



CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
HAWAII

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,  
Peace be with you!

It can seem like the world is more divided than ever.

Wars continue to fracture nations and communities. Political discourse all too often ends in anger, shouting matches or worse. People would rather argue and point fingers instead of work together and help each other.

Yet this kind of collaboration is exactly what needs to happen, now more than ever. And that is the goal of Catholic Charities Hawai'i — one it has been striving to meet even before it was officially established more than 75 years ago.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i runs more than 40 programs across the state with the mission of its founders, the Maryknoll Sisters, in mind — to "make God's love visible."

The theme for this year's Catholic Charities Sunday is "Love in Action," which we see Jesus demonstrate throughout his life as he heals, blesses, forgives.

We also see "love in action" spelled out in Paul's letter to the Romans, in which he exhorts them to "love one another with mutual affection" (Rom 12:10) and to "have the same regard for one another" (Rom 12:16).

At World Youth Day in Portugal last August, Pope Francis highlighted the importance of "Love in Action" during his third day in the country. He expressed that love expands our hearts and allows us to find meaning in life and emphasized that, "If we want to be truly happy, let us learn to transform everything into love. Offer your work and time to others, speak kindly words, and do good deeds."

Catholic Charities Hawai'i's many programs address this head-on. From its foster parent programs, to counseling options for all ages, to initiatives that help veterans and people who lack housing, Catholic Charities Hawaii aims to support those in need regardless of faith, with the goal of empowering them to change their lives for the better.

Please be generous this year in your support of Catholic Charities Hawai'i and its mission to accompany, advocate for and lift up those brothers and sisters among us who are most vulnerable. Your donations and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Larry Silva*

Most Reverend Larry Silva



## PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII WORKING TOGETHER

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) welcomes and encourages our Catholic parishes and schools to be engaged in opportunities to help us carry out our mission. Through the years, the Catholic community in Hawai'i has supported the work of CCH in a variety of ways. From the annual Catholic Charities Sunday special collection to the many works of advocacy, partnership and volunteer efforts, the levels of engagement between CCH and the schools and parishes increase year after year. Here are some highlights showing parishes, schools, lay groups and CCH working together.

### Providing Office Space:

- St. Anthony of Padua – Kailua provides office space for program staff that provide services to the community
- St. Anthony of Padua – Wailuku provides meeting space for Maui Leadership Council
- Immaculate Conception Lihue – provides meeting space for Kaua'i Leadership Council meetings

### Providing Program & Outreach Partnerships:

- Parish outreach groups on O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i Island assisted CCH with financial support for clients in need
- Annunciation – Kamuela provided outreach and copy/fax machine access to individuals who need to transmit CCH services forms/applications and receive program information on a timely basis
- Christ the King - Kahului provided storage space for outreach materials to educate potential clients on the services offered
- Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa – provided parking for special activities at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center (LMPSC) and LMPSC donated canned goods to their Food Pantry; provided Christmas gifts for CCH client families, children and kupuna
- Malia Puka O Kalani - Keaukaha, Holy Rosary- Pahala provided support with distribution of Back-to-School backpacks for grade school keiki
- St. Anthony of Padua - Wailuku provided their facility space for a job fair
- Sacred Hearts Mission - Kapalua provided outreach space for disaster survivors
- St. Anthony of Padua - Wailuku, St. Theresa - Kihei, Maria Lanakila – Lahaina, St. Ann – Waihee, and St. Joseph - Makawao provided CCH matching financial contributions for clients
- St. Anthony of Padua - Kailua provided a boutique for moms and babies to support CCH's Mary Jane Program which helps expectant moms who are in an unsupportive environment
- Hickam Catholic Women of the Chapel provided Mother's Day gift baskets, non-perishable foods for the pantry and household supplies for the Mary Jane Program
- Holy Family provided Annual Christmas angel tree for Mary Jane Program
- Holy Trinity – provided gift cards for mothers/babies for the Mary Jane Program along with household and program supplies
- Immaculate Heart of Mary – Papa'ikou, Our Lady of Lourdes – Honoka'a provided financial support and participation in the Hawai'i Island Charity Walk event
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City provided financial support, baby and household items to the Mary Jane Program
- St. Damien – Moloka'i provided outreach and fax machine access to individuals who need to transmit CCH services forms/applications and receive program information on a timely basis
- St. John Vianney - Kaneohe provided Christmas gifts for children living in the Maili Land transitional housing in Waianae
- St. John the Apostle & Evangelist – Mililani provided information about the Case Management Dementia, Phone-A-Friend programs and other senior services to support seniors and their caregivers, provided gift cards during Christmas for kupuna at Meheula Vista
- St. Jude – Makakilo provided outreach to the community in partnership with our Intake, Information and Referral program
- St. Michael the Archangel – Kailua-Kona, Sacred Heart – Hāwī provided community event support in West Hawaii as well as major financial support and participation in the Hawai'i Island Charity Walk event
- St. Pius X Church – provided gift baskets for Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas to mothers/babies along with food supplies for the Mary Jane Program pantry
- Sacred Heart – Wai'anae provided space and assistance for Hale Wai Vista Kupuna and Hawaii Food Bank Boxes

**Special Events:** Community involvement, volunteer activities, and giving programs for occasions including baby showers, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Thanksgiving were organized by the following parishes and groups:

Annunciation, Waimea • Chinese Catholic Club • Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi • Hickam Catholic Women of the Chapel • Holy Family • Holy Nativity • Holy Rosary, Keaau • Holy Rosary, Pāhala • Holy Trinity • Immaculate Conception, Holualoa • Immaculate Conception, Lihue • Immaculate Heart of Mary, Papa'ikou • Kalikonani, Puako • Knights of Columbus • Malia Puka O Kalani • Mānoa Punahou Catholic Community • Mary, Star of the Sea Parish & School • Maryknoll Schools • Notre Dame Club Hawai'i • Our Lady of Lourdes, Honoka'a • Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa • Resurrection of the Lord, Waipi'o • St. Ann, Kane'ohe • St. Anthony, Laupahoehoe • St. Anthony, Wailuku • St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua • St. Benedict, Captain Cook • St. Catherine School & Parish • St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, Mililani • St. John the Baptist, Kalihi • St. John Vianney, Kailua • St. Joseph, Hilo • St. Jude St. • Michael the Archangel, Kailua-Kona • St. Patrick • St. Pius X • St. Theresa Parish, Kihei • St. Theresa, Mt. View • Sacred Hearts Academy • Sacred Heart, Hāwī • Sacred Heart, Nā'ālehu • Sacred Heart, Pāhoa

### School Partnerships:

Some schools conduct special fundraisers that support the many programs that CCH administers. This partnership provides youth with an opportunity to serve those in need and provides services that assist the schools. Some examples include:

- Maryknoll School students, teachers, and parents provided baskets and canned goods during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Students also participated in multiple projects at CCH's programs in the community
- Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center – students participated in a holiday giving project and collected gift cards and donations for the Mary Jane Home
- Mary, Star of the Sea students collected goods and assembled Thanksgiving baskets and participated in an Angel Tree holiday giving project
- St. Theresa School Kekaha partners through youth enrichment program.
- Saint Theresa School Kalihi students participated in a CCH's Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center holiday gifts program, provided musical talents at special events, and wrote Christmas cards to seniors.
- Sacred Hearts School, Ka'anapali Campus provides office space for CCH's counseling services in partnership with the school

# COMMUNITY OF HOPE

**Founded in 1947** by the Maryknoll Sisters, Catholic Charities Hawai'i is rooted in traditions of service and advocacy. Catholic Charities Hawai'i carries out the social mission of the church through its human services programs and partnerships to strengthen the community by providing vital services to vulnerable individuals and families. Although we are statewide, not all services are provided on all islands.

## HEALTHY AND INDEPENDENT SENIORS

*Helping kūpuna maintain their health, safety and independence*

Benefits Enrollment Center, Case Management for Seniors, Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, Housing Assistance Program for Seniors, Transportation Services, Dementia Training & Resources. Volunteer Opportunities with Seniors - Phone a Friend Project, Transportation Friends for Kupuna, Memory Mentors

## NURTURING & EMPOWERING CHILDREN & YOUTH

*Community based services to help guide and nurture our children and youth*

Counseling, Nā 'Ohana Pūlama Group Home, Foster Placement Program, Foster FCounseling, Nā 'Ohana Pūlama Group Home, Foster Placement Program, Foster Family Training and Support Services, Therapeutic Foster Families, Horizons Residential Home – Youth Transitioning to Adulthood, Youth Assistance Program, Hale Mālama, Permanency Support Services, Koastal Kids

## FAMILY STABILIZING & STRENGTHENING

*Provides at-risk families opportunities and education to thrive in safe and supportive communities*

Comprehensive Counseling & Support Services, Case Management Services, Your 'Ohana Program, Intensive Clinical Services, Mary Jane Home, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, Counseling Center, Home Visiting Services

## HOUSING & HOMELESS SOLUTIONS

*Helping families and individuals obtain or maintain affordable permanent housing and self-sufficiency*

Family Assessment Center, Case Management Services, Housing Assistance Program for Seniors, Housing Placement Programs, Koastal Kids, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, Meheula Vista, Kahului Lani, Hale Hoaloa, Hale Aloha, Mā'ili Land Permanent Housing, Housing First Voucher Programs, Homeless Emergency Grants Program, Akahai E Komo Mai (ALICE), Housing Stability Services, COVID-19 Rental Assistance Programs, Community Integrated Services, Hale Imi Ola, Rent Supplement Program

## COUNSELING & MENTAL HEALTH

*Counseling services to support healthy relationships and personal wellness*

Counseling Center: Personal Growth, Wellness & Self Development Counseling, Child Sex Abuse Treatment, Family and Parenting Development, Kupuna to Kamalii, Relationship and Marriage Counseling, Trauma Focused Counseling, Christian-Based Spiritual Development, Treating Victims of Child Abuse and Crime Programs, Suicide Prevention for Veterans.

## WELCOMING NEIGHBORS

*Assisting immigrants with adjusting to a new life in the U.S. reuniting families, and advocating for immigrant rights*

General Immigration Services: assistance preparing and filing the appropriate documents to stabilize immigration status, English as a Second Language (ESL) and citizenship classes

## INFORMATION & REFERRAL

*Information & referral services designed to assist those in need*

Our Help Line provides information and referral to CCH programs and other community resources.

## NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

*Provides assistance and/or information and referral to CCH programs and network of community partner programs in the community*

Other services include: Housing Support Program (Hawaii Island), Maui Relief Program, Maui Disaster Case Management Program, Maui Homeowner Assistance Fund, Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing, Kauai Housing First Program



## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO



Dear Friends,

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to you for being a supporter and part of our community. This year's Catholic Charities Sunday theme is "love in action." At Catholic Charities Hawai'i, we believe that love is not just a feeling, it is a choice. It's a choice to show up for someone in need and offer help with true compassion and dignity. And it's because of your love and generosity that we're able to do just that.

From providing a hand-up and assistance to our homeless neighbors, to offering counseling and mental health services to those struggling, to delivering support and advocacy to families and kupuna, our work is rooted in the power of love. We believe that every person deserves to be seen, heard, and valued, and we're committed to showing them that they are loved.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i faithfully undertakes Jesus' call by valuing the dignity of each person. Through over 40+ programs, we provide vital services to the people of Hawai'i. Our focus on building self-reliance empowers individuals and families as they navigate their unique journeys. Moreover, we extend our support to care for those in need throughout our communities.

This year, we've had the privilege of serving over 113,000 individuals and families throughout the community, providing programs and services that have made a real difference in their lives. But we can't do it without your help.

I invite to put your love into action by actively caring for others and offering hope to those who are suffering. Your participation in our mission is key to our success. By making a generous donation to Catholic Charities Sunday, you become a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters who are enduring challenging times. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in their lives.

Thank you for your support, and please know that your kōkua is deeply appreciated.

Gratefully yours,

Robert Van Tassell  
President & Chief Executive Officer

*P.S. – Catholic Charities Sunday, an annual special collection, will be held in parishes during the month of August. We ask that you consider a gift that will honor and uplift our brothers and sisters in need, especially those who are most vulnerable.*

## OUR MISSION & CORE VALUES

Catholic Charities Hawai'i, rooted in the gospel of Jesus, exists to carry out the social mission of the church by serving the people of Hawai'i, regardless of their faith or culture.

We are a community of hope that promotes the **dignity of each person** by helping them empower themselves. We provide a wide range of social services with **compassion** and a **commitment to excellence**. Through our programs and our advocacy for **social justice**, we lovingly serve all people, especially those with the greatest need.

In the Hawaiian spirit of 'ohana, we join with parishes, agencies, and community groups. We welcome all people of good will to share our mission.

In all our services, decisions, and relationships, we commit to live these core values:

- **Dignity** of each person calls us to reverence the God-given life and dignity of each person at every stage and condition of life.
- **Compassion** calls us, as sisters and brothers, to be present with others in their suffering and need, and to serve with a caring spirit.
- **Social Justice** calls us to be a community of hope that works to achieve the common good, promotes individual rights and responsibilities, and advocates on behalf of those with the greatest need.
- **Commitment to Excellence** calls us to serve competently and collaboratively.

## STATEWIDE CONTACT INFORMATION

For basic information about programs, services and community needs.

<b>O'ahu – Intake, Information &amp; Referral</b>	(808) 521-HELP (4357)
<b>Hawai'i Island Community Office</b>	(808) 933-HELP (4357)
<b>Maui Community Office</b>	(808) 873-HOPE (4673)
<b>Kaua'i Community Office</b>	(808) 241-HOPE (4673)



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