

Big Island Housing Foundation

E Komo Mai, Kamana, Kea'au, Papa'aloa, Riverside, & Waimea

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April - June 2020 **NEWS OF THE CORPORATIONS** 2nd Quarter 2020

BIG ISLAND HOUSING FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETINGS: On May 22, 2020 quarterly Board Meetings were held via Zoom for Big Island Housing Foundation; Kinoole; Kea'au Housing Foundation, Inc.; Papa'aloa Housing, Inc.; BIHF Riverside Community Based Nonprofit Corp., and Waimea Housing Foundation, Inc. Present were Richard Toledo, Jr., President, Tyler Dickinson, Treasurer, Mary Begier, Secretary, Mary Finley, Director, Joseph Marsh, Director, and Phoebe Lambeth, Director. Executive Director Susan Kunz, Principal Broker Suzy Kruppa, & Administrative Assistant Claudia Rivera were also present by invitation.

BIG ISLAND HOUSING FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COVID-19** - Big Island Housing Foundation (BIHF) is taking steps to ensure that we can continue to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing to low- and moderate-income families in compliance with Federal, State and County guidelines

In order to minimize risk to our customers who visit our offices, our tenants and to our employees, BIHF has temporarily closed the main office and on-site offices for in-person service until further notice. BIHF is currently in the process of assessing our office for safety measures that will correspond with the Governor's latest proclamation and CDC guidelines. Once a reliable system is established, and we can safely accept members of the general public inside our main office and our site offices we will open for appointments only on a limited basis.

- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER DONATIONS** - Vibrant Hawaii in partnership with Hawaii Army National Guard, HPM Building Supply, Hawaii County Civil Defense, SZKaiao of Sig Zane Designs and many community members, donated to BIHF 1,500 masks. The masks were divided among the sites and distributed to all tenants by the Resident Managers. BIHF also received a donation of three large bottles of hand sanitizer.

- The State Department of Human Services - Adult Protective and Community Services Branch, also donated 140 cloth masks for adults and children. The masks were distributed to tenants by the Resident Managers.

Big Island Housing Foundation and the Board of Directors thank the community organizations that have so kindly and generously donated to our office and managed properties. The donations have been greatly appreciated by both staff and residents.

KAMANA INC.

BOARD MEETING: On May 22, 2020 Kamana, Inc. held its Board Meeting. Present were Richard Toledo, Jr., President, and Board Director Alan Parker. Also, in attendance were Executive Director Susan Kunz, Principal Broker Suzy Kruppa and Administrative Assistant Claudia Rivera.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 7th was cancelled.

E KOMO MAI

Food Basket in coordination with State and County programs, organized several deliveries to tenants. Households received can goods and fresh produce.

KAMANA ELDERLY

Show Aloha Challenge provided lunches for the tenants during a two-week period. The lunches were provided by Chapter 27, Tina's Garden Café, and Boyd Hawaii. The meals provided included Chili, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, and chicken Salad with Toss Greens. The tenants were pleasantly surprised and looked forward to what was brought the next day.

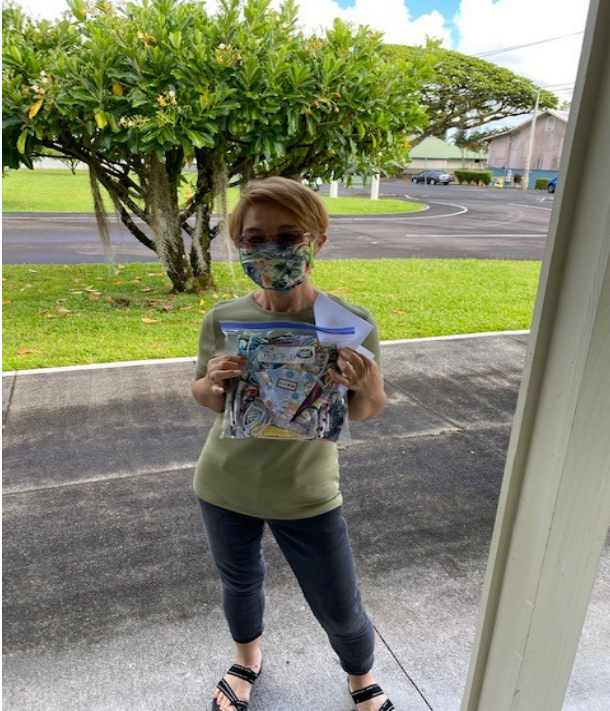


Picture provided by Aloha Challenge; residents pictured from top let clockwise are: Pomai Nosaka, Holit bat-edit, Alice Andagan, Cecilia Ogawa, Pearl Kalilikane, Frances Murillo and Coord. GG.

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KEA'AU ELDERLY

The property received a surprise donation of homemade cloth masks from a resident of Mountain View. The masks were distributed by the Resident Manager.



Mask donation by Mary Takaki – Picture taken by Lance Corpuz, Resident Manager – Kea’au Elderly.



A variety of cloth masks donated to Kea’au Elderly.

Also, Aloha Nazarene Church-Pre-school donated goodies and canned food for each household at Kea’au Elderly.

PAPA’ALOA ELDERLY

REDEVELOPMENT:

Executive Director, Susan Kunz has continued her work with Hawaii Island Community Development Corp. (HICDC), and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) application was submitted. Currently awaiting a decision

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on the award of Tax Credits for this site. The funding will allow for the construction of a 20-unit elderly project.

RIVERSIDE APARTMENTS

Vibrant Hawaii and DHS Adult Protective Services donated masks for residents and staff.

The Food Bank did a drive through food distribution at Riverside. Families received boxes containing milk, eggs, an assortment of can goods, and fresh fruits.



Riverside Apartments residents Darren Eblacas, Stacey Rodrigues & their children. Picture taken by Raynette Filoteo, BIHF COS.

WAIMEA ELDERLY

The property received donations of food, care packages and gift cards from the following local businesses: Ippy’s Hawaiian BBQ, Earl’s, Starbuck’s, Hawaiian Style Café, The Giving Tree, and The Cole Academy.

A donation of fresh vegetables and fruits was also received and distributed among households.



Fresh fruit and vegetable donations for residents at Waimea Elderly. Picture taken by Lani Alvarez, Resident Manager.



Rental Applications can be picked up at Big Island Housing Foundation, 688 Kinoole Street, Suite 102, Hilo, 96720, phone (808) 969-3327 ext. 1, or downloaded from the website: <https://bigislandhousing.com>

BIHF-Managed sites include:

Multifamily: E Komo Mai & Riverside Apartments.

Elderly: Kamana Elderly, Kea'au Elderly, Papa'aloa Elderly & Waimea Elderly.

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The Board Secretary position is vacant and pending vote by the Board of Directors.

