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### **Helping Hands Hawaii Receives \$5,000 Grant from Friends of Hawaii Charities**

HONOLULU—Helping Hands Hawaii (HHH) received a \$5,000 grant from Friends of Hawaii Charities, Inc. The funds will support HHH's Community Clearinghouse (CCH), which provides individuals and families in need with basic necessities, such as food, clothing, furniture and basic household items. All of the items are distributed free-of-charge and are provided through generous donations from the local community.

The funds will be allocated to costs of operating the two CCH vehicles that are used to pick up donations around Oahu. The vehicles are extremely vital to the success of CCH, because they are a significant tool that enables us to collect items that our clients need. The vehicles pick up large or bulky donations from donors who do not have the means to transport them to CCH. The Friends of Hawaii Charities grant will greatly offset the expenses to maintain these vehicles.

The Community Clearinghouse works with more than 200 partner agencies to identify and assess the need of eligible clients through their intake processes. CCH supports an average of 20,000 low-income or homeless children, adults and seniors each year. Of the 20,000 individuals, more than 55 percent were households with children; more than 10 percent were households with children below the age of 5; and more than 25 percent were households with an elderly family member.

"We appreciate the continued support of Friends of Hawaii Charities and value their partnership in helping some of Hawaii's most vulnerable," said Jan M. Harada, president and CEO of Helping Hands Hawaii.

#### **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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