



Kupuna Kokua Ministry

Description: Kupuna Kokua Ministry assists seniors in low-income subsidized housing with basic household chores in order that our kupuna may continue to live independently. Seniors risk losing their housing if their units aren't cared for and maintained. A failed housing inspection can result in eviction.

Impact: Seniors are one of the fastest growing segments of homelessness in Hawaii. Our goal is to assist at least 60 kupuna to avoid eviction through volunteer services by 2013.

Who can help: All willing and able adults- a mature disposition, being physically fit and "good cleaning skills" a plus!

How you can help: Normal volunteer duties include cleaning floors, windows, lifting/assist with organizing, trash disposal, and other related functions.

Get Involved: Contact Iwie Tamashiro: 808-203-6702; itamashiro@rcchawaii.org.

Vital Role of Parish Teams

One of the core purposes of the Diocesan affordable housing initiative is to help Catholics put their faith into action. Fundamental to the infrastructure for this parish engagement is the creation of a "Homeless Housing Ministry Team" at each parish. These parish teams will consist of at least 3-6 core members. Some of the primary activities of the team will be:

- Assets mapping of parish human, physical, and social assets;
- Development of affordable housing strategies for their community;
- Recruitment and coordination of parish volunteers;
- Education and advocacy related to homelessness and affordable housing.

Examples of expected parish-related outcomes include:

- Increased utilization of under-used or vacant parish facilities;
- Increased human resource capacity at the parish level;
- Recruitment of specialists to assist affordable housing goals (e.g. architects, attorneys, contractors, carpenters, developers, electricians, engineers, landlords, plumbers, realtors, tenants)
- Construct, renovate, convert, and/or preserve 720 affordable housing units by the end of 2013

For help forming Homeless Housing Teams in your parish, please contact Fr. Robert Stark at rstark@rcchawaii.org. or Carol Ignacio at cignacio@rcchawaii.org

Homeless Affordable Housing Volunteer Opportunities

Witnessing to Jesus and Following the Footsteps of St. Damien and Blessed Mother Marianne



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Public Housing

Description: OSM is working with other faith based communities to utilize volunteer labor to help the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) renovate vacant public housing.

Impact: Volunteers over the years have helped HPHA renovate hundreds of housing units thereby contributing substantially to the inventory of affordable housing in Hawaii. Our goal is to help renovate at least 150 units by 2013.

Who can help: All willing and able adults- no experience required!

How you can help: Normal volunteer duties include painting, cleaning, grounds keeping, and other related functions. Most workdays performed on Saturdays. Coordinators and lunch assistance also needed!

Get Involved: Contact Carol Ignacio at 808-938-8631 cignacio@rcchawaii.org



Habitat for Humanity

Description: Future home owners and community volunteers work together to build permanent housing for low-income families.

Impact: Habitat has built more than 350,000 houses worldwide. Hawaii affiliates have built over 250 homes at an average cost of \$80,000 - \$120,000 per home, thereby making homeownership affordable to local, low-income families. Our goal is to help build at least 42 homes by 2013.

Who can help: All willing and able adults- no experience required!

How you can help: Normal volunteer duties include carpentry, painting, framing, flooring, and other related functions. Most workdays performed on Saturdays. Clerk, office, and lunch assistance also needed!

Get Involved: Contact Fr. Robert Stark at 877-263-8855 ext 734 rstark@rcchawaii.org.



Vets in the Pews

Description: Vets in the Pews (VIPVets) is a collaborative initiative between parishioners who are veterans (both active and retired), homeless service providers and programs of the Veteran's Administration. VIPVets primary task is to seek out homeless veterans and link them to homeless and housing services.

Impact: 10-20% of homeless persons in Hawaii are veterans. Our goal is to reach out to at least 100 homeless veterans and provide peer support throughout the VA's homeless plan by 2013.

Who can help: Active and retired military parishioners from all branches of service with a heart to reach out to those in need are invited to participate.

How you can help: Volunteers will be trained to conduct search parties and assist with activities at the U.S. Vets shelter in Kalaeloa. Landlords needed to accept housing vouchers.

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