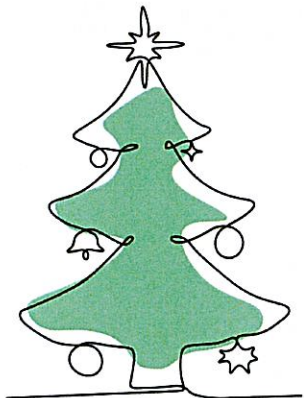


# Family Self-Sufficiency Program Newsletter



WINTER 2023

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



As we come to the end of the year, we would like to say how amazing you all are and commend you on how hard you have worked for yourselves. Let's keep that momentum going into the new year and make this a positive time of change for you and your family.

We understand life can be overwhelming. Remember to focus on positivity instead of negativity. If you did not accomplish the

goals you wanted to get done this year, try not to dwell on it. 2024 will be a fresh new start and the perfect opportunity to get back on track.

We are here to assist you! Feel free to contact Kelly, the FSS Specialist at 808-241-4447, to review, change, or update your goals and activities.

## Congratulations FSS Graduates!



Ten participants graduated this year. Their hard work and dedication led them to successfully complete the program, thus they have earned their escrow account payouts. They are free to do whatever they please with their money. We wish them continued success with their future endeavors!

### Graduate Payouts Achieved:

Participant 1: \$8,236	Participant 2: \$ 25,065
Participant 3: \$4,185	Participant 4: \$17,271
Participant 5: \$16,371	Participant 6: \$1,586
Participant 7: \$4,130	Participant 8: \$9,369
Participant 9: \$6,896	Participant 10: \$19,157



## Updates and REMINDERS !

- ◇ Remember to remain compliant within the FSS Program as well as the HCV Program. Report ANY change within 10 business days to your Housing Assistance Specialist (HAS) at 808-241-4440.
- ◇ Not remaining in contact with your FSS Specialist may result in termination of your contract, as well as the forfeiture of your escrow account. Please note that the end of your participation in FSS does NOT end nor does it affect your participation on Section 8.
- ◇ For those of you that need to take a Homeownership workshop, don't forget to reserve a spot. You can call Hawaiian Community Assets at 808-784-3841. Classes are 1-2 days, depending on dates.
- ◇ Tax season is approaching! If you are receiving a tax return, think about this: If you change your mindset from "What can I purchase?" to "What can I save?" imagine the safety net you will have and how accomplished you will feel in the future. Contact Hawaii Tax Help for free tax preparation at 808-245-8070.



## Food Pantry /Meal Resources:

- Malama Kauai: 808-828-0685, [www.malamakauai.org](http://www.malamakauai.org)
- Kauai Economic Opportunity, 808-245-4077, [www.keoinc.org](http://www.keoinc.org)
- Hoomana Thrift Shop: 808-822-9241, [www.hoomanathriftshop.org](http://www.hoomanathriftshop.org)
- Nana's House (Family Center): 808-338-0252, [www.childfamilyservice.org/programs/nanashouse](http://www.childfamilyservice.org/programs/nanashouse)



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