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## A Fresh Start for Homeless Women in Recovery

The dedication of The Salvation Army's new transitional housing facility – designed for homeless women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction – took place recently at the Manoa campus. Some of Hawai'i's leading public officials were on hand to help celebrate its opening.

*Ka 'Oahu Hou O Manoa* (translated from Hawaiian as the "fresh mist of Manoa") is a program run by The Salvation Army Family Treatment Services (FTS). Through it, 12 homeless women and their children receive clean, sober and affordable housing. Two newly renovated brick bungalows make up the facility, each with six bedrooms, an office and shared living, dining and kitchen areas.

"This project is helping people become what they ought and should become," said Salvation Army Commissioner Philip Swyers. The transitional home will allow women in recovery to get back on their feet while having a roof over their heads.

"This is a great day and this is a great facility," said Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle. I know that the women who come here with their children are going to take what they receive here and share it with others."

Major Edward Hill, divisional commander of the Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division, extolled the collaborative efforts of



Shown untying the maile lei signifying the opening of the new transitional shelter for homeless women in recovery from right are U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie, Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Commissioner Philip Swyers, Major Edward Hill, Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle, Leilani (program resident), and Kahu Kordell Kekoa.



Leilani is with her nine-month-old daughter Zahriya. She is grateful to be given the opportunity to live in the shelter. "I hope women who will live here will take care of this home as much as it takes care of them."

many community partners that made the venture possible. "Without the help of our partners in the community, who contributed monetary and in-kind services, this would not have been possible," he added.

A primary requirement for admission to the program is that women have to be homeless, pregnant or parenting and in stable recovery. Women currently in residential treatment may apply if they are homeless prior to entering treatment. The residents must be capable of independent living and willing to go to work or school. Girls under age 12 and boys under age 10 may live with their mothers. Residents can live in the facility for up to two years.

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## A Message from the Divisional Commander



Major Edward Hill

# Generous Legacy Lives On In Manoa

**O**n February 2, 2009, the Family Treatment Services (FTS) celebrated with the community the completion and grand re-opening of two cottages that will be used to house 12 homeless women in recovery and their children for up to two years. It was a grand occasion featuring

the presence of Governor Linda Lingle, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Congressman Neil Abercrombie, Commissioner Phil Swyers and many other leading members of our community. The real celebrities of the day, however, were the women of the FTS Program who testified in word, song and hula to the transforming work that God has done in their lives through the ministry of The Salvation Army. It is truly amazing what God can do!

In my remarks at the event, I noted that 2009 marks the 50th year anniversary of the admission of Hawai'i as the 50<sup>th</sup>

state. I expect we will hear much during the year about the significance and impact of statehood upon the people of this wonderful place we call home. I also shared that it was 100 years ago, in 1909, that the Wilcox and other missionary families gave the land in Manoa to The Salvation Army that now houses the FTS cottages and other Salvation Army programs and services. For more than a century, God has used these programs to touch the lives of thousands. I meet some of these people almost routinely throughout the community. They speak to me of the compassion, love and service provided to them and their families through a variety of Salvation Army programs, none of which would be possible without the support of generous donors both past and present.

Fifty years as a state is noteworthy, but a century of Salvation Army service in Manoa is, well, something truly amazing! The really good news is that the best is yet to come. Thank you for making dreams into a living reality.

*Edward Hill*

## TRANSITIONAL SHELTER IN MANOA OPENS

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As in most places, affordable housing has become scarcer, says Linda Rich, executive director of FTS. "In the past three years, the number of women who are homeless upon admission to The Salvation Army rehabilitation program has grown from 15 percent to 27 percent."

Providing them with additional help after graduation by way of a transitional shelter makes their chances of staying clean and sober a much more reachable goal.

Major funding for the facility came from the City & County of Honolulu through a HOME grant, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Two West Foundation, and in-kind donations from major Honolulu businesses, foremost of which is Architects Hawai'i which donated \$300,000 in architectural design services.



This is one of two renovated bungalows in The Salvation Army's Manoa campus that will be home to 12 homeless women in recovery.

## Salvation Army Meets Stringent Standards by AIP

The Salvation Army Western Territory, in which Hawai'i is included, meets the stringent standards for financial efficiency and accountability according to a recent survey of the American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP). The survey involved over 500 charities currently rated by AIP, and only a select number qualify as Top-Rated charities based on rigorous analysis. Groups included as Top-Rated generally spend 75% or more of their budgets on programs, do not hold excessive assets in reserve, and receive "open book" status for disclosure of basic financial information.

About 83 cents of every dollar raised by The Salvation Army in Hawai'i is used to support services in communities on O'ahu and the neighbor islands. The Salvation Army assures its generous donors that rigorous standards are practiced to ensure that funds are used to do the most good to benefit those in need in our community.

## Art Classes Transform Kids

by Captain Rubinna Navarro

This year's theme at The Salvation Army's Youth Rallies is "Be Transformed." The main emphasis is to provide youth an opportunity to learn through hands-on activities, the creative process and techniques of art, as well as earn an emblem at the end of the day for their troop.

The Youth Rallies have taken place on the islands of Kaua'i, the Big Island of Hawai'i and O'ahu, and attended by more than 200 young people. One more rally will be held on Maui in early April.

The rally days were filled with art classes, Bible lessons and Salvation Army Troop (Sunbeam, Girl Guard, Explorer and



Marilee Wallace, a local artist from Hilo, volunteered her time and talents by teaching a painting class to a group of kids eager to learn.

Ranger) classes. Art classes consisted of painting, clay sculpting and wood craft. Throughout the day, the kids created three pieces of artwork, which were all displayed and showcased at the Youth Rally Art Gallery at the end of the rally.

The transformation of the chapel, displaying all the children's artwork, reinforces the Bible lesson that God is the Great Transformer who created the world out of nothing and that God continues to transform lives through the work of the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of the Youth Rallies is to allow the youth of The Salvation Army to learn and begin to appreciate different forms of art in hopes that they may experience and discover their hidden passion and talents in the arts. One parent expressed her surprise at her daughter's canvas painting. "I didn't know Arianne could paint like that!" she exclaimed. One never knows the potential of a child until he or she is given the opportunity to succeed.

## More and New Hawai'i Families in Crisis, Seek Help

The worsening economic crisis continues to batter many local families. Mass layoffs in recent months find new Hawai'i families now facing their own battle for survival to meet their most basic needs – food, clothing and shelter.

One recent case is a middle class family with five children who came to The Salvation Army Family Services Office (FSO) for assistance. The father had been let go from his job and shortly thereafter underwent surgery for brain cancer. Their extended family which had been helping them also suffered double layoffs from their jobs. Now, five adults and eight children are facing hunger and in the brink of losing their homes.

Fortunately, The Salvation Army was able to assist these families. But not everyone is as fortunate.

The employment crisis is reaching deep into our local community. It has brought new types of clients to our door and they are in danger of descending into poverty. Sources of funding continue to dwindle but the numbers of people continue to skyrocket. The need has become greater than ever.

A 15 - 20 percent drop in donations translates into dramatic support loss. During the end of January and February, more than 350 people who inquired about getting assistance were not served. We have nearly exhausted our rental assistance programs due to increased demand.

The Family Services Office of The Salvation Army exists to serve families in need through a food pantry, provision of clothing vouchers, and rental support for people facing eviction from their homes.

Please consider making a donation so that our Family Services Office can continue to lift the lives of so many facing these new life challenges. You may send a check to The Salvation Army with a notation to earmark your donation to the Family Services Office. You may also visit our website at [www.salvationarmyhawaii.org](http://www.salvationarmyhawaii.org) to make a donation. Mahalo.

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## OUTSTANDING PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Some remarkable individuals were recently honored for their extraordinary contribution at this year's Partners in Community Service Awards. The outstanding corporate partner award was given to **David Arita**, president of American Carpet One, for his more than 18 years of dedicated service and in-kind donation of services to The Salvation Army. The **Women's Auxiliary of Honolulu** received an outstanding volunteer award for the group's 40 years of service to support various Salvation Army programs. **Joe and Shirley Recca** were also honored as outstanding volunteers for their contribution of musical entertainment for the past 19 years at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Blaisdell Center. To all of them, we say a heartfelt mahalo!



From left: Joe and Shirley Recca; Melissa Lauer, president of the Women's Auxiliary of Honolulu; and David Arita, president of American Carpet One.

## Is It Time to Create or Update Your Estate Plan?

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