Our Mission

Hawaiʻi Meals on Wheels is dedicated to helping Oahu’s elders and individuals with disabilities preserve their independence at home. We do this primarily by providing hot, nutritious meals & regular personal interaction with those we serve.

Surrounded by Hawaiʻi Meals on Wheels Board Members and Staff, Shuk Fon Yuen, center, recently celebrated 30 years of volunteering with Hawaiʻi Meals on Wheels.
Our Values

Opportunity
We strive for the comfort and well being of our clients by offering them an opportunity to receive a hot meal delivered personally to their home.

Respect & Dignity
We believe in treating all our clients, volunteers, and staff with the utmost honor, caring, respect, and dignity.

Volunteers
We encourage volunteers to serve as we expand our outreach to meet a growing demand.

Independent
We are committed to ensuring our own financial independence to help our clients preserve their independence.

Quality
We are dedicated to the highest quality in our services, our meals, our staff, and our organization.

Community
We seek to be a part of a community ohana, fostered by teamwork and collaboration with like-minded organizations.
In 2014, Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels served hot meals every weekday to more than 750 homebound elderly and disabled individuals. About 96% of the meals were served to those 60 years old or more.

In 2014, a total of 88,329 meals were served on nearly 50 delivery routes in Leeward, Windward, Central Oahu and the entire Honolulu metropolitan and suburban area. This represented a 2% increase in meals served over 2013.

In 2014, Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels spent $490,135 to purchase meals from 10 kitchen partners, including hospitals, care homes and commercial kitchen vendors. Contracting these institutional kitchens enables Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels to meet the need for medically therapeutic food, such as low sodium, low fat, no added-salt and puréed meals.

Volunteers pick up the meals at a location in their immediate community and deliver them to their neighbors. Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels has a diverse delivery force of 450 volunteers who contribute about 80% of total meal deliveries. Many of these volunteers are active retirees. Others are students, church groups, business groups, military units, informal groups and caring individuals.

In 2014, Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels welcomed 58 new volunteers and 287 new clients.
Delivering aloha to the homebound

Without fail, throughout 2014 Hawai‘i Meals on Meals on Wheels delivered hot meals with aloha every Monday through Friday, including holidays, to ensure that no senior or disabled person goes hungry or is lonely. It’s something that many have come to expect, and the Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels team gladly welcomed this awesome responsibility.

We recognize it is a challenge for many of the individuals we serve to leave their homes and do such basic errands as buying groceries. These same individuals may not have the strength or desire to cook their own meals. Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels stepped forward to fill this vital need.

Hawai‘i Meals on Meals on Wheels makes sure our friends and loved ones -- our aunties, uncles, and grandparents -- all receive proper nutrition by delivering hot meals to their homes. This helps them remain independent and avoid costly alternative living arrangements. We help to make “aging in place” possible.

Every meal we deliver comes with aloha, regardless of a client’s ability to make donations to cover the meal costs. We keep an eye on their health to determine if they need follow-up care from a healthcare professional.

In 2014, Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels was able to effectively carry on its mission because of the generosity of so many in the community. We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who share their time and energy to deliver meals. We also appreciate all of our sponsors and donors for their commitment to advance our mission.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the hard-working, dedicated staff of Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels, I would like to offer my heartfelt mahalo to all of you.

It takes a team to make Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels successful, and because of you, we were a winning team in 2014!

Mahalo nui loa!

Geoff Pang
President, Board of Directors
Revenue & Support

Total: $1,344,964

Revenue & Public Support

- Donations: $497,342 (37%)
- Meal Contributions: $278,264 (21%)
- Government Grants: $273,071 (20%)
- Government Contracts: $163,639 (12%)
- Fundraising: $103,312 (8%)
- Other Income: $29,336 (2%)

Total Public Support: $1,344,964 (100%)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year: $1,846,523
Net Assets at End of Year: $2,104,307
Change in Net Assets: $257,784
2013 - 2014
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