



# SUMMER 2023 KAUA'I IMPACT REPORT

*An 8-week summer meal box distribution program that feeds Kaua'i's most in-need children while supporting our local food system.*

**3,400 MEALS BOXES SHARED**  
**PROVIDING 47,600 MEALS**  
**THROUGH THE HELP OF**  
**70+ VOLUNTEERS**



## Keeping It Local!

**11 LOCAL PRODUCERS SUPPORTED**  
**\$95,000+ IN LOCAL FOOD PURCHASED**  
**3,400 POUNDS OF POI**

**85% OF FAMILIES HAD AN INCREASED**  
**INTEREST IN BUYING LOCAL FOODS**

**TOP 5 FAVORITE MEALS BOX ITEMS:**  
*watermelon, bananas, poi, papaya, & bread*

## More Than Food for Our Keiki...

**86%** *saw improved mental health and lowered stress*

**74%** *had improved food security*

**49%** *prepared food together as an 'ohana more often*

**47%** *ate more from-scratch prepared meals*

**30%** *sat down as a family for meals together more*



*" It got our two youngest children interested in cooking and trying new things!"*

*" I loved that you gave a sample menu of what to make out of the box. It helped relieve the stress and worry on what to make with it "*



*" Having boxes every week has been such a blessing and has eased my stress of making my SNAP funds last the whole month. "*



*" Knowing my community can help each other at any time of need brings lots of aloha to the island of Kaua'i. "*





" It showed me how much better tasting and longer lasting local food is and I have already started shopping local more and using my DA BUX card whenever possible "



**99%** said Kaukau 4 Keiki made them feel a stronger sense of community

**100%** would participate again



" We were given the chance of eating poi every week which is a huge treat for us! We were also always stocked up with fruits and veggies! "

- Aloha 'Āina Poi Co.
- Aloun Farms
- Anahola Granola
- Compost Kaua'i
- Deja Vu Surf Hawai'i
- Esaki's Produce
- Hawai'i Child Nutrition Program
- Hawai'i Foodservice Alliance
- Kamehameha Schools
- Kaua'i Glory Farm
- Kaua'i Kookie
- Kaua'i North Shore Community Foundation
- Kaua'i United Church of Christ Kapa'a

- Koloa Elementary School
- Kūkulu Kumuhana O Anahola
- Lilī'uokalani Trust
- Lin's Farms
- RSVP
- Safeway
- Target
- Uncle Mikey's Dried Fruit
- USDA
- VIP Treats & Sweets
- Wailua Granola Co.
- Waimea Huaka'i
- Zonta Club of Hanalei

**KauKau  
4 Keiki**

**Want to get  
involved next summer?**

**Mālama  
Kaua'i**

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**MAHALO NUI LOA**