

STATEWIDE HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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As part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness month, Hawaii is celebrating with a variety of events all across the state. Please join in wherever possible.

O'ahu

- "Cardboard City" Camp-Over at the Capital: Tuesday, November 10. Campers Needed, Bring Your Own Box. For more information call H-5 at 522-0397.
- Statewide Homeless Awareness Conference: "Enriching Knowledge, Renewing Energy"– Pacific Beach Hotel, Tuesday, November 17, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. For information contact Leslie Uyehara at luyehara@kphc.org or 791-6376.
- Walk the Talk: A 10-Day homeless awareness and fundraiser walk around Oahu, starting Wednesday, November 11 through Friday, November 20, sponsored by Hawaii Helping the Hungry Have Hope (H5). For information, go to www.hawaiiwalkthetalk.org.
- First Annual Homeless Awareness Week Movie Night: FREE screening of *Where God Left His Shoes*, Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM at the Paliku Theatre, Windward Community College. Donation of 1 canned good item per person requested.
- Candlelight Vigil: Friday, November 20, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, at the Hawaii State Capital, near the Father Damien statue. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC with sign waving, candlelight ceremony, special entertainment, testimonials and dinner.

Maui

- Signing Of The Proclamation By The Mayor Of The County of Maui: On Wednesday, November 18, at 3:00 PM, Mayor Charmaine Tavares will sign the proclamation declaring November 15-21, 2009, "Homeless Awareness Week."
- Sign – Waving / Public Awareness: Wednesday, November 18, at 3:30 PM there will be sign waving on Kaahumanu Avenue.
- Homeless Health Fair: Friday, November 20, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, at the Salvation Army in Kahalui.
- Candlelight Vigil: Friday, November 20, 6:00 PM, at the War Memorial Gym.

Hawai'i Island

- Signing Of The Proclamation By The Mayor Of The County of Hawai'i: On Monday, November 16, Mayor Billy Kenoi will sign the proclamation declaring November 15-21, 2009, "Homeless Awareness Week."
- Homeless Awareness Community Fair (Hilo): Wednesday, November 18, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM, at Wailoa State Park, Large Pavilion. FREE activities, live entertainment, free thanksgiving style meal, free personal care items, clothing, haircuts, resource tables, and door prizes.
- Homeless Awareness Community Fair (Kona): Thursday, November 19, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, at Hale Halawai. FREE activities, live entertainment, free thanksgiving style meal, free personal care items, clothing, haircuts, resource tables, and door prizes.
- Homeless Awareness Community Fair (Pahoa): Friday, November 20, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM, at Pahoa Neighborhood Facility (aka Pahoa Rec Center). FREE activities, live entertainment, free thanksgiving style meal, free personal care items, clothing, haircuts, resource tables, and door prizes.
- A Night Without Walls: Friday, November 20, starting at 5:00 PM, at Solid Rock Ministries Feeding Program; leading to a candlelight vigil and march to Hale Halawai at 6:00 PM. Personal testimonies and additional activities until 9:00 PM.

For more information, or to find out how you can be involved, please contact
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Kaua'i

- Kaua'i's Community Resources: Service Provider Fair: Saturday, November 14, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, at Kukui Grove. Service providers will provide resource materials to the general public to educate them about the services available on Kaua'i for those facing potential homelessness or for those who are currently homeless. Mayor Bernard Carvalho will be present (tentatively) to sign the proclamation declaring November 15-21, 2009, "Homeless Awareness Week" on Kaua'i.
- Kaua'i Homeless Issues Forum: Friday, November 20, 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM, at the Pi'ikoi Building – Conference Rooms A & B, Lunch with Your Legislators: Senator Gary Hooser along with local politicians will be present to discuss the issue of homelessness as it pertains to Kaua'i and what their vision is to end homelessness.
- Kaua'i Homeless Issues Forum: Friday, November 20, 1:00 PM – 4:45 PM, at the Pi'ikoi Building – Conference Rooms A & B, Four Sessions: 1A) Mental Health Issues: Working with mentally ill clients as services are being cut, 1B) Renter Readiness: Preparing clients to be good tenants, 2A) Public Health: Health Issues facing homeless clients and prevention, 2B) Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Funding: What programs on Kaua'i are receiving funding and who qualifies?
- Candlelight Vigil: Friday, November 20, 5:30 pm, at St. Michael's Church. Shedding light on the issue of homelessness in our community. Music, speakers and dinner.

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