

# Labor's Community Services

Summer 2013

## Inaugural AFL-CIO Union School Project



Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate school has been selected as the beneficiary of the Inaugural AFL-CIO Union School Project. Currently scheduled to take place in November, this project is hoped to be the first of many such projects to be planned statewide over the next few years. Leaders from unions from across the state have already pledged money, materials and manpower in support of the program. Currently administrators at Waimanalo are assembling and classifying a list of critical school-wide needs for presentation to the AFL-CIO's Labors Community Services Committee. For project information or updates contact State AFL-CIO Liaison Catherine Lederer at (808)543-2212 or [catherine@auw.org](mailto:catherine@auw.org) or Oahu Liaison Lance Kamada at (808)543-2249 or [lance@auw.org](mailto:lance@auw.org).

## Will you be "Ready When the Time Comes"?

Hawaii's hurricane season runs from June to the end of November. Will you be ready when a natural disaster hits? The American Red Cross offers a training program called **Ready When the Time Comes** (RWTC) that trains and coordinates volunteers when local disasters strike. AFL-CIO Labor's Community Services is currently recruiting union members who would be willing to attend a training course to become a RWTC volunteer. Union members have historically been at the forefront when major disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunami, floods or major fires strike our community. This is a great opportunity to show the ability of unions to mobilize their members for the public good. If you would to volunteer or would like more information on the RWTC program contact Catherine Lederer at (808)543-2212 or [catherine@auw.org](mailto:catherine@auw.org) or Lance Kamada at (808)543-2249 or [lance@auw.org](mailto:lance@auw.org)



## 2013 United Way Campaign

The campaigns of Aloha United Way on Oahu, Maui United Way on Maui, Hawaii Island United Way on the Big Island and Kauai United Way on Kauai, raise funds that support hundred's of Health and Human Services Agencies statewide. What makes the agencies supported by the various United Way campaigns unique is that each supported agency is monitored to ensure efficient management and is able to demonstrate measurable results. The United Way campaigns have been endorsed by the Hawaii State AFL-CIO and the national leadership of most major unions across the country. The money you donate to United Way campaigns supports local programs and agencies to help build a better community for all of us to live, work and play in. If you would like more information on running a fundraising campaign in your workplace or would like to donate please contact the AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison on your island. Hawaii Island: Kelcie Kohara (808)969-3236 or [kelcie@hiuw.org](mailto:kelcie@hiuw.org), Oahu: Lance Kamada (808)543-2249 or [lance@auw.org](mailto:lance@auw.org), Maui: Lena Staton (808)244-8787 or [lena.staton@gmail.com](mailto:lena.staton@gmail.com)

2013 Aloha United Way campaign videos are available on youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/AUW808>



## In times of need, We're here for you



One of the first sacrifices many families make when they begin to struggle financially is to cut the food budget. But while it is one of the easiest cuts to make, it can have some of the most damaging long term impacts. Sending children to school hungry effects their ability to learn. This often results in the child falling behind, making them susceptible to negative influences.

If you know someone struggling to provide for their family (union member or non-member). Let your union agent know. If you are unable to contact your agent, call your respective island Liaison. On Oahu: Lance Kamada (808)543-2249 or [lance@auw.org](mailto:lance@auw.org), on Hawaii Island: Kelcie Kohara (808)969-3236 or [kelcie@hiuw.org](mailto:kelcie@hiuw.org), on Maui: Lena Staton (808)296-2980 or [lena.staton@gmail.com](mailto:lena.staton@gmail.com).