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ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM HELPS 577 HOUSEHOLDS AND MAINTAINS 100% ADOPTION RATE

HONOLULU—The annual Adopt A Family (AAF) program helped 577 low-income and homeless households experience a brighter holiday with gifts of children’s toys, clothes and other much-needed household items. More than 260 individual and corporate donors and 60 volunteers helped AAF successfully adopt 100 percent of its participants for the sixth year in a row.

Participating households consisted of 2,333 individuals (894 adults and 1,439 children under the age of 18) who may have been from single- or multi-parent households, elderly singles or couples, elderly households with dependents, disabled individuals or veterans. By adopting these families, donors provided basic necessities that they could not afford on their own and lifted their spirits during a time of hardship.

“The support we received this year has been incredible, and many have gone above and beyond to make AAF a success,” said Helping Hands Hawaii President and CEO Jan Harada. “Increased community support for the program meant that all of our families were adopted very early this year, which surprised us and many donors who were too late to adopt their own family. Many very generously helped the program through other means: by visiting our wish trees in the community, dropping off gifts to supplement wish lists or making monetary contributions.”

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 various 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.

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