



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII'S HOUSING PROGRAMS RECEIVE
DONATIONS FROM STARWOOD HOTELS & RESORTS**

HONOLULU, HI (August 27, 2012) – Starwood Hotels & Resorts recently donated much-needed household goods to Catholic Charities Hawai'i to help support local families in need. Employees of the Sheraton Waikiki, Sheraton Princess Kaiulani, Royal Hawaiian Hotel and the Moana Surfrider donated canned goods, toiletries and other household items that will help homeless individuals and struggling families transitioning into affordable housing.

Several Starwood Hotels & Resorts Waikiki management trainees were the champions of the donation efforts. "Designed to enrich our employees with management and leadership skills, our Starwood Management Trainee Program also teaches our staff to give back to the local community and be involved in social issues impacting our state," said Keith Vieira, senior vice president & director of operations, Hawaii and French Polynesia, Starwood Hotels and Resorts. "Our partnership with Catholic Charities Hawai'i allowed a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful contribution."

"We're so grateful to the employees at Starwood Hotels and Resorts Hawai'i for their donations and, moreover, for their sincere care for our underserved population," said Jerry Rauckhorst, president and CEO of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

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For more information on Catholic Charities Hawai'i or to get involved, please visit www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org.

About Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Serving Hawai'i since 1947, Catholic Charities Hawai'i offers assistance to people in need, regardless of faith or culture. Long trusted in the community for their innovative and professional approach to human services, Catholic Charities Hawai'i provides much needed services through over 30 programs statewide. Catholic Charities Hawai'i is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation. They are a partner agency of Aloha United Way and a member of the nationwide Catholic Charities USA organization. For more information please visit www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org.

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