

# Lending a Hand

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## About our project

Nowadays we don't take the time to appreciate what we have and what we are given. In hawaii, homeless people and tents are everywhere downtown, so many people in poverty with nobody helping them. Our group wanted to put in the work and to help them directly and indirectly. For example, some of us went to go personally help them face to face and some of us just donated old clothes and supplies.



## About our project

We donated old clothes, other things we didn't need, and we gave some old supplies to goodwill. Other people in group donated small gift boxes and food to them. We all did things on our breaks or when ever we could.





## Non Profit.

Our non profit organization was the salvation army. We chose the salvation army because the salvation army was on each of our islands where we were doing our project. Through their example and communicating with them we were able to get a good idea about how we should conduct our project. We also gave some donations to them as well.

Salvation Army, Maui Corps - <https://hawaii.salvationarmy.org/hawaii/maui>

Salvation Army, Kauai Corps - <https://hawaii.salvationarmy.org/hawaii/kauai>

Salvation Army, Oahu Corps - <https://hawaii.salvationarmy.org/hawaii/oahu>



## Why it is important

It is important for us to give back to the community and the people who have it worse than us. Poverty is something that affects just about every place in the world. Many people that are in poverty are good people that can make good contributions to society, but poverty holds them back. By ending poverty we can create a better society for everyone.





# Our Research

According to an article by Hawaii News Now they stated “One in 6 Hawaii residents live in poverty, according to the Census Bureau’s “supplemental poverty measure.”

The calculation incorporates regional cost of living differences and considers government benefits aimed at relieving poverty, unlike the official poverty measure.

Nationally, according to the supplemental measure, 15.1 percent of Americans are living in poverty. Hawaii, with 16.8 percent below the poverty line using the supplemental measure, ties with Georgia for its percentage of people in poverty.”

<b>POVERTY IN HAWAII</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Official poverty measure</b>	<b>Supplemental poverty measure</b>
<b>2013-15</b>	10.9%	16.8%
<b>2011-13</b>	12.4%	18.4%
<b>2009-11</b>	12.5%	17.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Our Research

Today poverty is a big issue in Hawaii. In 1999, the average Hawaiian family income was \$55,865. This was below the state average of \$66,413, with a \$10,548 difference. However, since then it has gotten a little better. In 2014, the median Hawaiian family income was \$72,762. This was still below the state average of \$80,316, but it was closer than in 1999 with a \$7,554 difference. Homeless camps have been set up around the island of Oahu. Hawaii's high living costs make it hard to buy a house. Not only is the housing cost high, but the electricity costs and the costs of gasoline are high too.





# Kekai Morimoto-Personal Slide

This project started with our group deciding what we should and could do. We went through a lot of trial and error of finding what we want to do, so we ended up changing topics to fit something easier like donating old clothes and things we didn't need to salvation army or and thrift shops.

I had the time to take some of my old clothes from my drawer and closet and go to the salvation army and this other place in hanapepe town on kauai to donate my old clothes that I could no longer fit anymore.





## Kekai Morimoto-Personal Slide pt.2

I know there is people trying to change our community by being very harsh to homeless by kicking them out of their spots but that's not the way we should do it. We should be doing a more friendlier approach to it, they need to devote more money to this problem. I can continue giving my old clothes to the salvation army.



# Bryson Kapahu - Personal Slide

We decided on doing this because Poverty is one of the most common world issues and in our communities it's a big issue. We struggled at the beginning with all the planning because three of us are borders so we don't really have a ride to any places. It really affected me and my perspective on things in my community. It taught me to look at the bigger picture and to know that if we want to fix problems in the world it starts with our community.





# Bryson Kapahu - Personal Slide. Part Two

We got our groups because we are all close friends and was interested in the same thing. We chose this because it is common in all our communities and is not something we like to see. Some challenges we faced as a group is figuring out where to start. We had trouble with transportation because the three of us are borders so it's hard for us to get off campus. We all evolved into good leaders. We all learned how to communicate with each other and how to get everyone's opinions involved enable to make everyone happy with the project.

I was able to donate some of my old clothes that i never used to my local Salvation Army. My grandma does this at least once a month because we always have to much clothes and instead of wasting it she donates them.



# Rapanui Pu - Personal Slide

The project started way back when we were working on our individual countries. We figured out that all of our countries had one thing in common, poverty existed in all of them. That's why we made the decision to choose poverty for our kahiau project. We didn't necessarily accomplish a big feat, all we did was lend a hand to people that needed it, but in doing that we managed to make a difference in our communities and hopefully inspire others. For my part, I put together packages of tuna sandwiches, water, sanitary items. I will continue this work by helping and doing what I can to help those in need and hopefully, do even more in the future when I am an adult.





## Rapanui Pu - Personal Slide 2

We were all good friends and for the majority of the school year we have been sitting in the same Pods, we also were interested in doing poverty as our topic. Those are the main reasons we became a group. We faced many major problems that caused us to change up plans. It took us a while to actually come up with a plan in the first place. When major obstacle was that all of us except Aiden were boarders which made transportation a lot harder. We went from



agreeing on working on the project on oahu to working on it separately in our different islands. Doing this i learned that it is very important to be impactful members of society, because saw first hand what could happen to you or loved ones if you didn't try to be impactful members of society by making a difference.



# Aidan Aquino - Personal Slide

The project started with a lot of trial and error, and for a while we couldn't figure out exactly what it was we wanted to do. There was several things that we wanted to do, and several things that we wanted to contribute to, but we finally agreed on going into helping poverty.

I gave some of my clothes to the goodwill down by my house in Kaimuki. Not only did I accomplish giving clothes away, but I now know what it feels like to give back.





## Aidan Aquino Personal slide pt. 2

This project was one thing that really opened my eyes to how different people's lives can be. At times, I felt like my life was hard, however it was nothing compared to the things that people were going through on the streets. It was one of the main things that I learned from this project. In order to continue this, I'm going to make sure that I continue giving back to my community.





# The project as the group

When we started there was a ton of problems because only one of us was a day student so there was limitations for the boarders who can't get off the campus to do work, we had to do our project at home on our own island where we could actually get around and do stuff. As a boarder I have nothing to give here as I can't just give stuff away because I need those things, but at home we have people who can help us right away.

The biggest challenges were working together because we can't meet each other everyday and work together because we can't just leave campus on will.



## The project as a group Pt.2

We had to overcome it by just doing it by ourselves on our own island whenever we were home to do it, so the group project was a very hard thing to do.

As kamehameha students we all realize that we are very privileged and blessed to be where we are now, so seeing other people who have way less than us is really shocking because we are at a whole different point in life than we do and we need to give back.



**PSA**





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