About Us

Our Mission
Hawai’i 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 and regular personal interaction with those we serve.

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 service through volunteers as we expand our outreach to meet a growing demand.

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

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

Community: We seek to be a part of a community ʻohana, fostered by teamwork and collaboration with like-minded organizations.

Communication: We actively promote our mission in order to increase its awareness among community leaders, organizations, volunteers, and families.
2015 at a Glance

86,551 meals deliveries

687 homebound elderly and disabled clients

246 new clients

62% of our clients are female

86 years old median age of clients

96% of clients are 60 years old or more

73% of clients are 80 to 99 years old

7 clients are over 100 years old

$483,144 spent on meals

10 kitchen partners

47 delivery routes

450 volunteers

37 new volunteers
President’s Message
Driving Change in Communities Across O‘ahu

Each time Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels delivers a meal, something wonderful happens.

We drive change in special ways: A client experiences the joy of knowing someone cares and took the time to not only deliver a hot meal, but also to share kind words of encouragement. Families of meal recipients can rest assured their loved one is in good hands. And a volunteer feels the satisfaction of knowing his or her time made a change in a client’s outlook by bringing nutrition and a special human touch.

Carrying on Our Mission
Over the past 37 years, Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels has grown in response to an increasing need for fresh, home-delivered meals and friendly visits that also serve as wellness checks.

In 2015, Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels made great leaps forward to carry on our mission. In 2015, we welcomed 246 new clients, an indication of the growing need among Hawaii’s fast-growing senior population. We served hot meals every weekday to more than 650 homebound elderly and disabled individuals. About 96% of the meals we delivered went to those 60 years old or older.

Kudos to Kitchen Partners
We did this cost-effectively. Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels spent $483,144 to purchase medically therapeutic meals from our kitchen partners, which include hospitals, care homes and commercial kitchen vendors throughout Oahu.

A total of 86,551 meals were served on 47 delivery routes in Leeward, Windward, Central Oahu and the entire Honolulu metropolitan and suburban area.

Valuable Volunteers
Our volunteers play a critical role in our operations. In 2015, our volunteer corps grew to 450 volunteers who deliver about 80% of our deliveries. Many of these volunteers are active retirees. Others are students, church groups, business groups, military units, informal groups and caring individuals.

In 2015, Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels welcomed 37 new volunteers. Every Monday through Friday, including holidays, these dedicated volunteers bring food and aloha to help ensure that no senior or disabled person goes hungry or is lonely.

If you are interested in receiving meals or serving as a meal delivery volunteer, call Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels at 988-6747.

Geoffrey Pang
President, Board of Directors
Hawai‘i Meals on Wheels
2015 Revenue

Total Public Support & Revenue: $1,672,406

- Government Grants: $541,373 (32%)
- Donations: $475,735 (29%)
- Meal Contributions: $281,010 (17%)
- Government Contracts: $249,459 (15%)
- Fundraising: $119,570 (6.5%)
- Other Income: $5,259 (.5%)

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE: $1,672,406 (100%)
2015 Expenses

Total Expenses: $1,244,720

- Program Services: $976,029 (78%)
- Management & General: $191,223 (15%)
- Fundraising: $77,468 (6%)

TOTAL EXPENSES: $1,244,720 (100%)

Net Assets at Beginning of Year (Restated): $2,190,853*
Net Assets at End of Year: $2,618,539*
Net Change in Assets: $427,686

* Includes $100,000 in restricted funds
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