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RSS NEWSLETTER



Hawaii Community Development Corporation of Hawaii

Happy New Year 2005

Senior Employment Opportunities

NEW YEAR’S MESSAGE

From Stephanie Aviero
Executive Director

I have been the Executive Director of HCDCH for one year now and the best part of my job has been visiting various housing sites throughout the state and meeting with residents. During the past year, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you and I hope to continue my visits in 2005.

The HCDCH staff and I pledge to do what we can to make your communities safe, decent and sanitary places to live. I hope we can count on you to help us in this effort.

On behalf of the HCDCH staff, I would like to extend



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- Michelle Kim 832-5909
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The Respite Companion Service Program is an employment and training program established by the Department of Human Services which provides part time employment for seniors as a respite companion to low income persons, aged fifty-five and older, to assist families providing 24 hour care for frail, elderly family members in the homes. Services include

- In-home personal care and health related services which include sitter services , assisting with bathing, grooming, dressing, toileting, monitoring the use of medication and health, assisting with occupational and physical therapy.
- Home Management Services which include assisting with light shopping, light housekeeping, light meal preparation and personal errands.



- Socialization activities which include providing companionship, conversation, informal counseling, reading, writing, assisting with hobbies and other interest.

Seniors who are unemployed, age 55 and over, low-income, in good health, able to work 19 hours per week and willing to assist the homebound elderly with personal care, home management, and socialization activities are needed. For more information, please contact the Department of Human Services, Respite Companion Service Program at 586-5192.

\$7,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Public Housing Authorities Director’s Association is offering a \$7,000 college scholarship to college bound seniors who live in federal public housing and have maintained a B average.

The scholarship will be deposited into the student’s account at the college/ university he/she attends and the money can be used to pay for tuition, books and activities directly related to the student’s education. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the counselor at your high school for an application. The supporting documents listed below will also

need to be turned in along with the application:(1) an official copy high school school transcript (2) Two letters of recommendations; and (3) a 350-500 word essay on “How my public housing and high school experience influenced my life”.

All applications and supporting documents are due to HCDCH at 1002 North School St, Building J by Monday, February 7, 2005.





TOP 10

New Year's Resolutions

1. Lose Weight
2. Exercise
3. Quit Smoking
4. Quit Drinking
5. Be a Better Person
6. Spend more time with family
7. Spend less time on the internet
8. Be more organized
9. Get out of Debt
10. Be more Spiritual

New Year's Resolutions

New Years is the time when we usually look back on the year's events of the past year, see what we have learned from it and what we have achieved. Then we make resolutions for the upcoming year, all the things that we want to change and accomplish in our life. Change is good for our lives but sometimes resolutions that make at new years just equates to empty promises. So to help you with your resolutions for 2005, consider the following:

1. Make your goals desirable for YOU

Sometimes people want to do things because "it's the right thing to do" OR they do it to make someone else happy. You will succeed only if YOU do it for yourself. In order for you to stay motivated, your goal must excite you on a deep inner level.

2. Make realistic Resolutions

Your goal must be achievable and reachable. If in the back of your mind, you don't really believe that your goal is achievable, your mind will resent putting in the effort toward achieving it.

3. Make gradual changes

You will NOT wake up on January 1st as a new person, expect that the new habits will take you a while to learn, but do not let that discourage you. You will have your ups and downs but if you persist and stay focused, you will definitely reach your goals.

Remember these simple things, as you start to make resolutions for 2005

IDENTITY THEFT

Now that the holiday's are over, it's a good time to be checking your monthly accounts for accuracy. Identity Theft is on the rise, and Hawaii ranked 15th in the nation per capita for identity theft according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

The FTC, the agency that tracks identity theft, reports victims can spend months or years of their hard earned money cleaning up the mess thieves have made to their good name and credit record.

Here is list of several things that you can do.

- Be aware to whom you give your Social Security Number or personal credit information.
- Tear up receipts, bank statements and unused credit offers received in the mail before discarding them.

- Be aware of any missing mail. Criminals may steal mail from a mailbox.
- Don't mail bills from your own mailbox with the "flag up". Try to deposit outgoing mail in the post office collection boxes or at the post office.
- Review your monthly account for any unauthorized charges.
- Use only reputable merchants when conducting transactions online

If you are a victim, the FTC urges victims of identity theft to do four things.

1. Contact the fraud department of any of the three major credit bureaus to put a fraud alert on your credit line. The fraud alert asks creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts

2. Close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
3. File a police report. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors and others who may require proof of the crime.
4. File complaint with the FTC.

Laura Rea's purse was stolen in Mississippi and a few months later charges began showing up in Hawaii some 4,100 miles away. By the time Laura Rea had caught on, she had been a victim of "Identity Fraud". The damage to her credit rating in those few months prevented her from getting into graduate school, finding an apartment and landing a summer job. Don't let something like this happen to you.

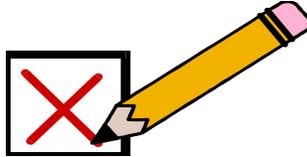


RESIDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

MAILI I Resident Association

On November 17, 2004, the Maili I Resident Association conducted officer elections. Congratulations to the following new officers.

- President—Mr. Julian Tavarres**
- Vice President— Ms. Naomi Adkins**
- Secretary—Ms. Josephine Nono**
- Treasurer— Ms. Josephine Salas**
- Sgt-at-Arms— Mr Robert Burkett**



Maili I Resident Association was recognized at the 12/16/04 Board Meeting

Kawailehua Stateside Resident Association

On November 18, 2004, the Kawailehua Stateside Resident Association conducted officer elections. Congratulations to the following new officers.

- President— Ms. Glorietta Kaleiohi**
- Vice President— Ms. Pauletter Tavares**
- Secretary— Ms. Sonia Buenrostro**
- Treasurer— Mr. Gerald McLeod**
- Sgt-At-Arms— Mr. Thomas Quinlan**

THE ‘OHANA COALITION

“United as One” was theme of the day at the 1st Annual Community Day Combined Festival on Saturday, November 20, 2004. This event was an outgrowth of four resident associations in the Kalihi area who co-chaired the event. Ka’ahumanu Homes Resident Association, Kamehameha Homes Tenant Association, Kuhio Park Terrace Resident Association, and Mayor Wright Homes Tenant Association. The event was an effort to promote a harmonious

relationship between the four communities as well as to work together to address issues and concerns that affect everyone. The day included service agency informational booths, volleyball, keiki activities, entertainment and food. The highlight was the local entertainment provided from each of the participating communities and culminated with a polynesian performance.

Members consisted of representatives from each of the four communities. Much mahalo to Queen Lili’uokalani Children’s Center, Honolulu Community Action Program, New Hope Church, Honolulu Police Department, Kalihi-Palama Weed and Seed and Palama Settlement who supported the event. Everyone left energized and with the feeling of “All for One and One for All”.



Residents of Ka’ahumanu, Kamehameha Homes, KPT and Mayor Wrights, come together for a polynesian performance.



People line up at one of the many food booths that were available.

GED & CBASE CLASSES AVAILABLE

What better way to start the new year by completing your high school diploma and giving yourself the foundation needed to be self-sufficient? Below is a list of statewide community schools and their phone numbers. Most of the community schools will be starting their registration for their spring semester on January 3, 2005. If you are interested in enrolling, please call the community school in your area for most current class times and dates.



Island	School Name	Address	Phone #
Oahu	Farrington Community	1101 Kalihi Street, Hon, HI 96819	832-3595
Oahu	Kaimuki Community	2705 Kaimuki Ave D-101, Hon, 96816	733-8460
Oahu	McKinley Community	634 Pensacola St Rm 216, Hon, 96814	594-0540
Oahu	Moanalua/Aiea Comm	2825A Ala Ilima, Hon, 96818	837-2466
Oahu	Wahiawa Comm	1515 California Ave, Wahiawa 96786	622-1634
Oahu	Waipahu Community	94-1211 Farrington Hwy, Waipahu 96797	675-0254
Oahu	Windward School	730 Iliaina St, Kailua, HI 96734	254-7955
Hawaii	Hilo Community	450C Waianuenue Ave, Hilo 96720	974-4100
Hawaii	Kona Community	74-5000 Puohuluhuli St, Kailua, Kona 96740	327-4692
Kauai	Kauai Community	3607A Laia Rd #P-12, Lihue 96766	274-3390
Maui	Maui Community	179 Kaahumanu Ave, Kahului, 96732	873-3082

Resident Services Welcomes Two New Program Specialist



An “die hard” UH fan, Neal comes to RSS from a private non-profit agency. He has also worked for a number of years in other areas of the Dept of Human Services. Neal looks forward to meeting and working with the resident associations. Say hello to Neal when you see him in your community.



Allan comes to RSS from Goodwill Industries where he was an employment counselor. Allan is excited about working with the resident associations and hopes that he can contribute greatly. Please welcome him as you see him in your community.

Legal Services on the Neighbor Island—Legal Aid Society of Hawaii



Legal Aid of Hawaii is the oldest and largest non-profit law firm in the state. They are able to provide services statewide with offices in Hilo and Kona and on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Molokai and Lanai and Lanai. The agency responds to

about 19,000 inquiries per year and provide services to an estimated 10,000 individuals. Services range from advice and counsel to full representation.

Legal Aid dedicates itself to providing services to Hawaii low-income population, primarily in the following areas: Family, Housing, Consumer, and Public Benefits Law. They **do not provide assistance in criminal and personal injury matters.**

To eligible services, you must an income requirement

AND there cannot be any conflict of interest issues, meaning that Legal Aid cannot assist you if they provided services to someone who has a legal concern with you in the past, or who is currently involved in a legal matter with you.

To get additional information or apply of help, please call their toll free line (no charge) at 1-800-499-4302.

The hotline hours are Monday to Friday., 9:00 to 11:30am and 1:00—3:30pm. If you are calling for an intake, please have the following information available.

1. You complete name;
2. Household size;
3. Gross monthly income;
3. Monthly assets;
4. Type of legal matter you need help with and
5. The complete name(s) of the individual(s) involved in your legal situation.