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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS TO 11 SITES SERVING FREE MEALS TO 1,700 KEIKI ON O'AHU

Suppers being served in Kalihi and new sites in 'Aiea and Honolulu

HONOLULU, Hawai'i — A partnership of nonprofit and governmental organizations is expanding a program that is serving free healthy meals, prepared according to United States Department of Agriculture standards, to 11 O'ahu sites reaching about 1,700 children and youth per day.

Since Hawai'i public schools were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this partnership has been increasing its capacity to provide free meals to keiki, as a complement the meal distribution sites that the state Department of Education is operating at about 70 public schools, out of 256 across the state.

The newest sites serving lunch are at Kūhiō Elementary School in Honolulu and Pu'uwai Momi in 'Aiea. Pālama Settlement in Kalihi will continue to be the only site serving suppers.

On a typical school day, nearly 65,000 economically disadvantaged Hawai'i students benefit from free or reduced-price school breakfast and lunch. For many, these are the only nutritious meals that they eat regularly. For their families, these meals help relieve financial stress by reducing their food budgets.

During the summer, when students are not able to eat free or reduced-price meals at school, community partners work together to provide food to children and youth in low-income areas via the federal Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Four SFSP sponsors—YMCA of Honolulu, Parents And Children Together, Pālama Settlement and Windward Nazarene Academy—have stepped up to provide free meals for keiki in low-income areas on O'ahu during these unplanned school closures.

The sponsors are partnering with Aloha Harvest, Kapi'olani Community College, Lanakila Pacific, Hawai'i Appleseed and Hawai'i Child Nutrition Programs to get the meals prepared and delivered.

The following 11 sites provide free healthy grab-and-go meals, Monday through Friday, to keiki up to age 18:

**Through June 30
11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

Hālawa View Apartments
99-009 Kalaloa Street
‘Aiea, HI 96701

Inspire Church - Mililani
95-061 Waimakua Drive
Mililani, HI 96789

Kalihi Valley Instructional Bike Exchange
1638 Kamehameha IV Road
Honolulu, HI 96819

Kūhiō Elementary School
2759 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96826

Melemanu Recreation Center
98-2031 Waikalani Place
Mililani, HI 96789

Nu‘uanu Ymca
1441 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813

Pū‘ōhala Elementary School
45-233 Kulauli Street
Kāne‘ohe, HI 96744

Pu‘uwai Momi
99-132 Kohomua Street
‘Aiea, HI 96701

**Until the end of May
3:30-4:30 PM**

Pālama Settlement
810 North Vineyard Blvd.
Honolulu, HI 96817

**Until the end of May
Noon-12:30 PM**

Parents And Children Together at Kuhio Park
Terrace Resource Center
1485 Linapuni Street
Honolulu, HI 96819

**Through the summer
11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

Windward Nazarene Academy
45-232 Puaae Road
Kāne‘ohe, HI 96744

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