

IPA Brings in Massive Donation for Hawaii Food Bank

The power of human kindness tips scale at more than 10,000 pounds

The values of “the power of human kindness” and “generosity of spirit” are not just aspirational for Island Pacific Academy’s (IPA) students. They practice them. The Hawaii Food Bank can attest to the full weight of these words put into action when students collected well over five tons of canned and non-perishable food for their annual Food Drive.

With an enrollment of just under 500, IPA had set a goal of 20 pounds per student that translated into 10,000 pounds. It was a number to shoot for. But not only did they make their goal — they surpassed it.

“We’re thrilled as a school to have met and even gone over 10,000 pounds,” said Gerald Teramae, Head of School. “We’re so grateful for and proud of our IPA students and families who truly give from the heart.”

Teramae said that several parents weighed in by donating hundreds of pounds of food to help the school reach its goal.

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IPA students help to move bags of rice to a waiting Hawaii Food Bank truck.



Island Pacific Academy Middle School students were part of a human chain helping to move boxes of food donated during the IPA food drive for the Hawaii Food Bank.



Kerri Vincent, Elementary office manager, sits at her desk surrounded by donated food in the K-5 students’ campaign to “Bury Miss Kerri.”





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Fireworks Sponsored by Pinky Tows

STREET PARTY: 3:00PM TO 9:00PM
 FOOD WAGONS, Live Entertainment, Market Place, Free Giveaways and FESTIVAL OF TREES DISPLAY!

ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE: 6:00PM
 Travels on Kapolei Parkway from Kapolei Middle School and ends at the intersection of Kapolei Parkway and the West end of Kama'aha Ave near Kapolei Hale.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY: 7:30PM
 Kapolei Hale on Ulu'ohi'a Street

SANTA'S VILLAGE
 Free activities for the keiki – games and prizes, Crafts, inflatable fun, and visits with Santa until 8 p.m.

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For some parents, the food drive was personal. One family, which has relatives in the Philippines, knows that many people there go hungry, and said that donating is their way of expressing their gratitude for their family's good fortune. A dad told his elementary school age daughter that when he was in elementary school, he often did not have enough to eat. They went shopping together for the food they would donate.

Local businesses step up to help

In addition to soliciting food donations from students, faculty, staff and parents, the Drive, which is overseen by students in the IPA Student Government and the Student Action Council, also reached out to area businesses to have collections boxes in their stores and offices. They were very receptive.

The participating businesses were: K&K Distributors, Kapolei Domino's Pizza, Kapolei Parkway, K Nails Salon, Kapolei Pet Hospital, West Oahu Vet Center, Cupcake and Things, Great Clips Kapolei Village Center, My Café in Kapolei, Complete Dermatology, Bank of Hawaii, and even churches that meet at IPA including Aloha Nani Baptist Church, Journey Church, and St. Nicolas Church.



Students in the Elementary Office with the Food Drive donations from grades Kindergarten through Grade 5, just about half of the 10,000 total pounds of food collected in a school wide K-12 effort to support the Hawaii Food Bank.

Collection Day

"In previous years, we would load cars up to the gills with food," said Kori Schlachter, college counselor at IPA. "Then we would caravan downtown to the Food Bank and deliver it. But this year, knowing that we were going for a much higher goal, we asked that the Food Bank come out to us with a really big truck."

As it turned out, one truck was not enough. It took two trips!

Teramae said that the success of the Food Drive is a reflection of the entire IPA community. "The food drive included everyone at the school, and even our surrounding community neighbors," he said. "It just shows that when we work together to achieve something we can do great things."



One of many pallets of food donated by IPA students and families is loaded into a truck from the Hawaii Food Bank.

Give the gift of life

DONATE BLOOD

KAPOLEI SHOPPING CENTER BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, December 26
7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, December 31
7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Bloodmobile

Donate blood and enter to win a trip for two to Las Vegas in "The Ultimate Gift" giveaway.

Trip includes:

- Airfare
- A four- or five-night hotel stay
- Three meal daily
- Roundtrip Las Vegas airport transfers

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 Blood Bank of Hawaii



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