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### **Helping Hands Hawaii Promotes Kristine Garabiles to Program Manager**

HONOLULU—Helping Hands Hawaii (HHH) promoted Kristine Garabiles to Program Manager from Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) Housing Case Manager. In her new position, Garabiles will provide coordination and day-to-day supervision of staff responsible for direct intakes with individuals and families applying for public benefits, emergency support and short-term financial assistance. She will also assist with coordinating outreach events, developing marketing materials and actively recruit and supervise volunteers.

Along with Jan M. Harada, president and CEO of HHH, Garabiles will ensure compliance with all State, Federal and private contract and grant requirements for the agency's EAP. She will also assist in developing, implementing and evaluating policies and procedures and recommend new approaches or amendments to policies to increase the efficiency of program services.

"Kristine has proven to be an exceptional member of our staff, and her promotion reflects HHH's strong commitment to the importance of mentoring and professional development for our staff as they challenge themselves and pursue professional and personal growth," said Harada. "She has a wonderful rapport with consumers she serves and diligently follows up with them after they have been housed to ensure that they continue to maintain housing stability and a better quality of life."

Garabiles joined HHH in 2011 as an EAP Program Specialist. She has been a member of Honolulu Community Action Program's Central District Advisory Board since 2012 and currently serves as its chairperson. Garabiles graduated from the University of Hawaii with a BS in Family Resources in 2009.

#### **About Helping Hands Hawaii**

Helping Hands Hawaii (HHH) was founded in 1974 and connects individuals, families and organizations with essential human and material resources. Through our variety of programs, we provide a full continuum of care and help people overcome obstacles, like homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse and language access. Our strong partnerships with local social service providers and innovative approaches strengthen our community by helping people to help themselves. To learn more about HHH, its programs or services, please visit [www.HelpingHandsHawaii.org](http://www.HelpingHandsHawaii.org).

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