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## News Release

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### November is Homelessness Awareness Month

LĪHU'E – On Tuesday, Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami proclaimed the entire month of November as Homelessness Awareness Month, in an effort to educate the public, bring awareness to the problem of poverty, and support volunteers engaged in the community.

“It truly takes a village to address hunger and homelessness, which are widespread problems not just on Kaua'i, but throughout the nation, affecting far too many people,” said Mayor Kawakami. “We are grateful to our Housing Agency, Kaua'i Community Alliance, Kaua'i County Council, and all continuum of care partners who serve our community by searching for solutions, seeking funding support, developing housing opportunities, and provide critical services with compassion and aloha for our people.”

The Kaua'i County Council also presented a certificate during Tuesday's ceremony which was hosted by the Kaua'i Community Alliance (KCA), the island's local Continuum of Care, and attended by various agencies including representatives from the Office of Governor David Ige, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Family Life Center, Kaua'i County Housing Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, Malama Pono Health Services, Project Vision Hawai'i, The Salvation Army Hanapēpē, Wilcox Medical Center, and CARE Hawai'i.

In observance of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which occurs from November 12 to 20, 2022, KCA will also host the fourth annual Kaua'i Housing Connect homeless

outreach event on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at The Salvation Army in Hanapēpē and Thursday, Nov. 17, at The Salvation Army in Līhu'e. Over 10 non-profit agencies will be in attendance offering services such as flu and pneumonia vaccinations, hot showers, wound care, vital documents, pet care, Narcan training and housing voucher signups. Though several programs are only available to those who are actively homeless, those at-risk of homelessness are welcome to attend and connect with agencies to better understand what resources are available in our community.

“This year’s Kaua’i Housing Connect event is a prime opportunity for us all to get involved and help make a difference – small or large,” said Housing Director Adam Roversi. “Our Housing Agency staff is proud to partner with the Kaua’i Community Alliance as together we continue to conduct outreach across the island, connecting people with various programs and services.”

To learn more about Homelessness Awareness Month or about Kaua’i’s outreach programs, please visit Kaua’i Community Alliance on Facebook or contact Ashton Varner, the Kaua’i County Housing Agency Homeless Coordinator, at [avarner@kauai.gov](mailto:avarner@kauai.gov).

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