

THE WEEK THAT WAS

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35



Mahalo Nui Loa Aunty Clarita for Keeping Us On Track!

Aunty Clarita Gabuga assists Wallyhouse with a very critical role. Aunty Clarita greets every single person who comes to Wallyhouse - five days a week - and she records their name, their zip code, and the number of people in their household. The reason this is so important is that Wallyhouse receives a federally funded block grant called "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families," or TANF for short. Every month, Wallyhouse staff submit these TANF numbers, and it assists the government with understanding nutrition needs

and statistics for our most vulnerable neighbors. The majority of our Wallyhouse friends are kupuna over the age of 60. According to the 2023 Point in Time Count, there were 4,028 unsheltered people on any given night on the island of O`ahu. Of these, 23% are fleeing domestic violence, 11% are Veterans, and 22% are 60 years of age or older. ***Aunty Clarita, thank you for tracking the important statistics we need to understand who our neighbors are!***

Friends in High Places!



Charlie Kokubun called up his contractor colleagues, and that very same day they were at St. Elizabeth's to remove a broken lamp panel! Thank you Oahu Contractors Association members Edwin Wong and John Cheung of CC Engineering & Construction for keeping us safe, and helping us to honor our history by preserving and maintaining our cherished treasures!





Create in me a clean heart! Psalm 51:10
 Over 25 volunteers signed up for the brass polishing party! The Bell Choir was out in full force, shining the chalices and bells, and Ana Langi and David Klienschmidt beautified the grounds! Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Faye, Faith Chock, Heather Manning, Dave Klienschmidt, Jerek Jong, Ana Langi, and then in the center, Doug Ing and Alex! Way to go! Mahalo to all who came!



**The Punawai Rest Stop!
 Did You Know?
 By Trudie China**

The City & County of Honolulu partners with Mental Health Kokua to operate the Punawai Rest Stop (PRS), addressing the basic hygiene needs of Honolulu's houseless in a clean, safe and dignified environment. It provides free showers, restrooms, and laundry facilities to these individuals and families. Beyond hygiene, PRS helps those without homes to be able to receive mail at their address and with phone charging. They may also link individuals to legal aid, replacing lost identifications, mental health counseling, housing, and so on. PRS is located 431 Kuwili Street, walking distance from St. Elizabeth's. They are open 7am to 11pm seven days a week (closed for an hour at 2:30).