



H-5's Home Address

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Walk the Talk

November 12 – 21, 2008

Aloha! To commemorate National Homeless Awareness Month in November, we will be marking this important milestone with the fourth annual Walk the Talk. We are proud to introduce this event to our readers as a way to stand up for a cause and have fun at the same time!

During the 10-day walk we will be travelling the island of Oahu and spreading the message that Hawaii has the ability to solve its problem of homelessness. And, like most long journeys and monumental tasks that seem simply overwhelming, we believe this challenge will begin just the way it ends... with a single step.

Walk the Talk has its origins back in November of 2004, when H5's (Hawaii Helping the Hungry Have Hope) Executive Director, Utu Langi, was asked to participate in Homeless Awareness Week. Utu and a group of friends at H5 decided on a ten-day trek around Oahu which would end with a Homeless Awareness Rally at the State Capital. This was an opportunity to bring the issue of homelessness to the forefront all over the island of O'ahu. Also, "this might be a way to get into condition and lose some weight," Utu said.

The Walk proceeded as scheduled, consisting of 12-15 miles each day and overnight stops at each leg along the way. Every night a forum was held to discuss and discover some of the issue's surrounding homelessness. But after day four of the Walk, Utu realized that he wasn't losing weight quite as planned. "We were getting fed at every stop. And we're talking a lot!" However, the walkers all agreed they had made many friends along the way. Curtis Kroper, Executive Director of Hawaiian Hope, added that "the journey around Oahu on foot is a great way to see the many beautiful sights we have and to reflect on things we miss by car."

This year marks the fourth annual Walk the Talk and is a prime example of H5's commitment to help bring the homeless issue upfront in the State of Hawaii and to acknowledge that this problem affects real people and needs a real solution.

Although some fantastic sponsors are already on board, we recognize that this event is not possible without YOUR support.

Please go to www.walkthetalkhawaii.org to register to participate, make a pledge, volunteer, view previous years walk, or to find out more.

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2007 Walk at Yokohama Bay

Register at www.walkthetalkhawaii.org

Raising money for Walk the Talk is a worthwhile undertaking, and one that will give you a great sense of satisfaction. We want to help you reach your goal and exceed it! It's simple to achieve.

Put in your own \$30 contribution... Ask 3 friends for \$10... Ask 5 friends for \$10... Ask your

spouse or partner \$15... Ask 3 relatives for \$10... Ask 6 people from work for \$10... **You made \$200!**

H-5 Feeding Program – Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
<p>8:00am Pancake Breakfast – First United Methodist Church, 1020 S. Beretania Street (next to the Honolulu Academy of Arts)</p> <p>6:00pm Dinner – Keehi Lagoon Park (by the tennis courts)</p> <p>6:30pm Dinner –Downtown, North Kukui Street (river bridge next to the pavilions)</p> <p>7:00pm Dinner – Kaka’ako Park – next to the John Burns UH Medical School</p>	<p>7:30pm Dinner – Waikiki Beach, across the street from the Honolulu Zoo entrance</p>	<p>11am-3pm Sandwich Lunch Bag – Waianae Coast</p>

A Little History

H-5 (Hawaii Helping the Hungry Have Hope) began in 1996 when its founder Utu Langi gave a blanket to a person sleeping at a bus stop one early morning in Honolulu. This humble gesture has evolved with the help of the community. Today, H-5 operates a number of programs on the island...

Some of H-5’s Projects

Meal Services

Aware of food’s healing properties and its ability to bring friends together, we serve weekly hot meals to over 300 unsheltered individuals at public parks and beaches from Waianae to Waikiki on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Also, H-5 keeps true to its faith-based roots with a **Sunday Morning Devotion and Breakfast** every Sunday morning at the First United Methodist Church of Honolulu, 1020 South Beretania Street.

After School Grub

Every Monday and Thursday during the school year, H-5 provides guidance, meals and a quiet and safe environment to over 30 students from near-by high schools. The students take advantage of this opportunity to do their homework. A majority of attendees reside in low income housing in the city of Honolulu.

EVANS Project

EVANS - which stands for Evening Angels - is an innovative pilot program to provide sleeping accommodations for the homeless. Four buses donated by Roberts Hawaii have been refitted by H-5 to house eight individuals. Currently, in partnership with Living the Word Ministries (located on Kilihau Street in Mapunapuna), EVANS is helping provide for the needs of those displaced persons who were formerly living underneath the Nimitz Highway.



Puahala Transitional Housing

In anticipation of Next Step’s possible shut down in 2009, Hawaii’s Housing Authority Board of Directors authorized 14 housing units from Puahala Homes in Kalihi to be used by H-5 and Care-A-Van’s qualified clients at Next Step as transitional housing for a period of two years, beginning in April 2008. All units are presently occupied by 40 former Next Step members. Continued life enhancement programs are offered on-site to promote their transition into permanent affordable housing.



Joining the line for grindz at Ala Moana Beach Park



One of the keiki b-day parties at Next Step

Kalaeloa Shuttle

Since the State of Hawaii created several homeless shelters without access to public transportation at a remote former military base in Barbers Point, H-5 responded - in collaboration with the Kapolei Neighborhood Board and the shelters - by providing transportation to these residents. Former Roberts Hawaii tour buses are presently being utilized by this program. The shuttle services over 100 residents from Kalaeloa to Kapolei City every day.

Next Step Project

The first homeless shelter created by Governor Linda Lingle, the Next Step Project was launched in response to the after-dark closure of Ala Moana Beach Park in May, 2006. This project is entering into its third year as a major provider of shelter in urban Honolulu. With the help of community organizations, volunteer groups and individuals, the homeless are given access to a wide variety of social services. In collaboration with Waikiki Health Center’s Care-A-Van Program, Next Step has served over 900 people in its short time at Kaka’ako.