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Goal 1: *‘Provide every qualified native Hawaiian beneficiary on the waiting list with an opportunity for homeownership or land stewardship on homestead lands’*



Completed homes at Leiali‘i in West Maui

In the last four years, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) has evolved from a small developer to one of the largest homebuilders in the state. It has not been the smoothest road, but it is a fulfilling journey that continues today.

We are now in the middle of that journey and the sounds and the everyday bustle of a homestead community are beginning to be heard as the 326 Kaupe‘a families continue to move in every week. On Maui, the 104-lot Leiali‘i subdivision in Lahaina is nearly complete with less than half a dozen families left to move in and the 98-lot Waiehu Kou

March 2008 and the design of the homes in the Phase 1 is expected by early 2008, with lot selection following.

On Maui, the 386-lot Kēōkea/Waiohuli project is deep into the infrastructure phase and the roads, water lines, and electrical lines are being laid now. The lot selection for Kēōkea Phase 1 will be upon completion of the infrastructure targeted for mid 2008 and lot selection in Phase 1 of the Waiohuli portion is projected also for mid 2008.

The 100-lot Kumuhau/Kakaina subdivision in Waimānalo is projected to be ready to award individual lots next fall and the infrastructure for the 403-lot East Kapolei 1 subdivision has begun and lot selection for Phase 1 is projected for summer of 2008. On the Big Island, La‘i ‘Ōpua’s 358-lot subdivision in Kealakehe, Kona began mass grading in September.

DHHL’s next projects include East Kapolei 2, with a potential 1,000 leases, Leiali‘i 1B with 253 leases, Lālāmilo in Waimea with 250 leases, and Wailua on Kaua‘i with a potential 600 leases. Each of these projects will provide those on the wait list an opportunity to realize a dream of homeownership.

DHHL has been fulfilling its commitment to put native Hawaiians on the land and has been able to offer home-



The Souza family at Pana‘ewa Residence Lots, Unit 6 on the Big Island

stead leases at a higher rate than ever before in the history of the trust. Continuing to do so will be based on the department’s ability to pay for infrastructure. The department does not have plans to pass this cost on to new lessees or stop awarding leases. Instead, DHHL has a plan to make money from 1 percent of the lands to pay for the cost of infrastructure. It is an opportunity that no private developer has and will ensure independence from politics and end the wait for many applicants.



Infrastructure work at Waiohuli, Maui.

4 project has more than a dozen homes already under construction.

Many homes in the 49-lot Kekaha subdivision on Kaua‘i are under construction with the self-help families working on their homes. Lāna‘i home construction is moving with the first homes expected by the end of 2007 and the Hilo homes in Pi‘ihonua, and Keaukaha and Kaumana are almost complete. The homes in Pana‘ewa and Kaumana are under construction.

The Undivided Interest projects, designed to offer a lease to those who have been on the wait list the longest, are beginning to take shape. Infrastructure for the 181-lot Pi‘ilani Mai Ke Kai subdivision in Anahola, Kaua‘i is scheduled to be completed in



The Chun family at Kaupe‘a, in Kapolei, O‘ahu

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Chairman's Message

Aloha Kākou!

In the last four and a half years, DHHL has focused on building homes and getting people ready to become homeowners. We have defended the trust and our right to exist from those who wish us dissolved. We have worked to be more efficient and to generate more revenue so we can make decisions and follow our course without worrying about who is in political office. These goals have kept us focused and put people on the land and into homes.

In the next three and a half years, we will continue to work on our goals, and we will not waiver from our commitment to put native Hawaiians on the land. Our 326 unit Kaupē'a subdivision is more than halfway done, nearly all of the 104 homes in Leiali'i, Maui are complete and the first homes of Waiehu Kou 4 are completed.

We expect to begin building the first homes early next year at Pi'ilani Mai Ke Kai in



Home construction at Waiehu Kou 4, Maui

Anahola, Kaua'i, and the Kekaha subdivision is under construction. Grading for 358 lots in Villages 4 and 5 in La'i 'Ōpuā has begun and the lot selection for the Hikina project on Maui happened in September. DHHL's 386-lot Kēōkea/Waiohuli is mov-



Chairman Micah A. Kāne

ing quickly and the 100-lot Kumuhau/Kakaina subdivision in Waimānalo is projected to begin grading by the end of next year.

All of these projects together will cost more than \$100 million dollars in infrastructure to develop, and we need to have this money long before our people can move into a house. Many have waited a long time, and everyday we work so they don't have to wait anymore.

Challenges always exist, but there are tremendous opportunities for all of us, and the only ones who can stop us are ourselves.

We have three and a half years left in this administration's term, and I am committed more than ever to put native Hawaiians on the land.

Aloha,

Micah

Welcome Aboard Maui Commissioner Perry Artates

Perry O. Artates was appointed to the Maui seat on the Hawaiian Homes Commission. His appointment took effect on July 1, 2007 and will expire on June 30, 2011.

He is a native Hawaiian, a homesteader, a husband and father, a member of the construction industry and an a community advocate who cares about the future of his family and neighbors.

Artates was raised on the island of Maui and is a graduate of Maui High School. For the past six years, he has served as the chairman of the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, representing more than 300 families in the young and growing upcountry homestead community. In this capacity, he has demonstrated strong leadership and a caring attitude for families moving into this community.

He worked with an active and dedicated board of directors on a variety of issues and programs to improve the quality of life for families in Waiohuli, including safety and security issues, drainage concerns, street lighting, fundraising and many other causes.

In his professional life, Artates serves as the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund. His knowledge and experience in the construction industry has helped many of the new Waiohuli families and will be an asset to the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

HHC Chairman Micah A. Kāne testified at Artates' confirmation hearing that "We believe that his experience, energy and concern for the Hawaiian people are qualities that will benefit the Commission as it works to move the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust forward."



Newly appointed Maui Hawaiian Homes Commission Member Perry O. Artates is flanked by Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr. and The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.



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HOAP Expanding Services



Home Ownership Assistance Program class in Waimānalo

Over the past three years, the Home Ownership Assistance Program (HOAP) has been offering homeownership education classes and one-on-one case management sessions to DHHL applicants and lessees. Starting in October, exciting new changes will take place in HOAP.

More service providers

HOAP is proud to announce that it is finalizing partnerships with nine service providers who will

Home Repair Loans for Hawaiian Home Lessees

The Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i and the Rehabilitation Loan Branch of the City & County of Honolulu are pleased to announce that they are currently accepting applications for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) Home Repair Loan Program.

The NAHASDA Home Repair Loan Program was established by DHHL and is administered by the Office of Housing and Community Development on the island of Hawai'i and by the Rehabilitation Loan Branch on the island of O'ahu to make no-interest and low-interest loans to low and very low-income DHHL lessees who are interested in repairing their primary residence.

The NAHASDA repair loan can be used for roof repairs, electrical and plumbing work,

sewer improvements, termite treatment and damages caused by termites or wood rot and the installation of a solar water heating system in conjunction with repairs. Loans range from \$2,500 to \$50,000 at 0 percent to 3 percent interest. The interest rate is set based on age and income. Applicants 62 years or older and very low income may have a 0 percent interest and deferred payment loan with a possible grant provision.

For more information on the Big Isle, or an application, contact Dawnelle Forsythe at 959-4642. Web site application packets on the Big Island can also be found on-line at http://www.hawaii-county.com/directory/dir_housing.htm.

For more information or application on O'ahu contact the Rehabilitation Loan Branch at 527-5907. Web site application packets on O'ahu can be found at <http://www.honolulu.gov/DCS/housingloans.htm>.

be providing Homebuyer Education courses and Case Management throughout the state. The increase in service providers will allow HOAP to reach more native Hawaiians than ever before. We plan to secure all service providers in October 2007.

If you are a DHHL applicant or lessee, all HOAP services are available to you. If you or any member of your family would like to brush up on budgeting and financial literacy skills or if you find yourself overwhelmed with credit card debt, stuck in a loan delinquency situation, or any other form of debt that is out of control, please call the HOAP Call Center at 1-(866) 512-HOAP for a class on your island.

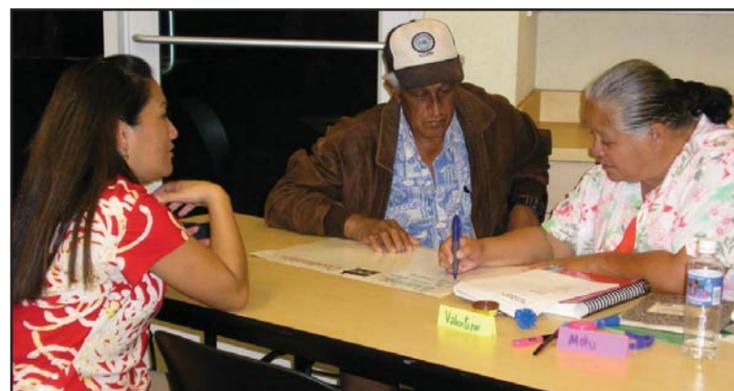
HOAP now offers job training referrals!

An important part of homeownership, as well as an overall improved quality of life, is obtaining a job that pays sufficiently. HOAP is partnering with Goodwill Industries of Hawai'i to help DHHL beneficiaries' with occupational training. Goodwill also provides "job placement" services which places an individual into an employment situation that is suitable to that individual, and support services to ensure that both employer and employee are happy. Through this partnership, Goodwill Industries will also work with businesses that are in need of employees and match our beneficiaries with those businesses. If you are a business owner that is in need of qualified employees, HOAP can work with you and Goodwill to help meet your demand for employees. If you are interested job training, job placement, or business partnership opportunities call the HOAP call center for more information.

HOAP also offers addictions treatment services referrals

There are many factors in society that affects one's ability to own/retain a home and ensure a suitable quality of life for native Hawaiians. HOAP is partnering with the Salvation Army to address drug and alcohol addiction. These types of addictions cut across all ethnicities, and can eventually lead to social and financial problems in the future. If you or someone in your family has a drug or alcohol problem, please call the HOAP call center. We will forward your information to the Salvation Army to begin the process of drug rehabilitation.

All services provided by HOAP are free to our DHHL applicants and lessees. Contact HOAP today! Call the call center at 1-(866) 512-HOAP (toll-free) or visit www.hoap.hawaii.gov online.



HOAP's personal counseling session on Moloka'i

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Joe-Ann Ululani Sang Passes

A Waimānalo Beacon Dims

The staff at DHHL was saddened to learn that Joe-Ann Ululani Sang passed away on June 17, 2007. Joe-Ann was a community activist and the wife of Anthony “Tony” Sang, the former chairman of the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA). She was mother to eight children and 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was 66 years old.

She was a retired administrative assistant with the Waimānalo Teen Project and worked actively with the youths from the Waimānalo community. Many of those who participated in the programs fondly remember her for her caring



Joe-Ann Sang

and leadership that she provided.

She strongly supported the protection of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and advocated for its protection for the sake of all Hawaiian people. She was a member of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association and Ahupua‘a o O‘ahu and SCHHA.

Also as the chairperson for the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association’s Ka Ho‘olima Na Kūhiō Community Center, she managed, reviewed and ensured the community center met the needs of the community and association.

She will sorely be missed...

HHC Honors Out-Going Hawaiian Homes Commissioner Mahina Martin



Out-going Commissioner Mahina Martin is flanked by Papakōlea President Puni Kekauoha (left) and Kalāwahine Streamside President Denise Ka‘a‘a during June’s Papakōlea Community Meeting.

At its June 19th Regular Meeting, the Hawaiian Homes Commission adopted a resolution honoring outgoing Commissioner Mahina Martin for her services

during the last four years. She was cited for her more than 20 years of work with non-profit organizations and for her sharing her wisdom and experiences with the Commission and the department’s administration.



Commissioner Mahina Martin displays the HHC Resolution.

She has recently been appointed as the Maui County Public Information Officer.