# KAUAI FOOD BANK INC.

## Annual Report 2024

***Serving the people of Kauai & Niihau since 1994.***



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# Presidents Message

Aloha,

It's been an exciting year as the Kauai Independent Food Bank board President. The organization maintained a stable financial outlook for the year as we became landlords of a building leased by the State for which we are thankful.

The Kauai Independent Food Bank had a successful 2024 –investment income increased, additional rental revenue from two of our tenants, complimented the many individuals, corporate and business donors, foundations, food drives, direct mail contributions and thanks to these factors, our independent audit ending December 31, 2024 was and is projected to be consistently strong.

We strive to provide nutritional and emergency food needs in the schools (keiki), to the kupuna (elders) and those in need. In addition, we provide an opportunity for those with food insecurities—to obtain nutritious food by visiting our warehouse weekly. Daily requests are also accommodated by our friendly staff volunteers and partners.

During the Thanksgiving season, we traditionally hold a drive thru food distribution that includes turkey and ham together with fixings to feed over 300 families.



During the Christmas season, we have been fortunate to have our board and staff members man the Santa Workshop photos with Santa at The Shops at Kukuiula and a food drive thanks to their generosity.

These are just a few of the community supporters and events that have contributed to our success.
I look forward to another productive year with your support!

Mahalo nui loa,

Cyndi Ayonon
President

# Mission Statement & Core Values

## Mission Statement:

*Educate, Provide Nutritious Food for The Hungry,*
*And Respond to Emergencies.*

## KIFB History

Founded in 1994 following the devastating impact of Hurricane Iniki, Kauai Independent Food Bank was established to address hunger and strengthen food security across Kauaʻi and Niʻihau. What began as a response to a community in crisis has evolved into more than 30 years of service to our island ohana. Guided by our kuleana to care for one another, KIFB continues to provide nutritious food, nutrition education, and emergency response services, helping to meet the ever-changing needs of our community with compassion, dignity, and aloha.

## Core Values

*KIFB's core values shape how we serve our Kauai ohana and respond to the needs of our community.*

- **A**lakai *Leadership*: KIFB leads and educates by example
- **L**okahi *Unity*: The KIFB team is proud to stand together with a unified purpose.
- **O**luolu *Gracious*: KIFB is thankful for those that make our mission possible.
- **H**aahaa *Humility*: KIFB serves those in need with empathy, thoughtfulness, and respect at all times.
- **A**honui *Enduring*: KIFB remains steadfast in its commitment to serving our community through changing needs and challenging times

***Aloha is our Super Power!***

# Summary of Programs

## Keiki Café Program

KIFB helps ensure that local keiki have access to healthy snacks during the critical hours between school and dinner. By providing nutritious foods to after-school programs across Kaua'i, KIFB helps keep keiki nourished, focused, and ready to learn, play, and grow.

Through partnerships with organizations such as Boys & Girls Club of Hawai'i and Kamaaina Kids A+ Program, KIFB now provides healthy snacks to more than 600 keiki each day during the school year, representing a 20% increase in participation.

Recognizing that hunger doesn't take a summer break, KIFB launched a Keiki Café summer pilot project in partnership with the County of Kaua'i Summer Fun Program. This program helps fill the gap when school is out, ensuring keiki continue to have access to nutritious food during the summer months. **Together, we are helping local keiki thrive while providing support and peace of mind to families across our island ohana.**



# Summary of Programs

## Backpack Program

Students from low-income households often rely on free or reduced-price school meals to help meet their nutritional needs during the week. When the weekend arrives, some families face difficult choices as they work to stretch limited food budgets. The Backpack Program helps bridge that gap by providing children with nutritious food to take home each week.

Each backpack contains five to seven easy-to-prepare meal and snack items designed to help sustain keiki through the weekend until they return to school. By providing convenient, nutritious foods, the program helps reduce food insecurity and ensures children have access to the nourishment they need, even when school is not in session.

Through partnerships with local schools and youth programs, KIFB distributes backpacks to upwards of 270 keiki each week. **These food packages help local keiki learn, grow, and thrive while providing families with additional support during times of need.**



# Summary of Programs

## Kupuna Food Box Program

For many kupuna, limited mobility, health challenges, and transportation barriers can make accessing nutritious food difficult. The Kupuna Food Box Program helps address these challenges by providing monthly food assistance directly to seniors across Kaua'i through partnerships with community organizations island-wide.

Each food box is thoughtfully packed with nutritious items that support healthy aging, including heart-healthy foods and culturally familiar products whenever possible. Dedicated volunteers help ensure these boxes reach kupuna who may otherwise struggle to access regular food assistance.

Today, the program serves 245 kupuna each month, helping seniors remain healthy, independent, and connected to their communities. More than a food delivery, these monthly boxes provide peace of mind, reduce food insecurity, and help ensure that our kupuna can continue **living with dignity in the places they know and love.**



# Summary of Programs

## Bi-Monthly Community Food Distribution

Twice each month, KIFB welcomes families to our warehouse for community food distribution. As the only food bank on Kauaʻi providing direct services from our warehouse, we offer a reliable source of support for local individuals and families in need.

Through a combination of purchased food and generous community donations, families receive fresh produce, dairy products, meats, breads, beverages, and household essentials. More than a food distribution, this program helps ease financial stress, strengthen food security, and ensure our island ohana have access to the nourishment they need. **Together, we are caring for our community one ohana at a time.**

## Daily Emergency Food Distibution

Food emergencies don't always happen on distribution days. KIFB's Emergency Food Assistance Program provides individuals and families with access to food during unexpected times of need.

During regular business hours, community members can visit our warehouse to receive emergency food assistance. Whenever possible, food selections are tailored to accommodate dietary restrictions, as well as limited cooking or food storage capabilities, ensuring families receive food that best meets their needs. This year, KIFB experienced a **33% increase in monthly food requests**, reflecting the growing need across Kauaʻi. When families need support, we're here to help.

# Summary of Programs

## Partner Agencies

Partner agencies serve as an extension of KIFB, helping us reach individuals and families across Kaua'i who may not otherwise have access to food and essential resources. Through these partnerships, agencies receive food, clothing, household items, appliances, and other necessities to support the people they serve.

Many of these items are provided at little or no cost through the KIFB warehouse and are distributed by partner organizations in ways that best meet the needs of the individuals and families they serve.






# Summary of Programs

## Growing Food Together

Kaua'i Independent Food Bank partners with local fruit orchards to harvest fresh produce for food bank programs and warehouse distributions. This innovative collaboration increases access to nutritious, locally grown food while providing orchard owners with documentation for charitable tax deduction purposes.

## Gleaning

By encouraging backyard gardeners, farmers, and schools to donate a portion of their harvest, this program helps provide fresh produce to families in need while strengthening community connections and a culture of giving.



# Community Contribution

KIFB's work is made possible through the kindness and generosity of our island community. From food drives and fundraising campaigns to volunteer efforts and community partnerships, individuals, businesses, and organizations across Kauaʻi come together to help feed our neighbors in need.

This spirit of collaboration has also made possible a pilot expansion of KIFB's Keiki Café Program through a partnership with the County of Kauaʻi's Summer Fun Program, helping ensure keiki continue to have access to nutritious food while school is out of session. Together, we are strengthening food security and caring for our island ohana one family at a time.









# Data & Statistics

## In-House Data

**Keiki Cafe:**

- **611** students served monthly at 10 after-school program locations.

**Backpack for Keiki:**

- **229** students served monthly

**Kupuna Food Box Program:**

- **225** kupuna served monthly

**Emergency Distribution:**

- **400+** requests monthly
- **275,000** pounds of food distributed, equivalent to **229,000** meals.

## Community Statistics

**Kauai County Living Wage Calculator:**

- A single parent with two children on Kauai must earn more than $50 per hour to meet basic living expenses.
- Minimum wage in Kauai County is $14 per hour.

**United for ALICE (Asset, Limited, Income Constrained, Employed):**

- 44% of Hawaii households faced financial hardship
- Household survival budget costs exceeded wages of common jobs.

# Board of Directors

**Cyndi Ayonon** - President

**Chantal Zarbaugh** - Vice President

**Gary Ramo** - Secretary

**Georgeatte Galicinao-Cayaban** - Treasurer

**Jeff Murata** - Director

# Financial Information

## 2024 KIFB Balance Sheet

| | |
|---|---|
| Current Assets | |
| Bank | |
| 1000 - Cash | |
| 1001 - First Hawaiian Bank - Operating | $193,307.91 |
| 1002 - First Hawaiian Bank - Operating New | $190,979.77 |
| 1006 - First Hawaiian Bank - Savings | $707,256.54 |
| 1040 - Petty Cash | $164.05 |
| 1041 - Cash held by Property Mgr - Security Deposits | $3,136.00 |
| 1042 - Cash held by Property Mgr - Reserves | $1,000.00 |
| 1099 - In Kind Contributions - Food | $860.99 |
| Total - 1000 - Cash | $1,096,705.26 |
| Total Bank | $1,096,705.26 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| 1100 - Receivables | |
| 1105 - Accounts Receivable - Agencies | ($4,355.31) |
| 1110 - Accounts Receivable - Other | $18,989.23 |
| 1115 - Grants receivable | $34,009.60 |
| Total - 1100 - Receivables | $48,643.52 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | $48,643.52 |
| Other Current Asset | |
| 1200 - Inventory | |
| 1205 - Assorted Produce | $8,457.19 |
| 1210 - Assorted Items - Loose | $78,055.06 |
| 1215 - Donated Non-Food Inventory | $15,173.92 |
| 1220 - AL005 (candy, chips, etc) | $5,729.11 |
| 1250 - Purchased Program Products | ($10.04) |
| 1255 - Purchased Products | ($2,805.47) |
| 1299 - Inventory Adjustment | ($22,904.99) |
| Total - 1200 - Inventory | $81,694.78 |
| 1300 - Prepaid expenses | |
| 1305 - Unemployment Reserve | $16,868.61 |
| 1310 - Prepaid Insurance | $6,737.38 |
| 1320 - Prepaid Rent | ($1,103.63) |
| Total - 1300 - Prepaid expenses | $22,502.36 |
| 1500 - Investments | |
| 1505 - Cetera_First Allied Securities | $571,963.87 |
| 1512 - Cetera_First Allied - Money Market | $327,215.88 |
| Total - 1500 - Investments | $899,179.75 |
| 1599 - Undeposited Funds | ($16,917.10) |
| Total Other Current Asset | $986,459.79 |
| Total Current Assets | $2,131,808.57 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| 1800 - Fixed Assets | |
| 1805 - Office & Computer Equipment | $33,663.12 |
| 1810 - Furniture & Fixtures | $3,691.00 |
| 1815 - Machinery & Equipment | $105,508.46 |
| 1820 - Vehicles | $142,853.39 |
| 1821 - Construction in Progress | $68,062.50 |
| 1830 - Building | $291,165.65 |
| Total - 1800 - Fixed Assets | $644,944.12 |
| 1900 - Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization | |
| 1905 - Accum Depr - Office & Computer Equipment | ($34,099.21) |
| 1910 - Accum Depr - Furiture & Fixtures | ($5,375.68) |

| Financial Row | Amount |
|---|---|
| 1915 - Accum Depr - Machinery & Equipmment | ($101,742.40) |
| 1920 - Accum Depr - Vehicles | ($105,390.00) |
| 1930 - Accum. Deprec - Building | ($11,545.14) |
| Total - 1900 - Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization | ($258,152.43) |
| Total Fixed Assets | $386,791.69 |
| Other Assets | |
| 1400 - Other Assets | |
| 1405 - Security Deposit | $960.00 |
| Total - 1400 - Other Assets | $960.00 |
| Total Other Assets | $960.00 |
| Total ASSETS | $2,519,560.26 |
| Liabilities & Equity | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | |
| 2000 - Payables | |
| 2005 - Accounts payable | $2,541.16 |
| Total - 2000 - Payables | $2,541.16 |
| Total Accounts Payable | $2,541.16 |
| Other Current Liability | |
| 2026 - AFLAC Payable | $858.76 |
| 2100 - Accrued liabilities | |
| 2105 - Accrued Vacation | $15,723.84 |
| 2115 - Tenant Security Deposits | $3,136.00 |
| Total - 2100 - Accrued liabilities | $18,859.84 |
| 9990 - Accrued Purchases | $1,031.28 |
| Total Other Current Liability | $20,749.88 |
| Total Current Liabilities | $23,291.04 |
| Equity | |
| 3000 - Unrestricted Net Assets | $2,130,888.72 |
| 3200 - Temporarily Restricted Net Assets | |
| 3205 - Backpack | $9,872.71 |
| 3220 - Growing Food Together - Last | $12,009.61 |
| 3225 - Growing Food Together - O'Rourke | $2,454.89 |
| 3230 - Growing Food Together - Weil | $2,081.47 |
| 3235 - Keiki Cafe | $17,071.66 |
| 3240 - Kupuna Pantry | $82,468.51 |
| Total - 3200 - Temporarily Restricted Net Assets | $125,958.85 |
| Retained Earnings | ($24,363.24) |
| Net Income | $263,784.89 |
| Total Equity | $2,496,269.22 |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | $2,519,560.26 |

# Organizational Donors

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In addition to our Organizational Donors, we thank the thousands of individual and anonymous donors who generously support and contribute to our community.

# MAHALO KAUAI FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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