



September 30, 2013 – Press Release

Community Care Van Organized and Launched in Nine Months!

On Sun. October 13, 'A Cup of Cold Water, A Community Care Van' will launch its first run following a 9AM service and blessing at Trinity-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 100 Kulanihako'i Steet, Kihei.

On January 4, 2013, with a green light from *all four Maui Episcopal Churches and Community Friends*, the first newsletter for 'A Cup of Cold Water' (ACCW) was circulated. The shared-dream **was an "old fashioned" human needs outreach** to service the poor and needy in our community by delivering water, basic food, hygiene clothing, and comfort through a **roving community Care Van**.

It has taken just over nine months to raise the start-up funding, recruit 25+ volunteers, organize trainings in **homeless outreach**, develop an operations plan, create and stock a storage and distribution space, **plus acquire and logo a Van**. Initially we will have three runs a week, South Maui, Central and West Maui. *The ACCW Team has been inspired by the dedication of other faith-based community efforts that have been serving the homeless on Maui for many years and will join these efforts by offering runs on weekends and holidays when other services do not.*

Our all volunteer Ohana come from all walks of life and are nourished by Prayer and Fellowship. You don't need to be a member of the Episcopal Church to join, you just need to have the desire to help.

For volunteer, donation or other information please contact our ACCW Board President, Keku Akana or Board Secretary, Mary Lou Mellinger, **808-419-1637**, AcupofColdWaterMaui@gmail.com. A Cup of Cold Water is in the process of pursuing recognition as tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3).

**A Cup of Cold Water, A Community Care Van
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