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Taking a bite out of hunger on Kaua'i

Judy Lenthall works to help those in need

By Jon Letman
Kauai People

For Judy Faith Lenthall, it all boils down to this: a child on Kauai who would otherwise go to bed hungry, gets a hot meal with the promise of breakfast in the morning. As executive director of the Kauai Food Bank, Lenthall makes sure the organization's day to day operational duties are taken care of so those in need don't go hungry.

"If someone is hungry, we've not doing our job," Lenthall says.

With 5,000 emergency food requests each month, almost half of which are for children, Lenthall coordinates with her staff of five, a governing board of eight, some 1,000 volunteers and more than 60 partner agencies who distribute food through soup kitchens, neighborhood pantries and outreach programs for families, children, seniors or anyone in need of food.

Choices, groceries, food retailers, non-profits and individuals island wide contribute to the Kauai Food Bank. "It's such a huge volume. I'm just the executive director," Lenthall says modestly. But under Lenthall's direction the Kauai Food Bank has earned a slew of national awards, not only for distributing food, but also promoting individual and community self-sustainability and providing job training and experience in its Nawiliwili office and warehouse.

Kauai Food Bank works with social welfare programs like Alii Liko and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and, before the floods of 2006, overseas two farms that taught people how to grow their own food and practice sustainable agriculture at a grass roots level.

Lenthall, an avid world traveler with more than 20 years of experience in housing programs and planning, recalls how she was selected by the board of directors to oversee the Kauai Food Bank after it grew independent from the Oahu Food Bank in January 1995.

At the time Lenthall was unemployed for the first time in her professional life and had reached a point where she literally prayed for a job in which she could be of service. The next day her cousin suggested she apply for the position she continues to hold today.

"I told you my middle name is Faith," Lenthall says.

Good thing too, for her job requires she have plenty of faith, position and stamina.

And on an island where multi-million dollar homes spring up faster than mushrooms in a pasture, there is always a risk that people will overlook the very real need to provide food assistance throughout the community.

"If you don't see hunger on Kauai, you're in denial or you haven't seen it."

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JUST THE FACTS

The Kauai Food Bank staff seeks your help replenishing depleted food stock and financial resources. During its holiday food drive underway now through Dec. 14, heartfelt, non-perishable food items can be dropped off at all Kauai's fire stations and Kauai Food Bank's warehouse in Nawiliwili. Cash donations allow the Food Bank to distribute \$7 worth of groceries for every dollar given.

The Food Bank also welcomes donated vehicles and other equipment useful for distribution and pack up, warehouse and office operations.

Join the Kauai Food Bank (KFB) as a volunteer by calling 246-3609 or visiting <http://www.kauaifoodbank.org>.



Kauai Food Bank staff, from left, Kalvin Moniz, Aracely Flores, Zekiah Cavies, Aisha Justice, Judy Lenthall. Missing from photo are Michele Paroke and James Hughes whom Lenthall calls "the backbone of the Food Bank."

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