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LEEWARD CONVOY OF HOPE BRIGHTENS FUTURE FOR MORE THAN 4500

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, the corner lot located at Fort Barrette and Farrington Highway was once again transformed into the Convoy of Hope for the Leeward side showcasing how faith-based organizations, businesses, health-care industries, non-profits and individuals can come together for one cause - - helping others in need. The services provided were basic necessities that we often take for granted.

1203 volunteers converged to serve more than 4500 individuals in need of help. Blind to any faith or affiliation, those in need might have benefitted from 1625 pairs of shoes, 10,000 articles of clothing, 1125 school-ready backpacks, 390 portraits, 290 haircuts, or just a simple prayer. This year, Convoy of Hope was pleased to have the National Breast Cancer Foundation join the Convoy as one of our newest volunteer affiliate organizations. National Breast Cancer Foundation served 571 women in need and prequalified at no charge, mammograms for 68 women. Whatever an individual's need was, there was a volunteer that was prepared to help West Oahu's most vulnerable with their greatest or strongest needs, or to point them in the right direction.

This event would not have been possible without the efforts of all the volunteers, but also without the tireless work of Pastor Mel Corpuz, the Leeward site director, Pastor Scott Sonoda, Bulla and Lynette Eastman from Convoy of Hope Hawaii, and Col. Danny Melton (ret.) from Royal Kunia. Many West Oahu organizations and businesses contributed to the event to help make it possible.

When many individuals come together, West Oahu becomes better than the sum of its parts. This event is a reminder that hope starts here in our community and together, we have the power to transform people's lives, inspire compassion and service, and people and organizations together like never before.

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you and your families well. School is back in session so I want to remind everyone to expect additional traffic on our roadways. To help provide motorists with up-to-date traffic information, the state DOT announced the release of a new GoAkamai App for iPhone, iPad and Android mobile devices. The GoAkamai App provides traffic congestion information, drive times and images from over 200 traffic cameras on Oahu's state freeways, highways and roads. The App is available on the Android and iPhone App Stores. You may also view the GoAkamai website from your home computer before you leave by visiting www.goakamai.org

As always, please contact me at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov or 586-8500 with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Aloha,

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Rep. Har thanking Convoy of Hope Kapolei volunteers for helping to provide basic necessities to those in need.



Over 1200 volunteers participated in providing a day of hope at the Convoy of Hope Leeward site in Kapolei.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY TIPS-KNOW WHAT TO DO

June 1, 2013 marked the beginning of hurricane season in the Central Pacific. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicted a below normal hurricane season in the Central Pacific area (2-4 tropical cyclones this season) but it has been a busy season so far so it's always a good idea to be prepared just in case. Hurricanes can have a devastating effect on the communities it leaves in its wake. Planning ahead can reduce the chances of injury or major property damage should a hurricane strike.

What to do

If a Hurricane warning is issued, important emergency information will be broadcast over television and radio stations using the Emergency Alert System. In the event of electrical outages please keep a battery operated radio and spare batteries on hand. If you live on the shoreline or near the ocean, please be sure to check the coastal evacuation maps in the telephone white pages or visit the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) website at <http://www.oahuDEM.org>.

When a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Watch is issued

- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Prepare to cover all windows and door openings with boards, shutters or other shielding materials.
- Check food and water supplies. Have clean, air-tight containers on hand to store at least two weeks of drinking water (14 gallons per person), and stock up on canned provisions. Keep a small cooler with frozen gel packs handy for packing refrigerated items.
- Check prescription medicines - obtain at least 10 days to 2 weeks supply.
- Stock up on extra batteries for radios, flashlights, and lanterns.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools.
- Check and replenish first-aid supplies.
- Have on hand an extra supply of cash.



When a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning is issued:

- Follow instructions issued by civil defense. Leave immediately if ordered to do so.
- Complete preparation activities, such as boarding up windows and storing loose objects.
- Evacuate areas that might be affected by storm surge flooding. If evacuating, leave early.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.



For more information on how to prepare for a hurricane, please visit the City's Department of Emergency Management's Website at <http://www.oahuDEM.org> or the Hawaii State Civil Defense website at <http://www.scd.hawaii.gov/>. Hurricane season ends on November 30, 2013.

CONGRATULATIONS PACIFIC ALLIED PRODUCTS LTD!

Pacific Allied Products Ltd., headquartered in Kapolei, celebrated the launch of its new state-of-the-art equipment for its water filling company packaging line on August 16, 2013.

Founded in 1965, the company initially produced wall panels, ice coolers, surfboards, and swim rings using Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam. In 1992, the company expanded its product line to include the manufacturing of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) products for the local bottling industry. In 2005, Pacific Allied Products added a new 30,000-square-foot PET manufacturing plant, enabling the company to produce more than 200 million bottles per year. Pacific Allied Products produces bottles for Dasani, Aloha Wai, Island Pure, Hawaii Deep Blue, Aloha Water, The West is Best (UH West Oahu), Hilo Hattie, Halekulani Hotel, Fleetwood's on Front Street, Naturally Hawaiian and Hawaii H2O.



Pacific Allied Products also manufactures pre-forms for Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and Menehune Water.