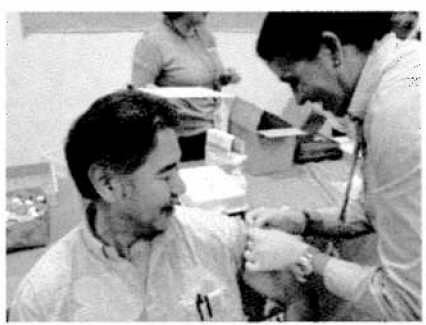


The Senate is Doing Its Share to Feed the Hungry

For the past few years, the entire Senate has worked tirelessly to raise funds and collect nonperishable food items for the Hawai'i Foodbank. Last year, we donated a total of 615 pounds of food and \$14,336.23. Each office "competes" for points by sponsoring sales or collections.

In line with Senator Ige's focus on Health, our office sponsored an H1N1 Flu Shot Clinic when staff from both HMSA and Kaiser Permanente Health Corporation provided shots for those who met the age and ID requirements. Donations of canned goods or cash were accepted. Pictured below is Senator Ige receiving his "shot in the arm" to help prevent the epidemic of hunger.



Senator Ige gets shot in the arm during the H1N1 Flu shot clinic.

Prior to the shot clinic, we sponsored a snack and dessert food sale featuring chocolate covered strawberries, Red Velvet Cupcakes, strawberry ice cake – things to remind us that while we were still "In the Red," we could still be generous to those less fortunate.



Various goodies from "In the Red" fund raiser.

To celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, we had a "Going Green" event and remind us all that we in the Senate are spearheading efforts to reduce our waste. We sold green goodies and salads for green cash or the equivalent in recyclable cans and plastic bottles (i.e., 20 cans = \$1). This was followed by a "Spring Is Here" event which featured an "egg hunt" in which numbers qualified for various prizes and a sale of various desserts.



Various goodies from "Going Green" fund raiser.

Our last fund raiser to raise awareness for the need for people to support the Hawai'i Food Bank's efforts, was a "Soup Kitchen." Corn chowder and Tomato Barley Soups were sold in cups or bread bowls, and a 24 hour Salad was also sold. All food items were homemade and prepared by the office staff members.



Staffer Lauren Wright prepares bread bowls for the "Soup Kitchen" fundraiser

All of these efforts are helping to increase the total amount being raised to help the Hawai'i Foodbank feed the many who are in need of help in these tough times.