



Dormitory Project Overview ~

From Homelessness to UH Hilo

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Hawai'i, Inc., is a registered 501(c)(3) non profit organization which focuses on providing programs and outreach services to Hawai'i's homeless children and their families. Our mission is to enhance the lives of homeless children while providing interactive solutions to help them escape their cycle of poverty. Our programs work together to build their self-esteem, life and social skills and self worth that help them succeed.

Our programs and services have been recognized by various organizations ranging from Hewlett Packard's Drive for Success Jr. Leader Program to the Honolulu Star Advertiser's Heroes Next Door Award, Elk's Club Citizen of the Year Award and Great Nonprofits National Food and Shelter award, as well as the 5-Hour Energy Amazing People Award to name a few. Founded in 2003, Project Hawai'i is solely funded through public donations and public/private grants; 100% of the monies received go directly to the many programs and services we provide as we are completely staffed by volunteers.

Project Hawai'i first began with a homeless encampment in Pu'u Maile on the Big Island in 2003. Between 2006-2008, every family living in this encampment was employed or in a training program, had permanent housing and, to this date, continue to be productive members of the community. We have expanded our services to Oahu in 2008 and Maui in 2020.

Our website: <https://www.helpthehomelesskeiki.org> provides the full range of our services and outreach programs.

Having successfully helped our children gain the necessary confidence, social and educational skills to succeed in school, we have found that 90% of Project Hawai'i's teens are graduating and have the opportunity to attend college. However, their current living environment makes it difficult for them to attend and afford college, Project Hawai'i has the opportunity to create a transitional dormitory facility in close proximity to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo campus. This dormitory, along with the support programs we will put in place, will provide the necessary stability and assistance these teens need in order to complete and graduate with an associate degree. The dormitory, limited to females under the age of 21, will also be open to those residing on the Islands of Maui and Oahu. There is a 2-year limit for living at the dormitory as we have found there are more financial and educational opportunities and aid available once an associate degree is earned.

This dormitory along with the transitional programs we will put in place is the stable foundation they need to succeed!

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Project Hawai'i has already purchased the quarter-acre property. It has two very old dwellings on it; the front dwelling, which is the larger of the two, is approximately 3,000 sq. ft; the back dwelling is an old plantation-style residence 30' x 60'. There are 2 driveways which provide access onto the property.

The front dwelling will be the dormitory and is nearly a complete tear down with only the exterior walls and roof to remain. There will be 7 bedrooms: 6 are double occupancy and 1 is the dorm moms private entrance area. In addition, there will be 2 bathrooms, a full kitchen, a large living/dining room, and a small area which can be used as a study/quiet area.

The property is located 5.5- miles from the UH Hilo campus, one block from public transportation and a 10 minute walk to the local village complete with stores, eateries, medical clinic and more amenities. This location also provides for a wide variety of employment opportunities and community relation building.

Our construction goal is to be completely finished and ready for these young ladies to move into in time to start their Fall 2022 semester.

Project Status

In June 2021, Project Hawai'i began clearing the property, securing the necessary construction permits as well as purchasing and ordering the initial construction materials. To date, the property has been cleared, the interior of the dormitory structure completely gutted and 20% of the partitions erected. 50% of the plumbing has been completed and we are awaiting approval of the electrical permit.

Objective /Purpose

This dormitory will be able to house 12 girls for their journey through the 2 year degree program or a specific educational career choice. The dormitory is unique from a campus dorm and will have a full kitchen, living spaces, bathrooms, large outdoor area and a counseling or workshop area to allow the young ladies the opportunity to learn life and social skills while living independently. Upon graduation they will have the skills to maintain a home and the experience of caring for a home along with financial budgeting.

Our program will be all inclusive to not just being fully furnished but will also provide their personal needs, bedding, household supplies, meal program, transportation to and from campus. Everything they need to live while going to college. Moreover, the college students will be placed with a life coach that will assist with their goal planning, work experience program that we have partnered with local merchants, life skills training including learning to budget and manage independent life as an adult, and have bi-weekly

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meetings to keep on track. We have found from experience that housing a homeless person or family without building their life and social skills is not going to end the cycle of poverty. Our goal is to have 12 young ladies graduate in 2 years with their degree, life skills to maintain a healthy adult life and the foundation to be whoever they want to be. We are creating a new generation that stops the cycle of which they were born; having babies as teens, living in homeless situations and living off the governments handouts.]

These dorms are the beginning of their new healthy lifestyle.

CURRENT STATISTIC VIA DOE DATA / Hawaii P.20 Partnership Reports

Currently only 13% of homeless teens will graduate high school and only 4% will go to college. Overall population is currently at 62% high school graduation and less than 50% go to college. From college only 30% will graduate and 10% of those with an actual degree. With native Hawaiians at 35% going to college. We have a 85-90% rate of graduation from High-School and 40-45% attending college. With this dormitory we can raise that rate to 100% going to college by removing one of the largest factors.

OTHER AMAZING ASPECTS OF THIS PROJECT:

This project is another example of how Project Hawai'i, Inc. never gives up and continues to see the overall vision of what can be done when most people think it impossible. While I was on the construction site mid way through with a potential investor from a major lumber yard he had a very logistical view of the program. He came along with his assistant who was there to help asses the "value" of the investment of donating lumber to our project. After evaluation of this rehab project, he turned to his assistant and said, "she is over her head with this project, to make this home stable enough to house the extra rooms and support needed it would cost \$15,000. just in material cost in addition to her estimated plans." He then turned to his assistant and asked what he thought. He stated, yes she is over her head, yet is actually doing something that most won't attempt to try. She has the vision, the determination and is half way through, so we might as well help where we can.

I on the other hand, answered with this, "It is a small price to pay an extra \$15,000.00 to house another 2 girls for two years as they become educated and join society as healthy individuals, verse statically where they will be without our help. Two teen girls will most likely have at least one if not two children in that time period, be on welfare and public assistance for the rest of their life and continue the path they were born into." The average cost of a single mom on welfare is \$780.00 per month in cash, another \$400. In food

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stamps, medical payments and other services offered by the state. Lets say \$1,400 a month in tax payers funds times the 24 months of the dorm stay equals \$33,600 per teen. The math is simple. This dormitory will make an impact in so many ways throughout the community for decades to come.

This program can potentially end the cycle of 24 children being born into poverty every two years for decades to come. This dormitory can be the vessel of which 12 new community leaders are created that go on to help others and leave the social service dependency every two years.

Goals/Construction Timeline:

Our goal for the construction is to be completely finalized and ready for the homeless young ladies to move into their new dorm room and start their fall semester in Aug. 2022. We have taken into consideration the delays on permitting, electrical permits and the final inspection process along with the delay in material shortages and shipping time. This goal is obtainable as the renovations are already in full swing.

Construction Material Needs:

We are seeking funding and in kind donations for all phases of this rehab construction. Our budget is below.

Here is a list of the major construction needs:

- Lumber/Siding/Framing
- Windows
- Doors/Interior and Exterior
- Kitchen Major Appliances
- Flooring/Carpet
- Sheetrock
- Paint/Paint Supplies
- Roofing (the smaller part of the home)
- Dorm room furniture including beds, dressers and desk/chairs

Recipient Acknowledgement/Publicity

All Sponsors/Donors will be listed on our website; sponsors/donors giving \$10,000+ in funds or in-kind donations will have a banner/ poster on the job site for the entire period of construction along with various postings on multiple social media platforms and print media. Founding sponsors/donors of \$25,000+ will have their own plaques on the dormitory project once completed, and on our transportation vehicles.

Partnerships Secured Outline:

We have partnered with Humanitarian Experience for Youth. This team has contracted to provide 100 volunteers over a 5 week period to total 2,000 hours of labor to assist with the tear out and land clearing along with a donation of \$38,000.00.

Sunlight Entertainment has made a \$50,000 contribution to sponsor young ladies once the facility is open. The Prabhu Family Foundation has made a commitment to sponsor \$25,000. as a founding sponsor. Scott-Sugumoto Family Foundation made a \$50,000. Contribution towards sponsorship of housing for our young ladies. Oxford Industries gave \$10,000. towards construction.

We have partnered with Big Island Granite for our counter tops and tile projects along with the cabinetry at an estimated cost of \$37,000.00, Central Supply, Inc., for some basic install plumbing needs at an estimated cost of \$2,500.00 , and we have partnered with 'Ohana Fuels and will be conducting fundraisers all through the project for extra support and supply needs with an estimated donation of \$12,000.00. We are also working with Honsodor Lumber to receive 25% off lumber orders. Yamada Furniture is also working with us at a discount of 25% or more off our dormitory furniture and living spaces.

The community has also stepped forward to provide a wide array of skilled services that will oversee the individual projects, such as the staircases, window changes, new interior structures, flooring, painting, etc.

Our ongoing partnership with the UH system to provide internships and practicums will not only continue, but will grow to include more full time positions and opportunities to host our workshops or become a coach for our college students.

PENDING REQUEST/GRANTS:

Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation Request: \$80,000.00

Belinda Miranda:\$10,000.00

Lex Brodies Tires: \$10,000.00

Bank of Hawai'i Foundation: \$25,000.00

BUDGET

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Our estimate from the Kealoha Construction for needed materials. We are working with partners for in-kind donations to offset this amount. We have fully secured the property and is paid in full with money we raised and the \$150,000 low interest loan for a cost of \$340,000. (well below market value)

Below is a rough estimate provided by our licensed contractions and sub contractors. (with the knowledge of increasing prices of as much as 25% before completion)

Description	Est.PRICE	Secured
Purchase of Property	\$ 340,000	\$340,000.00
Materials for Rehab/, siding, windows, flooring, doors, etc.	\$ 123,000	\$65,050.00
Lumber List	\$ 27,900	\$27,000.00
Plumbing: Licensed Contractor and Materials	\$ 23,765	\$4,890.00
Tree Removal/Yard Clearing/Driveway install	\$ 17,879.00	\$7,879.00
Electrician and materials	\$ 27,340.00	\$0.00
Rubbish Removal/Roll off Bins (for tear out)	\$ 1,700	\$1,700.00
Termite Tenting upon completion for permit final inspection	\$ 4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Licensed Contractors/Labor/Permits (most of the labor is volunteer)	\$ 17,893.00	\$17,893.00
Commercial Grade Kitchen Appliances	\$ 9,876.00	\$0.00
Front Area Canopy/Roof Addition	\$ 24,900.00	\$0.00
Carport	\$ 2,700.00	\$0.00
Roofing Replacement	\$ 5,800.00	\$0.00
Dormitory Furniture (beds, desk/chair, dressers	\$ 13,000.00	\$10,400.00
Household Furnishings/couch/dinning table, etc.	\$ 17,600.00	\$4,700.00
14 passanger van	\$ 50,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$ 707,853.00	\$484,012.00

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All company sponsors will be listed on our website dormitory housing page with links. Companies with donations of \$10,000 or more with monetary or in-kind will have a banner/poster on our job site for the entire time and listed on our volunteer shirts along with social media shout outs, live videos, etc.

Major donors of \$25,000. Or more will have their names on plaques on the housing project once completed, and on our vehicles for transportation between campus, housing and shopping trips.

We are inviting the local news and newspapers to write articles, share stories and during our fundraising events with 'Ohana Fuels we are also doing social media live and will include all donors in our shout outs.