

2020 1st Quarter Newsletter



Hope ♦ Purpose ♦ Success



ALEA BRIDGE

OUR MISSION

"Empowering people in need to achieve self-sufficiency through genuine compassion and innovative, community-based solutions."



HOPE

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."
Martin Luther King, Jr.



PURPOSE

"Your purpose in life is to find your purpose and give your whole heart and soul to it."
Buddha



SUCCESS

"Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world."
Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

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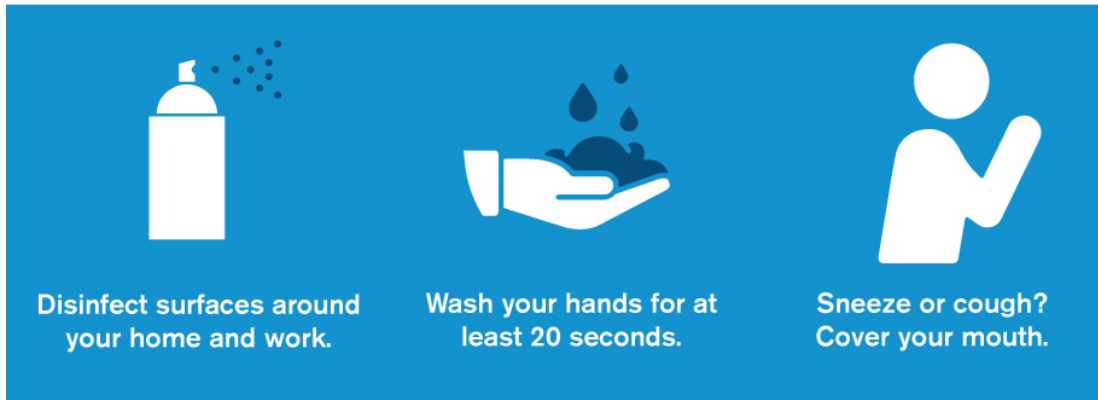
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NEWSLETTER

CORONAVIRUS SAFETY



Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



COVID-19 Update

ALEA Bridge continues to partner up with the State of Hawai'i and affiliates. Our main concern is to keep safe our community, organization, staff and the well being of our clients. We understand the importance of being cautious and aware while encountering others in the outreach field, social gatherings and travel during the Coronavirus threat. We want to assure you that ALEA Bridge is taking every possible precaution to ensure the highest level of safety and continue to focus on the health and welfare of our organization.

Our concern remains to protect our clients, the homeless population for they are the highest at-risk population to contract and spread the virus.

Safety precautions we are using include assessing individuals health symptoms, wearing mask and gloves as needed, avoiding physical contact, social distancing from 3-6 feet, hand sanitizer and hand washing.

Facts about COVID-19

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a new strain that was discovered in 2019 and has not been previously identified in

humans. Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people.

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.

Standard recommendations to prevent infection spread include regular hand washing, covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing and thoroughly cooking meat and eggs. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

For more information please visit the CDC Website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

Resources from Governmental and International Agencies

- **From the HUD Exchange for Homeless Assistance Providers:**
 - [Health Preparedness for Homeless Assistance Providers](#)
 - [Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers](#)
 - [Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuums of Care](#)
- **From the Administration for Community Living:**
 - [What do Older Adults and People with Disabilities Need to Know about COVID-19?](#)
- **From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**
 - [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations](#)
 - [Links about COVID-19 Testing](#)
 - [General Guidance about COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)
 - [Prevention of Coronavirus](#)
 - [Resources for State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Health Departments](#)
 - [Resources for Homeless Shelters](#)
 - [Resources If You Are at Higher Risk](#)
 - [Resources for Community- and Faith-Based Leaders](#)
 - [Resources for Travelers and Travel-Related Industries](#)

- [Information on COVID-19 and Pregnant Women and Children](#)
- [Faith-based & Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Checklist](#)
- [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- **From the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):**
 - [List of Recommended Disinfectants for COVID-19](#)
- **From the World Health Organization (WHO):**
 - [Basic protective measures against the new coronavirus](#)
 - [Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19](#)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COORDINATES EFFORT TO LAUNCH COVID-19 TESTING AND QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The Hawai'i Department of Health and the City and County of Honolulu are partnering to open a COVID-19 medical triage and quarantine center in Iwilei and establish mobile testing for homeless individuals on Oahu.

The center, located in a City-owned building, will provide housing, food, and hygiene facilities for up to 52 homeless individuals who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, are medically fragile, awaiting results, or test positive for the disease. The facility will be staffed by doctors, registered nurses, medical assistants, and other healthcare professionals provided by Hawaii Homeless Healthcare Hui (H4).

The MacNaughton Group Foundation, with support from and the Hawaii Community Foundation's newly established Hawai'i Resilience Fund and Nareit Hawai'i, is underwriting the medical costs and DOH is covering the operational costs.

- ☐ The Hawai'i Department of Health will assist in start-up costs and hire displaced Local 5 workers to provide food service, housekeeping and maintenance services;
- ☐ The City & County of Honolulu will provide water, electric services and sewer connection;
- ☐ The Institute for Human Services will offer social services case management for patient;
- ☐ Premier Health Group and H4 will provide onsite testing services; and
- ☐ Local 5 will also provide meal preparation and facilities maintenance on a volunteer basis.

“The COVID-19 Medical Triage and Quarantine Center is a community effort and reflects the approach our State will continue to take to address this pandemic, said Edward Mersereau, DOH Deputy Director for Behavioral Health Administration. “No one entity can address this crisis alone, and it takes many partners to suit up and show up. We are grateful for the efforts of the City, Hawai‘i Community Foundation, H4, IHS, Local 5 and others taking lead to provide services for the most vulnerable in the community.”

“Individuals experiencing homelessness are particularly impacted by this pandemic, and this facility will provide needed services for this population to isolate and receive essential medical treatment,” said Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness Scott Morishige. “The State will continue to explore other opportunities for similar partnerships as this pandemic continues.”

The initiative is part of the state’s three-pronged approach to addressing the COVID-19 outbreak in Hawai‘i:

- Increasing testing for COVID-19, with a focus on individuals experiencing symptoms and those who work or are in vulnerable communities.
- Adopting a strategic and proactive approach to quarantining, with a focus on kupuna, homeless individuals, and other groups that may be vulnerable.
- Implementing strong government directives to self-isolate and practice social distancing.

“Bringing together government, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector is especially important; the partnership allows us to fund, set up, and operate critical services in far less time than any of us would be able to achieve on our own,” said Hawai‘i Gov. David Ige. “As we find solutions to overcome the threat of COVID-19, it’s these types of local, collaborative efforts that will make a difference in our community.”

The DOH, Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness, and other State agencies are providing a unified platform for homeless service and behavioral health providers to receive information and updates during the coronavirus pandemic through the Behavioral Health and Homelessness Statewide Unified Response Group at: <https://bhhsurg.hawaii.gov/>

COVID - 19

ESOURCES FOR HAWAII BUSINESSES & PEOPLE

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention checklist for large businesses to plan for the impact of COVID-19 [CLICK HERE](#)

New website: The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii that provides COVID-19 resources for local businesses. [CLICK HERE](#)

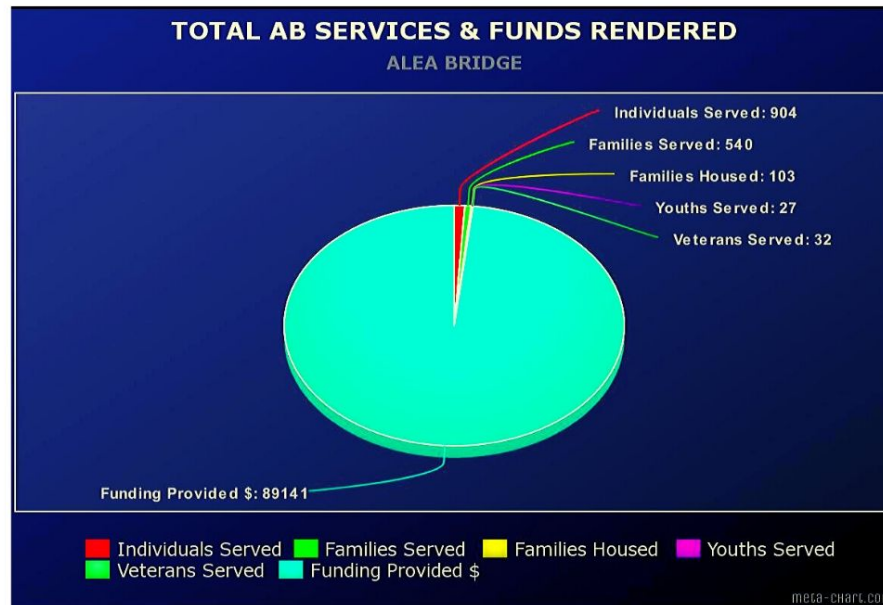
Temporary unemployment services file a claim with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Offices currently closed but, you can go online to their website. [CLICK HERE](#)

Hawaiian Electric announced that no disconnections will be happening due to missed payment through April 17. [CLICK HERE](#)

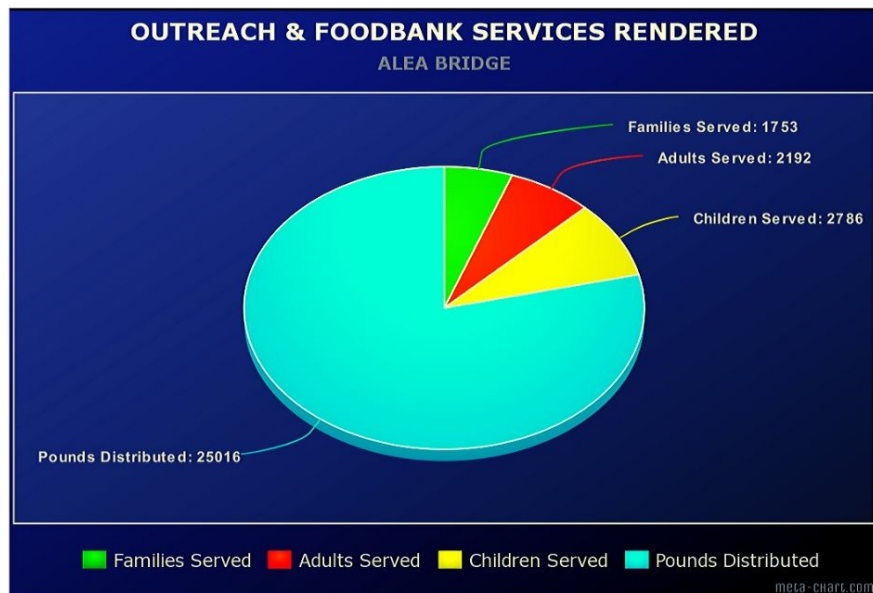
Walmart IS HIRING [CLICK HERE](#)

Hawaii Alliance for Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) : [CLICK HERE](#)

Hawai'i Tourism Industry: [CLICK HERE](#)



2019 ALEA BRIDGE Service Successes



Housing Services

Adopted in 2016, the State Housing First Program on O'ahu began in response to two major factors:

1. Large number of chronically homeless individuals.
2. A shift that prioritizes permanent housing services rather than emergency & transitional housing, as well as placing families in long-term housing.

The Housing First program O'ahu support services provided are homeless outreach: Reaching out to the individual & families, administering an assessment and obtaining basic needs such as medical insurance, a safe location, clothing and food. Provide homeless verification and referral into Emergency & Transitional shelter. Individuals and families that possess and/or obtain financial income are introduced to the Rapid Rehousing program and Permanent Supportive Housing - long term housing subsidies & support services.



2020 Point In Time Count

BECAUSE EVERYONE COUNTS

As lead for the 2020 Point In Time Homeless Count, ALEA Bridge partnered with the community to hold a safe and successful count on January 23, 2020. The purpose of the count is to have an unduplicated count for every individual that is facing homelessness, unsheltered or sheltered and assess the need of our homeless community for the next year.

Why is it so Important?

The data collected, establishes the dimensions of the homelessness crisis that helps policymakers, organizations and the government plan, implement and fund programs. It also attracts the community and increases community awareness that somewhere there is a problem. The data also helps track how well the programs are doing and what kind of support they would need. Partners In Care will be releasing the final numbers from the count in April and we'll be sure to share that information with you once it's made public. Also, a special recognition of Partners In Care for the successful launch of an all-digital count for 2020!

From all of us at ALEA Bridge, we would like to thank everyone that teamed up with us this year. We couldn't do it without you and we'll see you all for Point In Time Count 2021!

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THE HALEIWA PROJECT

In collaboration with RYSE and ASI, We would like to present our newest project - A permanent housing program for youth (ages 18-24) and families with at least one minor child.

REVIVE & REFRESH

Congratulations on celebrating your anniversary and thank you for your partnership! Revive & Refresh mobile hygiene provides showers, toiletries and a good clean feeling!



**ALEA Bridge's
Passport
to
Ho'ohanohano: Ho'a
Training Series
2020**



FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING

ALEA Bridge has been working closely with housed clients, that they and their families are prepared for the next level in their lives, obtaining financial stability and keep their housed status. By completing the program they will be able to understand and implement vital skills for them to be successful in money management, spending wisely, bill planning, and future savings.

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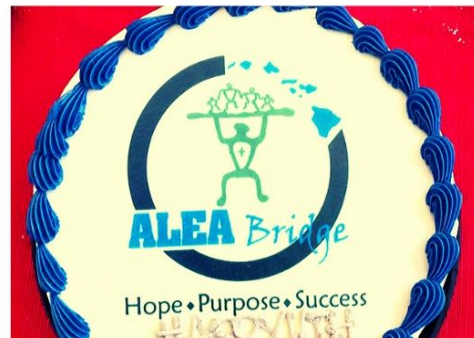
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HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY ALEA BRIDGE!

On March 14th ALEA Bridge celebrated 4 strong years of service. The celebration took place at the historical Ali'i Beach Park.

BIRTHDAY WISHES



For our birthday we want to share with you our future wishes and goals as we grow into another year of service.

We want to Increase participants in affordable housing and rental assistance.

Create new supportive housing options for chronically homeless families.

Provide employment and education training programs.

Identify, assess and improve key mainstream programs by each state agency that could prevent and end homelessness for families and individuals.

Maximize the use of health care funding and services to promote improved health outcomes through stable housing.

Work with corrections agencies and community courts to prevent criminalization, incarceration due to being homeless & mental and substance abuse disabilities.

End homelessness for veterans on O'ahu.

Identify homeless and highly mobile youth and connect them and their families with services.

Prioritize funding for efforts most successful at improving housing stability for communities disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

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MEAN DA CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

On March 21, 2020 ALEA Bridge and Mean Da Chicken held a fundraiser at Wahiawa Community Church from 9 AM to 1 PM.

COME GET YOUR HULIHULI CHICKEN

Special thanks and credit to our sign graphic designer, Evan Sisson. This is the best sign we have ever had!



OUR SERVICES

Shelter & Housing

Focuses on unsheltered families and individuals.

Services include:

Utilities

Housing Search

Rental Assistance

Referral to Work Programs

Community Resource Fairs

One stop shop to connect clients to community

service providers

Services include:

Veteran Affairs

Medical Enrollment

Behavioral Health

Substance Abuse

Foodbank

Vital Records

Funds help to obtain

Birth Certificate

Marriage Certificate

Social Security Card

State Identification Card

Drivers License

Immigration Legal

Referral



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Financial Services

Referrals consist of

Employment

Supplemental Nutrition

Assistance Program

Temporary Assistance to Needy

Families

Social Security Income

General Assistance Benefits

Health Care Services

Provide access to clients to health care
providers who are in need of medical
attention.

Project Mea Ola Outreach Program

Foodbank

Donation Bin

Furniture & Household Items



DONATE TODAY

Help End Homelessness

As the crisis of homelessness continues and worsens by the COVID-19 pandemic, more and more people each day are being subject to homelessness. Over 2,000 people in Hawai'i has filed for unemployment, and 6,500+ are facing homelessness. We need your help urgently to support our efforts and continue to fight against poverty and give to those in need. With your donation, those we service receive the help they need in housing and shelter, job attainment, family stability, financial education & training, mental health and substance abuse treatment referrals.

Listen and watch the testimonial video of Serena Keola Ahuna of Wahiawa. We are proud of Serena for her achievements in obtaining housing through ALEA Bridge's program, reaching for her goal by gaining employment after facing incarceration, losing her family to substance abuse and homelessness. We are thankful that she trusted ALEA Bridge to help her on her journey back to her family and home. With greatest appreciation, to our valued donors, we could not have accomplished our goals and helped others like Serena without your generous giving.

CLICK HERE to make a donation in our fight against homelessness.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SEREN'S STORY, WATCH HER TESTIMONIAL VIDEO ON HOW YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO END HOMELESSNESS [CLICK HERE](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

I LUNA COMMUNITY OUTREACH & RESOURCE FAIR

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY
FROM 9AM - 12PM

Dot's Wahiawa
130 Mango St.

more info @ www.aleabridge.org

NORTH SHORE

SERVICE FAIR

WAIALUA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

66-434 KAMEHAMEHA HWY, HALEIWA, HI
96712, USA

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. JOIN
US FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES, FOODBANK,
HOT FOOD AND DONATION BIN.

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

A resource fair for all! Everyone is
welcome to join us for foodbank,
social service providers and
donation bins.

EVERY 4TH TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH
9AM - 12 PM

St. John Apostle &
Evangelist Church
95-370 Kuahelani Ave,
Mililani, HI 96789, USA



DONATE TODAY!
HELP US END
HOMELESSNESS
FOR EVERY \$25 AND OVER
DONATION, WILL RECEIVE A
FREE ALEA BRIDGE T-SHIRT

(NOT FOR INDIVIDUAL SALE)

IHOT HOMLESS OUTREACH INSPIRE CHURCH MILILANI

Join us at Inspire Church Mililani for a homeless
outreach resource fair. Providing foodbank,
donations and service providers. Every 2nd & 4th
Saturday of the month.
9AM - 12PM

INSPIRE CHURCH MILILANI, 95-061 WAIMAKUA DR,
MILILANI, HI 96789, USA

