

**A Cup of Cold Water, A Community Care Van
Outreach of the Episcopal Churches on Maui & Friends**

October 2013 Newsletter:

By the time many read or receive this Newsletter, we would have already commenced our mission runs and are now fully operational! We can never say "mahalo" enough to all of you. Every donated item and every dollar that we have been blessed with is going to our people right here, in our backyard on our Island home.

It must be emphasized again and again (like the Nicene Creed!).... "This Van is your Van, this van is for all our people and all of our Churches". This is a shared ministry. If any Church or church group desires to display, use, share YOUR Van, please contact a ACCW team volunteer from your church or call us! One of the primary visions of A Cup of Cold Water's care-van is to empower volunteer teams from each Church (and maybe some of their fellow church neighbors) to determine how BEST the Van can be used in your geographical area to serve our community!

Remember, you can show it to your youth groups, display it at any Church function or gathering, ask for 'Special' Runs in your neighborhoods.....!

THE LAUNCH IS ON!

Wednesday October 9th Good Shepherd Church 5:00 pm. All Volunteers gather for final operational plans, reviews etc.

Sunday October 13th 0900 am Trinity by the Sea Church, Care van blessing, Potluck and soft Launch. First mission run! Everyone come! ACCW folks wear your Tees!

Saturday November 2nd 3:00 pm Holy Innocents Cris South Ordination and Van blessing by Bishop Fitzpatrick, celebration to follow.

OCTOBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH

October: basic first aid & Hygiene to include: band aids, sun screen, lip balm, anti- bacterial wipes, small soaps, razors, deodorants, feminine hygiene, baby diapers.

Please keep the Non Perishable food items and bottled water contributions flowing as these items will deplete weekly.

Monetary donations are always welcome and help us to shop for specific distribution items needed. This ministry has been organized as a non-profit corporation by the Episcopal Diocese in Hawai'i. Donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to A Cup of Cold Water, 2140 Main Stree, Wailuku, HI 96793 or put in the collection plate (checks made out to A Cup of Cold Water) at your Maui Episcopal Church.

MAHALOS

St. John's Festival:

The annual St. John's Kula Festival was held on Saturday, September 28th. It was a beautiful day of fun, food, art, crafts, music and entertainment. A Cup of Cold Water's Care Van was front and center at St. John's and we gave out more than 550 free bottles of chilled water! John & Susie Tomoso, Kalani Holokai, Everett Sente (entry) , Larry Brown, Bernard Santiago Angelo Rebudol & Cindy Akana (Chow Fun) Jay Jackson (various) Kayela Santiago & Chancellor Brown (various duties), Taskie Hoopii (chilled water), George & Jean Abe (donation box, poster graphics, holding booth), Rick Collins & Kit Hart (St. Johns's assignments), Susie Davis (various duties) Paula Baldwin (booth), Donna Tarsitano (support), Lani Scott (produce), Peter Lee (gifts) May Lou Mellinger (all kine stuff!). Father Austin was there and the Rev. Amy & James Crowe with Jim in tow. It was also nice to see several of the dedicated folks from all of our Churches! *We hope we didn't miss anyone.* A special thanks to Rev. Kerith, Monnie Gay and Jean Fiddes and the St. John's Church Ohana. We are very thankful for being included in the festival and being lifted up as a 'special'! This is a wonderful event and ALL of the Episcopal Churches should have a booth or two up there!

Maui Pride Day:

The Episcopal Church of Maui was represented at the Maui Pride Day event Held at the Maui Tropical Plantation on Saturday October 5th. This is an annual event to bring awareness, education , hope and equality to our LGBT brothers & sisters. A Cup of Cold Water's care van was there as a symbol of God's love to all people! We also passed out free chilled water.....!

Mahalo Sean Brown!

Sean Brown, pending youth missionary to Japan, worked long and hard on making the Church of the Good Shepherds bathrooms attached to our classroom/meeting rooms areas safer and more secure. Mahalo Sean! This makes for a safer storage room (temporary room) for our Cup of Cold Water Supplies and cleaner/safe bathroom ingress/egress for our Church youth, programs, ACCW Volunteers and other classroom functions!

Run Routes:

Our current Mission run routes will be from 0800 am to 1130 am on Wednesdays (Central) Saturdays (West side) and Sundays (South side).

Frequently asked Questions:

Initially, I thought A Cup of Cold Water was going to serve only in the afternoon hours? Why has the "run routes' changed to the morning hours?

answer: This was our desire in the early stages of our outreach planning. However, as we developed and studied our local mission closer, several factors came into play. (1) Our volunteers team were more available during the earlier hours. (2) We will be the only mobile feeding program on the road at 0800-0830 am, thus filling a critical service need gap during these hours . (3) Safety: we will encounter much less intoxication and substance abuse during the earlier hours. (4) Lastly, the run routes, days, times and locations will be assessed and changed as the homeless environment is very fluid.

How come A Cup of Cold Water isn't also serving the Upcountry and East Maui Areas?

Eventually (slowly) we plan to increase mission days and locations. The outreach needs to slowly learn and grow itself with more Run Leaders and volunteers first. In order for us to establish *and sustain our* outreach efforts, a steady supply of PRAYER, committed volunteers, supplies, items and money will be essential. Currently, we have enough volunteers to service the three areas of the Island with the larger concentrations of homeless people. East Maui and certain pockets in Up Country also need to be serviced.

" Sometime in your life, hope that you might see one starved man, the look on his face when the bread finally arrives. Hope that you might have baked it or brought or even kneaded it yourself. For that look on his face, for your meeting his eyes across a piece of bread, you might be willing to lose a lot, or suffer a lot or die a little even".... *Daniel Berrigan*

"The Church is the only cooperative society in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members"

William Temple

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