at 6 pm due to lack of supplies)

1000 NHPI and Filipino individuals/families attended the 'Ohana Resource event at the Kahului Community Center. Mayor Bissen's offices facilitated the site. FEMA and the American Red Cross (ARC) were on site to discuss and complete disaster relief requests. 100 individuals/families were placed in long-term transitional housing with ARC. Hui No Ke Ola Pono provided resource support as they gave out water, food, toiletries, and other various requested items. Lāhui Foundation provided direct financial support in the amount of \$100,000 to those who had lost their homes and/or who had lost their jobs. Project Vision Hawai'i and Hui No Ke Ola Pono assisted with SNAP and Med Quest applications. The Consulate General offices from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Tonga helped their citizens in replacing lost documents. Interpreters were on site to assist with language. They included Ōlelo Hawai'i, Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Tongan, Ilocano, Tagalog, Cantonese, ASL & HSL, and Espanol. All Him Productions (Da Braddahs) shared best practices - such as yearly health exams, exercise, nutrition, and mitigation strategies for COVID. As we did not have testing or vaccinations available, Da Braddahs referred those in attendance to CVS/Longs. Mitigation strategies discussed included masking, handwashing, social distancing, and vaccinations. This is important as there have been recent COVID cases at non-congregate shelters in Maui.

The cultural engagement requested at this time, was that of community. Community identified their needs as shelter, food, transportation, employment, and for those with keiki - school. When asked why they had waited or were at the Kahului Community Center site, they stated it was because they saw faces that they knew and felt more comfortable speaking in their native languages. They also shared that unlike the larger sites, this event clearly explained the processes of each provider, assisted them in asking questions that were important to them and their families, and they did not feel pressured to simply "sign here." It was heartbreaking to turn people away as providers ran out of resources (paper applications, money, etc.) but those

turned away shared they were grateful we had been there for others and were advised to follow Da Braddahs, POL, NHPI 3R and HNKOP on social media for upcoming events.

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1200 NHPI and Filipino individuals/families attended the ‘Ohana Resource event at the Kahului Community Center. Mayor Bissen’s offices facilitated the site. FEMA and the American Red Cross (ARC) were on site to discuss and complete disaster relief requests. 150 individuals/families were placed in ARC long-term transitional housing. Project Vision Hawai’i and Hui No Ke Ola Pono assisted with SNAP and Med Quest applications. Hui No Ke Ola Pono provided resource support as they gave out water, food, toiletries, and other various requested items. Lāhui Foundation provided direct financial support in the amount of \$100,000 to those who had lost their homes and/or who had lost their jobs. The Consulate General offices from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Tonga helped their citizens in replacing lost documents. Interpreters were on site to assist with language. They included Ōlelo Hawai’i, Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Tongan, Ilocano, Tagalog, Cantonese, ASL & HSL, and Espanol. All Him Productions (Da Braddahs) shared best practices - such as yearly health exams, exercise, nutrition, and mitigation strategies for COVID. As we did not have testing or vaccinations available, Da Braddahs referred those in attendance to CVS/Longs. Mitigation strategies discussed included masking, handwashing, social distancing, and vaccinations. This is important as there have been recent COVID cases at non-congregate shelters in Maui.

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FEMA and Red Cross stated over the 2-day event this was the largest Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander turn out for them.

August 29, 2023

‘Ohana Resource Event

Kahului Community Center

**275 Uhu St
Kahului, HI 96732**

1 pm to 7 pm

Over 100 NHPI and Filipino individuals/families attended the 'Ohana Resource event at the Kahului Community Center. Mayor Bissen's offices facilitated the site. FEMA and the American Red Cross were on site to discuss and complete disaster relief requests. According to FEMA and ARC the resource event had the highest number of participants served for this day. Project Vision Hawai'i, Pear Suite, DHS, and Hui No Ke Ola Pono assisted with SNAP and Med Quest applications. DHS Deputy Director Joseph Campos visited the site and expressed his appreciation for all our hard work, he was especially appreciative of the cultural sensitivity and language assistance. He had 4 employees on site that assisted PVH with SNAP and Med Quest. Moving forward he has committed to continue assisting these in-language and culturally safe efforts. Hui No Ke Ola Pono provided resource support as they gave out water, food, toiletries, and other various requested items. The Consulate General offices from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Tonga helped their citizens in replacing lost documents. Interpreters were on site to assist with language. They included Ōlelo Hawai'i, Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Tongan, Ilocano, Tagalog, Cantonese, ASL & HSL, and Espanol. CORE and artist Ashley Lukashevsky provided gift certificates. We received and distributed 500 meals paid for by the Salvation Army and provided by Sugar Beach Catering. All Him Productions (Da Braddahs) shared best practices - such as yearly health exams, exercise, nutrition, and mitigation strategies for COVID. As we did not have testing or vaccinations available, Da Braddahs referred those in attendance to CVS/Longs. Mitigation strategies discussed included masking, handwashing, social distancing, and vaccinations. This is important as there have been recent COVID cases at non-congregate shelters in Maui.

August 30, 2023

'Ohana Resource Event

Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center

91 Pukalani St

Pukalani, HI 96762

1 pm to 7 pm

Over 100 NHPI and Filipino individuals/families attended the 'Ohana Resource event at the Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center. Mayor Bissen's offices facilitated the site. FEMA and the American Red Cross were on site to discuss and complete disaster relief requests. According to FEMA and ARC the resource event had the highest number of participants served for this day. Project Vision Hawai'i, Pear Suite, DHS, and Hui No Ke Ola Pono assisted with SNAP and Med Quest applications. Hui No Ke Ola Pono provided resource support as they gave out water, food, toiletries, and other various requested items. The Consulate General offices from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Tonga helped their citizens in replacing lost documents. Interpreters were on site to assist with language. They included Ōlelo Hawai'i, Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Tongan, Ilocano, Tagalog, Cantonese, ASL & HSL, and Espanol. CORE provided gift certificates and the Maui Shop provided two bins of hand-made quilts on site. We received and distributed 500 meals paid for by the Salvation Army and provided by Sugar Beach Catering. All Him Productions (Da Braddahs) shared best

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August 31, 2023

'Ohana Resource Event

Lahaina Civic Center

1840 HI-30,

Lahaina, HI 96761

1 pm to 7 pm

2000 NHPI and Filipino community members attended the Lahaina Civic Center event. Mayor Bissen's office aided in coordinating this location. And while there was a slight hiccup with the site, Francis Kau with HIEMA was able to accommodate this event. The Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) and the American Red Cross (ARC) were on site to discuss and complete disaster relief requests. ARC was able to place 8 individuals/families in long-term transitional housing. Project Vision Hawai'i, Pear Suite, and DHS assisted with SNAP and Med Quest applications. The Consulate General offices from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Tonga helped their citizens in replacing lost documents. Interpreters from various statewide organizations (MCOH, HCIR, MHAC, FEMA, etc.) provided language assistance. The languages offered were Ōlelo Hawai'i, Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Tongan, Ilocano, Tagalog, Cantonese, ASL & HSL, and Espanol. Project Vision Hawai'i offered free eye exams and readers. Hui No Ke Ola Pono supplied resources - water, food, toiletries, and other various requested items. Lāhui Foundation donated \$10,000 worth of laundry detergent for distribution. Artist Ashley Lukashevsky donated \$6,000 in \$50 gift certificates and these were given to those who registered. Hi-Fade Barbershop from Oahu's Northshore area provided 70 haircuts. 'Āina Momona distributed \$80,000 in direct financial support to those who had lost their homes and/or their jobs. The Salvation Army supplied snacks, water, and 500 hot meals. All Him Productions (Da Braddahs) shared best practices - such as yearly health exams, exercise, nutrition, and mitigation strategies for COVID. As we did not have testing or vaccinations available, Da Braddahs referred those in attendance to CVS/Longs. Mitigation strategies discussed included masking, handwashing, social distancing, and vaccinations. This is important as there have been recent COVID cases at non-congregate shelters in Maui.

September 13, 2023

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Lahaina Civic Center

1840 HI-30,

Lahaina, HI 96761

1 pm to 7 pm

3000 NHPI and Filipino community members attended the Lahaina Civic Center event. Francis

Kau with HIEMA coordinated this event with the NHPI 3R team. The Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) and the American Red Cross (ARC) were on site to discuss and complete disaster relief requests. FEMA reported 450+ new applications were completed, and ARC reported 140+ new applications were completed. Project Vision Hawai'i, Pear Suite, and DHS assisted with SNAP and Med Quest applications. Papakolea distributed 250 Kokua binders to those in attendance. The Consulate General offices from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Tonga helped their citizens in replacing lost documents. Interpreters from various statewide organizations (MCOH, HCIR, MHAC, FEMA, PIDP, Pacific Gateway, etc.) provided language assistance. The languages offered were Ōlelo Hawai'i, Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Tongan, Ilocano, Tagalog, Cantonese, ASL & HSL, and Espanol. Project Vision Hawai'i offered free eye exams and readers. Hui No Ke Ola Pono supplied resources - water, food, toiletries, and other various requested items. Lāhui Foundation provided direct financial support in the amount of \$100,000 to those who had lost their homes and/or who had lost their jobs. Hi-Fade Barbershop from Oahu's Northshore area gave 80 haircuts and Peti Haufoka gave 20 trims. All Him Productions (Da Braddahs) shared best practices - such as yearly health exams, exercise, nutrition, and mitigation strategies for COVID. As we did not have testing or vaccinations available, Da Braddahs referred those in attendance to CVS/Longs. Mitigation strategies discussed included masking, handwashing, social distancing, and vaccinations. This is important as there have been recent COVID cases at non-congregate shelters in Maui.

Chantelle Eseta Matagi aka Tellie is a health educator and community leader. Her academic background, lived experience, and community connections have assisted, prepared, and guided her professional career. As a Pacific Islander woman, who grew up in Utah, Sāmoa, and Hawai‘i she understands the cultural nuances necessary when working with diverse communities across the Pacific Islander diaspora. Tellie filled a pivotal role as the lead investigator of a contract tracing team dedicated to addressing health disparities Pacific Islanders and Filipinos faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, bearing 50% of positive cases statewide. Her team’s work, which included further data disaggregation and providing vaccine and testing sites directly in these communities, helped to reduce cases by nearly 25% over one year and led to publications on the importance of data disaggregation in addressing health disparities.

Tellie is a strong advocate for organizational change that ensures those doing the work represent affected communities, and that community-led initiatives are supported. Her collaborative, community-based partnerships have increased educational outreach and community engagement that is culturally safe and available in many languages across the Pacific, fostering relationships that encourage community participation across Hawai‘i.

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Talofa Gina,

I hope you are doing well. Here is my bio and a fact sheet for the Maui Community 'Ohana Resource events that have been coordinated by POL and the NHPI 3R.

I look forward to participating today and please, reach out to me directly if you have any questions or need further assistance.

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