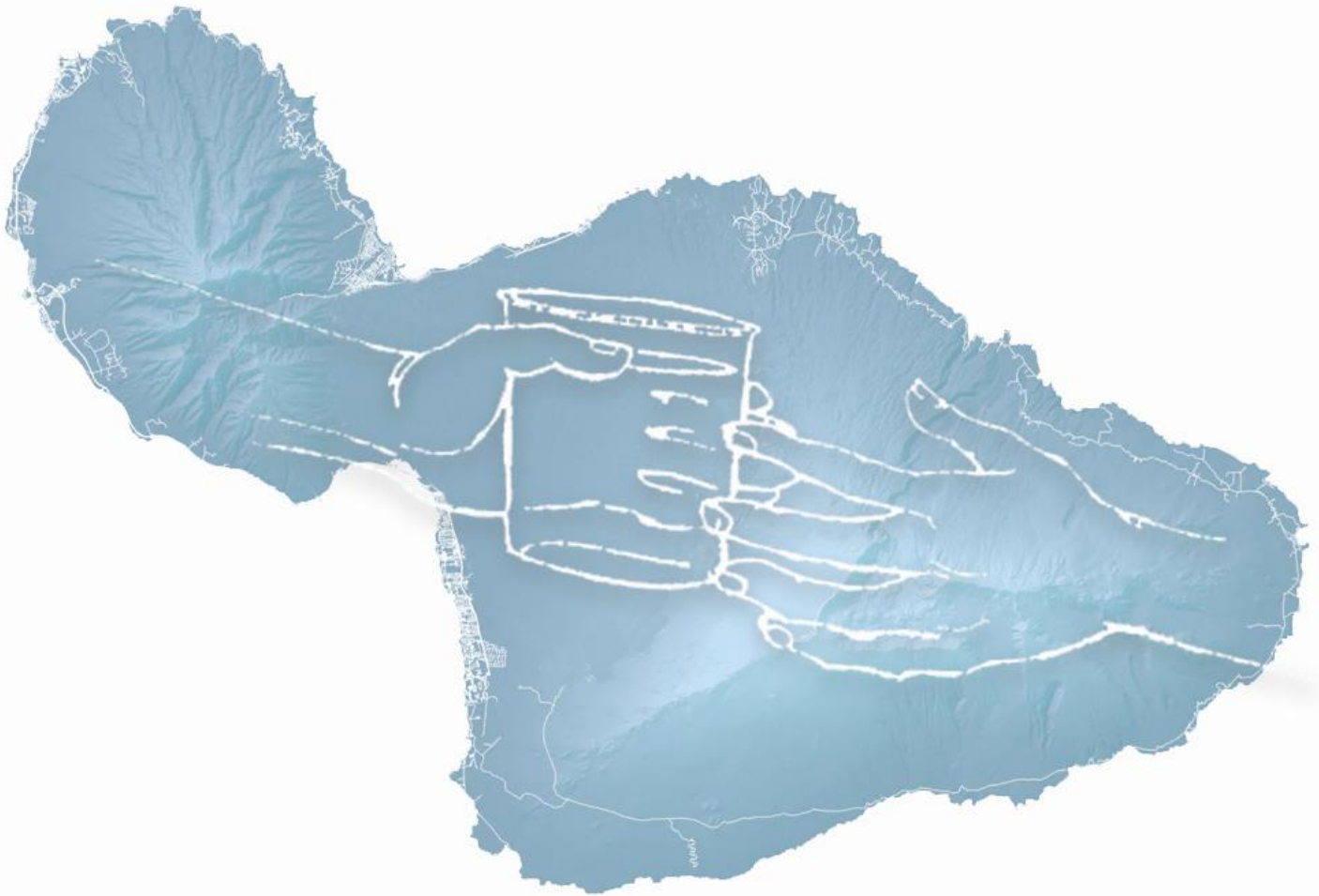


A CUP OF COLD WATER

2023 Annual Report



**LOVING SUPPORT OF
MAUI'S UNSHELTERED**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I took over as President of ACCW on June 1, 2024, after Deb Lynch had been President for 4 years through Covid. At the time ACCW had one run a week to the unsheltered people in Central Maui. Two months later on August 8th parts of Maui were devastated by wildfires.



The day after the Maui wildfires Keku Akana, who was instrumental in starting ACCW and who was then Maui County's Managing Director, asked ACCW to take water and supplies for 100 people to West Maui. The van was granted access, and I went with Deb and Trip Lynch to take the supplies to a church in Napili. As we drove along the bypass highway above Lahaina, it was hard to believe the blackened ruins were where the Town of Lahaina used to be. We passed a multi-story building still burning with flames, and the scenes were etched in my memory. We saw people standing on corners just staring.

The Board of ACCW made the decision to add a weekly run to the South Side to the existing Central Maui run, effectively doubling the supplies and volunteers needed. At least half the people we encountered in Ma'alaea and Kihei were from Lahaina, and many were in shock.

FEMA and the Red Cross appeared very soon in West Maui with medical care and supplies. Many houseless people were given rooms in hotels and condos, but some that had been living in Cut Mountain, an area between Olowalu and Lahaina, remained. The Board decided to begin weekly runs to West Maui since we knew the federal support would end at some point, and we wanted to be ready.

At the Board meeting just before the wildfires the Treasurer's Report showed that the bank balance for ACCW was the lowest in it had been since the beginning of the mission in 2013. When the wildfires occurred, there was a generous outpouring of donations to ACCW. Large and small donations came to ACCW from many places and organizations, including churches across the country, individuals, and foundations. We are ever so grateful, and thank you notes or letters were sent to all the donors. There were many \$15 and \$25 heartfelt donations from individuals. The Board has prayerfully tried to use the money in the way it was intended by the donors, including giving money to wildfire victims through the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wailuku and St. John's Episcopal Church in Kula.

To say ACCW suddenly expanded after the wildfires is an understatement. There were 3 runs a week prior to Covid, but there were 70+ volunteers at that time. That number dwindled dramatically during Covid, so since the wildfires, ACCW has been trying to accomplish what was done before Covid but with a much smaller number of volunteers, who were bordering on burnout. In December the Episcopal Church sent 2 people from the Emergency Relief and Development, which sends people to disasters all over the world, to assess (*cont.*)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT (cont.)

(cont.) and help on Maui. Their conclusion was we were insane if we thought we could continue to operate ACCW in the same way we had before the wildfires. One ERD representative said she would write a grant and wanted ACCW to hire a part-time assistant. ACCW has always been all-volunteer and taken no government money. The Board made the decision to follow the ERD advice and hire a part-time Outreach Ministry Aide (OMA). Requests for applications for the OMA position were made in the Maui Episcopal churches and online job posting websites. A final candidate was selected and started on March 1, 2024.

Volunteers from several sources have made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the ministry. It is gratifying that St. John's Episcopal Church has provided sandwiches every week, the Kahului and Wailuku Hongwanjis have provided them 4 Thursdays a month, and now Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church is providing them twice a month. Handing the sandwiches to welcoming hands has become as integral as the bottles of cold water to our mission. For many people this will be the only thing they eat that day.

We are so grateful to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church for providing ACCW with space for the supply room. With the part-time employee requiring office space and our need to store additional supplies the Board has decided to rent office space. At present the van is stored at a home near the Church, and it would be much more convenient to store the van by the supply room. The plan is to rent office space, storage space, and a parking space for the van from Good Shepherd Church near the supply room, which they currently donate to our cause.

It is inspiring to provide compassion, cold water, a PB&J sandwich, other food in a bag, hygiene kits, slippers, clothes, towels, sheets, pet food, back packs, tarps, and other items to those living on the street. It is also exhausting. Additional volunteers for the van (just once or twice a month from 7:30 – 1:00 or 1:30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays) and the supply room (from 11 – 1 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) are slowly being recruited. With additional volunteer help and the OMA hire the steadfast ACCW volunteers are gradually getting some relief.

The affordable housing shortage on Maui was bad before the wildfires, and now it is a crisis. A FEMA employee from Puerto Rico who has been to many disasters told me the situation on Maui is the worst she has seen because people cannot drive somewhere else to find housing. The main shelter on Maui, Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center, does what it can and is full. One of its centers in West Maui burned. In a matter of days after the wildfires Project Vision put up Pu'uhonua O Nēne, or Tent City, which is full. The Family Life Center (which received some money from ACCW) has some modular units and is focusing on families with children 5 and under and on kupuna. All these contributions to housing on Maui are helping, but so much more is needed.

OUR TEAM, OUR PEOPLE, OUR FAMILY, OUR FRIENDS

ACCW RELIES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON VOLUNTEERS

Your support of ACCW is vital to our existence. Here's how you can help.

VOLUNTEER: We always need volunteers for all duties including Run Riders, Run Leaders, Supply Room and Board work.

DONATE: Items can be donated through any Episcopal Church on Maui. Funds can be donated via our mailing address (see back page) or visiting www.accwmaui.org. Ask about tax-efficient support options such as direct IRA distributions, stock donations and planned giving by email to chuck@accwmaui.org.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii
St. John's Episcopal Church, Kula
Holy Innocents Episcopal, Lahaina
Trinity by the Sea Episcopal, Kihei
Trinity Treasures Thrift Store, Kihei
Church of the Good Shepherd, Wailuku
Women of Good Shepherd Church
Makawao Union Church
Second Hand Heaven, Makawao
Kahului Hongwanji Buddhist Mission
Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Mission
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
Maria Lanakila Catholic Church
Keawala'i Congregational Church
Maui Humane Society
Kihei Lutheran Church

DID YOU KNOW?

In early 2024 ACCW hired its first paid employee, an **Outreach Ministry Aide**, in response to the significant increase in unsheltered community needs following the August 2023 wildfires.



ACCW Mission Financials 2023	
2023 Balance Sheet (as of 12/31/23)	
Assets	
Cash	\$370,584
BOH CD	\$250,000
Reserve for Van Replacement (Restricted)	\$47,173
Board Restricted General Fund	\$28,985
Total Assets	\$696,742
Liabilities & Equity	
Accounts Payable	\$0
Opening Balance Equity	\$10,462
Board Restricted General Fund	\$28,985
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$13,009
Board Restricted Van Replacement Fund	\$47,173
Net Income	\$597,113
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$696,742
2023 Revenue & Expenses	
Revenue	
Gifts from Individuals	\$113,034
Gifts from Churches	\$83,256
Gifts from Charitable/Private Trusts & Grants	\$31,665
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$8,351
Wildfire Relief Grants	\$10,550
Wildfire Relief Individual Donors	\$77,361
Wildfire Relief Churches	\$227,806
Wildfire Relief Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii	\$237,806
Wildfire Relief Individual Trust & Foundations	\$6,250
Wildfire Relief - Other	\$2,000
Online Grants and Donors	\$10,100
Total Income	\$808,179
Expenses	
Street Outreach	\$42,231
Van Insurance, Liability Insurance, CPA Fees	\$5,194
Administration	\$3,518
Wildfires Relief-Indiv, Organizations, Church Distributions	\$160,123
Total Expenses *	\$211,066
Net Income	\$597,113

OUR ENTIRE WORLD CHANGED IN A DAY

“The fire was just traveling too fast, and too hot, and the next thing you know Lahaina town is gone... literally gone.”

- Mark Stefl, who lost his house on Maui, along with his dog
- and cat, as he and his wife scrambled to escape the wildfire.



Delivering the basic needs of water, nutrition, clothing and comfort to Maui's unsheltered

ACCW HELP WANTED

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POSITIONS: Desire to spend time with all God's children in work, laughter, joy and grace in a love filled environment.

***PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH BRIGADE:** PB&J sandwiches - do you have some people or students wanting a project to help? Maybe once a month? Because the numbers ACCW serves are increasing, ACCW always welcomes other compassionate PB&J sandwich donations besides those that Trinity, St. John's and the Buddhist missions already make.

RUN LEADERS: Needs current Hawaii driver's license, drivers abstract. Relieve Run Leaders who have served for 4 years. Approximately 8 hours a month, 2 Runs per month (if enough volunteers, we can return to 2/week). Benefits include training and support, amazing teams to work with, grace and joy filled time serving our brothers and sisters around Maui.

RUN RIDERS: Volunteers who would like to go on Van Runs on a regular basis. Approximately 4-5 hours a month, 1 Run per month. Benefits include training and support, amazing teams to work with, grace and joy filled time serving our brothers and sisters around Maui.

SUPPLY ROOM: Needs physical ability to stand, bend, sit and lift 3-4 lbs. Will sort, count and make decisions on donated items. Benefits include short hours, air cooled Supply Room, amazing angels to work with, laughter and friendship.

***DONATIONS COORDINATOR (Hotels/Condos/Corporations, etc.):** Needs ability to multi task, work closely with President, basic computer skills. Will communicate with representatives of various organizations and arrange for pick up of their in-kind donations by Volunteers, Friends or Run Leaders. Will help to solicit donations when needs grow as requested by the Supply Room Volunteers. Benefits include short hours and working from home with communication via phone and computer. Not required to be the actual people who do the collecting and delivery to the Supply Room, they just need to be able to find people to do the transporting and organize the collection.

***PACKAGING HELP:** We need someone to package up the first aid kits on a regular basis. All materials will be supplied. Please contact Marilyn Hirashima or Jean Fiddes if you can help. (First Aid kits are something many of those we serve really need and ask for. This is a great way to help, but not have to go on Runs).

***Positions requiring a volunteer's time only a few times a year and are another way to help without going on Runs.**

For more information or to offer your volunteer time, please send an email to info@accwmaui.com

2023 ACCW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(As of December 31, 2023)

The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii

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Director and President

The Rev. Linda Decker
Director, Recording Secretary and In-Reach

Jean Fiddes
Director and Treasurer

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Director and Accounting Liaison

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Director and Communications Coordinator

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Director

Marilynn Hirashima
Director and Supply Room Coordinator

The Rev. George Wong
Director and Clergy Representative

NOTE: Former President Deb Lynch and The Rev. Amy Crowe resigned from the Board of Directors in 2023. A heartfelt mahalo nui loa for their service and commitment to ACCW.

MAHALO NUI LOA...

Wailuku McDonald's for always supplying ice for our cold water; Father Moki, Cora Brown and the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church office team for always supporting and helping; Good Shepherd for providing storage and parking space; Lea Voss for her 10+ yrs of volunteer bookkeeping services; Golf Carts Hawaii for the storage space; Trinity by the Sea, St John's, Diocese of Hawaii for website and grant; and all others who helped make sure the van was clean, stocked, gassed and ready to roll.

Special thanks to the Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich crews:

Charlotte Wilkerson & the Kahului Hongwanji Buddhist Mission, Gwen Ohashi Hiraga & the Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Mission, Maui Friends Worship Group, Trinity Episcopal Church By-the-Sea, St. John's Episcopal Church and John & Rev Linda Decker

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