

JULY 2023

# SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

KALIHI, MAPUNAPUNA, AIRPORT, SALT LAKE, ALIAMANU, FOSTER VILLAGE, HICKAM, PEARL HARBOR, AND PORTIONS OF AIEA AND PEARL CITY



## CIP FUNDING RELEASED FOR MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL



Last month, Governor Green released \$750,000 for a new girls' athletic locker room at Moanalua High School. This is one of several projects that aim to improve the health and well-being of MoHS students through improving athletic facilities on the campus.

## COLLEEN MINAMI HONORED FOR WORK AT ALOHA MEDICAL MISSION



Salt Lake resident Colleen Minami was honored at her retirement party, following decades of grant writing for the Aloha Medical Mission. She secured millions of dollars so the organization could save lives throughout the Asia Pacific region. Congratulations, Colleen!

## SENATOR WAKAI VISITS THE PANTRY, BY FEEDING HAWAII TOGETHER

The Pantry, by Feeding Hawaii Together, located in Kalihi is the only e-commerce food pantry in the country that operates weekly, year-round to provide free, nutritious food to feed over 800 Hawaii families each week. Customers can choose the food they want and when they need it; they employ a "grocery store style" experience by offering a range of food for their clients to choose from, which reduces food waste. In 2022, they provided 1,265,645 meals and have over 1,700 volunteers from the community that give their time to help address food insecurity.

On June 9, Senator Wakai, Senator Elefante and their staff participated in a tour of The Pantry to learn more about their operations and processes in getting food to local families. In the average month, they serve about 10,000 individuals through a contactless, drive-up process where volunteers provide customers with the custom food order they placed online.

The Pantry is here for all individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. If you or you know someone who needs food, go to [www.shop.thepantry.org](http://www.shop.thepantry.org) where you can register and learn more about their shopping and pickup guidelines. For more information, go to [www.thepantry.org](http://www.thepantry.org).

