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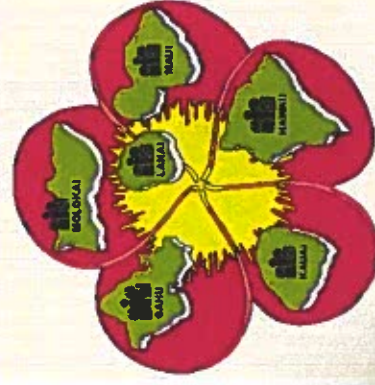
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Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc

Annual Report

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Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc..... www.meoinc.org
 Community Action..... www.communityactionpartnership.com
 Head Start..... www.headstartinfo.org
 AmeriCorps www.americorps.org
 Assn Farmworker Opportunity Program www.afop.org
 Community Transportation Association..... www.ctaa.org
 State of Hawaii Government www.hawaii.gov
 County of Maui Government..... www.mauicounty.gov



The Community Action Promise

"Because it is right, because it is wise, and because, for the first time in our history, it is possible to conquer poverty, I submit, for the consideration of the Congress and the country, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964... through a new Community Action program we intend to strike at poverty at its source—in the streets of our cities and on the farms of our countryside, among the very young and the impoverished old." So said our President Lyndon B. Johnson in the first few months in office after the assassination of President Kennedy.

Unfortunately, the War on Poverty rages on. Poverty, in the richest country in the history of the world, is a fact of life. When we look at what is happening in our economy it appears that the prosperity, we as Americans have come to take for granted, is disappearing for many Americans like a puff of smoke.

In the decades since Johnson initiated the Office of Economic Opportunity, agencies like Maui Economic Opportunity Inc. have dedicated themselves to the Community Action Promise—to "helping people help themselves and each other"—MEO Inc. and all members of the national Community Action Partnership are dedicated to addressing the causes of poverty in ways that have the best possible chance of resulting in what President Johnson called an "escape from poverty," rather than merely temporary relief of the effects of being poor.

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

The Mission of MEO is to help the low-income, elderly, children and youth, persons with disabilities, immigrants, other disadvantaged persons, and the general public to help themselves, so that they may become self-sufficient and enrich their lives.

Statement of the Mission of MEO

Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO) is a private, non-profit Community Action Agency, chartered on March 22, 1965 by federal mandate under provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The agency provides a comprehensive scope of services to those in need throughout Maui County and across the state of Hawai'i. The mission of MEO is "to help the low-income, elderly, children and youth, persons with disabilities, immigrants, other disadvantaged persons and the general public to help themselves, so that they may become self-sufficient and enrich their lives." MEO annually provides services to over 10,000 people touching more than 60,000 people throughout Maui County and the State of Hawai'i.

MEO has been "helping people...changing lives" for 42 years. An articulate advocate for those whose voices are often not heard—the elderly, disabled, immigrants, youth, offenders and the economically disadvantaged—MEO operates programs throughout Maui County. From transportation and early childhood education to assistance with small business development MEO works in concert with the public and private sector.

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A note from President of the Board M. Chubby Vicens

As MEO finishes eighteen months of transition and moves forward, the MEO Board of Directors is proud to say that the executive director's calm leadership style has brought new energy and strengthened an already close spirit of Ohana within MEO. Sandy empowers his executive team to lead by example and manage with compassion.

The team assesses their staff's human assets and has moved loyal, knowledgeable and passionate people into key positions to better serve the community. Employee morale and customer satisfaction are high. They are empowered to do what they do best — serve the community. Decisions are determined and supported by what is the best interest of the client.

Other non-profits have come looking for executive directors from MEO staff, due to professional development, leadership skills and the overall quality of the personnel. This past year alone, two MEO employees left to become executive directors of other non-profits

The MEO Board of Directors fulfills their responsibilities to the community by being informed and including representatives who know the community; be they representatives of those we serve in the resident sector, members of the public sector or members who serve the community through public service or private businesses.

With the MEO Board of Directors' leadership, MEO continues to move forward with progress on three large projects, the B.E.S.T. House in Wailuku, Ke Kahua, the agricultural property in Waiehu and the new Transportation facility as well as continuing to provide the community with the services needed to make families self-sufficient.

It will require the continual leadership of the board and the executive director as well as the deep-rooted passion of the staff to accomplish the goal of defeating poverty and guiding Maui families to self-sufficiency. I know that we will continue to find new ways to give the people of Maui and Hawaii a hand-up toward the lives all working people deserve, lives free of despair and full of hope and high expectations.

Sincerely,



Mercer "Chubby" Vicens



Mercer
"Chubby"
Vicens

A message from the Executive Director, Sañanda "Sandy" Baz

The annual report is a place for us to celebrate our successes and look forward to the challenges ahead; a time for reflection and planning. Throughout this report, you will find heart-warming examples of the ways in which we at MEO have lived our motto "Helping People, Changing Lives."

In 2007 MEO helped more than 10,000 people in need with direct services and provided more than a quarter of a million trips including in excess of 30,000 for employment. MEO consistently exceeds its goals in virtually every program; a fact I report with some pride.

Celebrating its 42nd year of service to Maui, MEO continues to advocate for those whose voices are often not heard; the elderly, disabled, immigrants, youth, offenders, economically disadvantaged and others for whom the promise of prosperity remains an illusive goal.

Our newly elected board president, Council Chair Riki Hokama, has set out an ambitious agenda for the next two years; building the new MEO transportation building; realizing the B.E.S.T. reintegration program residence and providing leadership in the affordable rental program are the top priorities while continuing to provide the excellent level of services in our current programs.

As we look to 2008, we see storm clouds on the horizon. The weak dollar, the mortgage crisis and the high cost of petroleum all conspire to point toward a downturn in the mainland economy. We know that such an event will have a ripple effect on Maui's economic engine, tourism.

This may mean greater hardship for more people. We at MEO are experienced and prepared to assist in any way we can to aid those who may find themselves caught up in these circumstances. We believe in the promise of communities in action and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



Sandy K. Baz



Sandy K. Baz

42nd Annual Installation of Board Officers

The 42nd annual board installation and dinner meeting was held on June 28, 2007 at the Maui Beach Hotel. Seventy-five people came together to celebrate our past and look towards our future. Some of the highlights of the evening were the entertainment by Bill Perry, a transportation client. If you know Bill, you will be in awe to hear his music played through the spirit for life that guides his fingers on the keyboard.

Kanani Baz gave the invocation and the Maui Beach Hotel food and service were excellent. Executive Director Sandy Baz recognized outgoing board members Nancy Shioda, Theima Shimaoka, Captain Christy Taylor, Setsuko Karen Mendes and Betty Delima. Betty De-

lima also received the Velma M. Santos Award for Perfect Attendance, along with Joseph Williams, Barbara Haliniak and May Fujiwara.

MEO's outgoing board President Chubby Vicens gave a heartwarming speech to thank the MEO staff for their exceptional work for the community. Vicens also said he was honored and proud to be part of this organization. We appreciate all the hard work he has given towards the community and the time he gave to lead MEO. Thanks Chubby!

The new board officers were sworn in by Alexa Kahui. Kathleen Louis is Vice President, Grant Chun is Secretary/Treasurer and Council Chair



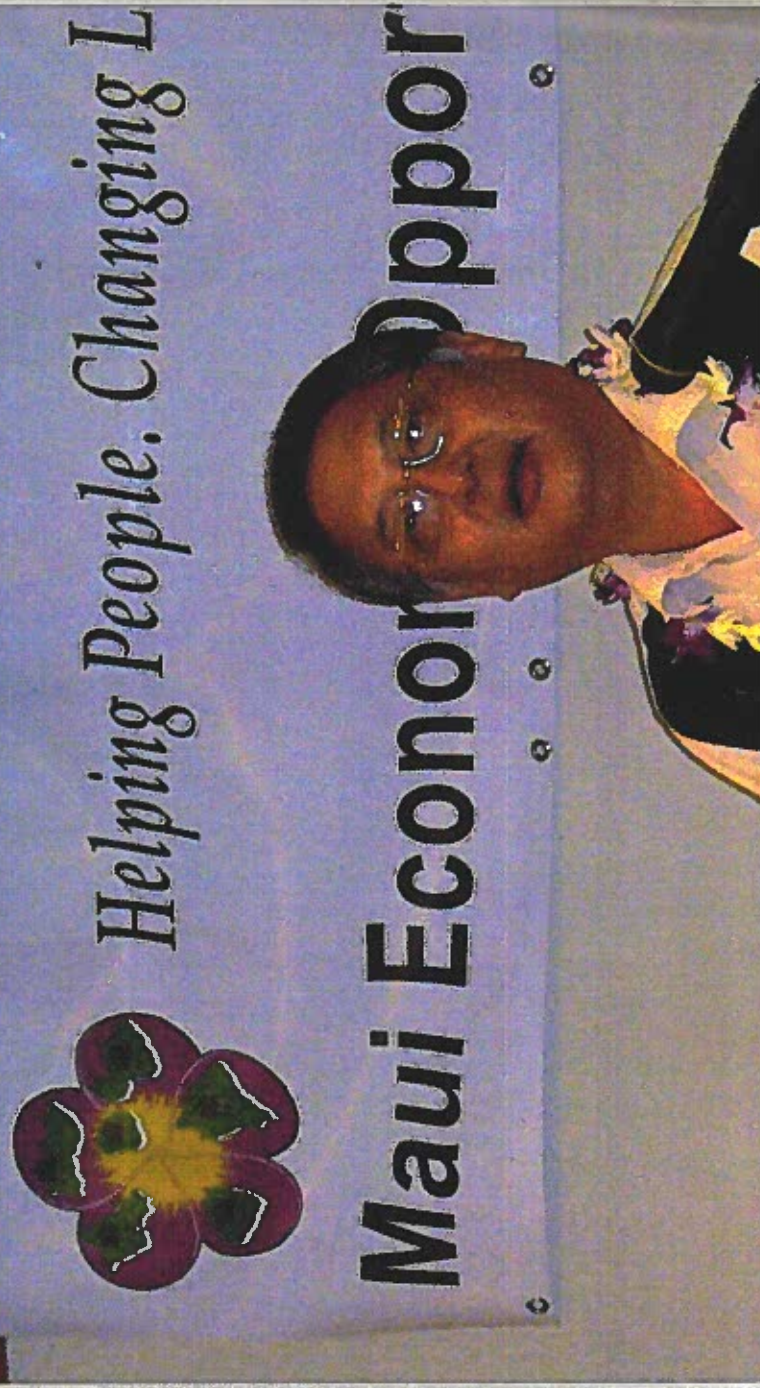
Pictured Above: Chubby Vicens, Outgoing President of the MEO Board of Directors

Below: Riki Hokama, newly elected President of the MEO Board of Directors for 2007-2009.

Previous MEO Leaders

<u>Year</u>	<u>President of MEO Board of Directors</u>	<u>Executive Director</u>
1965-1967	Marion Hanlon, M. D.	Joseph Souki
1967-1971	Melville O. McGuire	Joseph Souki
1971-1974	Richard Kibe	Joseph Souki
1974-1976	Masami Fukuoka	Joseph Souki
1976-1978	Edward Perreira	Joseph Souki
1979-1980	Richard Kibe	Joseph Souki
1981-1983	Richard Kibe	Paul Pladera
1983-1984	Alfred Oshiro	Paul Pladera
1984-1985	Alfred Oshiro	Gladys Baisa
1985-1987	Velma Santos	Gladys Baisa
1987-1988	Riki Hokama	Gladys Baisa
1989-1990	Kimie Lane	Gladys Baisa
1990-1991	Abraham Aiona	Gladys Baisa
1991-1993	Lawrence Ing	Gladys Baisa
1993-1995	John Perreira	Gladys Baisa
1995-1997	Beatrice Kahanu	Gladys Baisa
1997-1999	William Wong	Gladys Baisa
1999-2001	Rose Marie Duey	Gladys Baisa
2001-2003	Jeffrey T. Kuwada	Gladys Baisa
2003-2004	Brian R. Klaschka	Gladys Baisa
2004-2005	Mercer "Chubby" Vicens	Gladys Baisa
2005-2007	Mercer "Chubby" Vicens	Sananda Baz

Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. has been lead by the following people for the last 42 years.



Employee of the Month

The Employee of the Month program recognizes MEO employees for superior performance, teamwork and client service. A committee of their peers chooses the Employee of the Month. Those selected receive a cash award and a day off.



Verdine Kong
Program Development
B.E.S.T. Program
July 2006



Joyce Nobriga
Classroom Relief Aide
ECS
August 2006



David Bulliment
MIS Director
Administration
September 2006



Fred Baisa
Bus Aide
Transportation
October 2006



Marvellen Viveros
Dispatch/Planner
Transportation
November 2006



Bernice Nagamura
Fiscal clerk
Fiscal Department
December 2006



Zilpah Kaimioli
Scheduler
Transportation
January 2007



Stacia Ohira
Case Manager
B.E.S.T. Program
February 2007



Cheryl Hatch
Education Specialist,
ECS
March 2007



Ken Hunt
Plan/Dev Director
Administration
April 2007



Shelby AhWah
Admin. Assistant
ECS
May 2007



Carrie Ann Shirota
Director
B.E.S.T. Program
June 2007

Employee Recognitions

Service Awards

MEO is honored to recognize the following employees who have dedicated themselves to Helping People. Changing Lives.

3 Years

Jennifer Villanueva
Cleo Oliver
Diane Nelson
Bernadette Nakamura
Leonardo Sequeira
Mauricia Domingo
Editha Pacubas
Anthony Vierra
Malia Pupuhi
Cheryl Hatch
Dwayne Amano
Cindy Harmon
Kathleen Moniz-Narasaki
Julie Burfeson
Marvina Bernades
Silvia Naiberg

5 Years

Patricia Bird
Robin Samonte
Hagoth Tehiva
George Reioux
Marsha Pascua
Kimo Kenyon
Regina Agcaoili
Ivy Nuuhiwa
Marvin Vargas-Ixcotoyac
Vinimala Vi
Anthony Villanueva
Kathi-Lyn Corden
Sherrilyn Nishikuni
Janice Jensen
Alma Castellanos
Iris Dumayas

Silvia Reilly

Irene Yoakum
10 Years
Wilbert Torricer
Willette Doong
Angela Kan Hai
Serine Feliciano
20+ Years
Lydia Joao- 20
Fred Baisa- 22
Debra Spencer- 24
Agnes Groff- 25
Carolyn Freitas- 26



Staff at the Administrative Professional's luncheon, April 2007

B.E.S.T. Reintegration

(Being Empowered and Safe Together)

Strengthening Our BEST `Ohana

Recognizing that families suffer when their loved ones are incarcerated, and the important role that `ohana plays in helping individuals successfully transition into the community after prison, BEST has continued to expand Family Reunification services. With a generous grant from the Office of the Hawaiian Affairs, BEST has coordinated a year long series of cultural activities that allow `ohana to work together and build healthy family relationships.

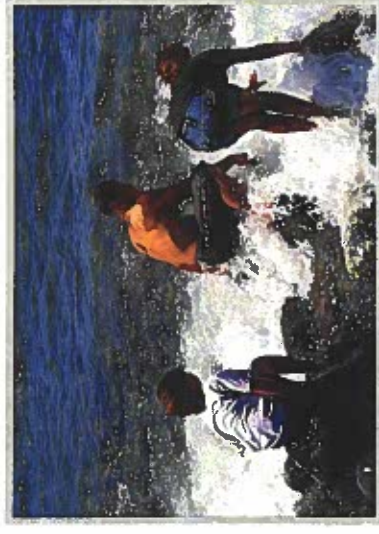
The mana`o behind these activities is that growing healthy plants is like growing healthy families. Just as we nurture seeds with water, sunlight, and other nutrients, we must nurture our families with love, support and respect. BEST provides opportunities for our participants to understand their kuleana as parents, and to teach their keiki how to live healthy lives, primarily by personal example.

We have been blessed with the opportunity to help restore Honokowai Valley. By removing invasive species and replanting native vegetation, we are helping to preserve archaeological sites and restore Honokowai to what it once was – a thriving Native Hawaiian Village. In Ha`iku, we have worked with Alex Bode, Project Director of Waikekena, and learned how to plant dry land kalo. We have conducted protocols of pule (prayer) and `oia (chant) to ensure safety throughout the day and also ask that our minds and hearts be open to receiving the `ike (knowledge) and mana (spiritual energy) that Honokowai and Waikekena has to offer us.



Carol and her family at family reunification events.

Family reunification event at the beach



Statistics

162	Clients given employment training and assistance
19	Clients receiving housing assistance
43	Families brought together in reunification events
14	Volunteer mentoring services
107	Substance abuse/mental health clients

Reentry services to inmates

Intensive case management

Employment

Housing

The Pacific Institute

Family reunification

Cultural renewal

Mentoring

Substance abuse/mental health

Protect Program

Community Services

Employment Core Immigrant Program Helps Family become Self-sufficient

Benilda is an immigrant, who came to Maui to join her husband and sons after being apart for six years. MEO assisted her husband, Faustino, in gaining employment at Kaiser Permanente when he arrived six years ago. She was brought to MEO by her sister-in-law, who also received assistance from MEO. She wanted a career that was meaningful and one that would give her financial stability. After the intake and assessment, it was determined that a career as a certified nurse's aide would meet both her goals. The health care field is a career of high demand and a one that she would love to do, caring and servicing the sick and the elderly.

Benilda was provided with life skills training, PET (Pre-employment training), was referred to Maui Adult Education to improve her English language, to Healthcare Training & Career Consultants, Inc, and to American Red Cross. Through the American Red Cross, she could receive nurse's aide training and acquire certification as a licensed nurse's aide. Benilda also was able to receive transportation to and from the training through MEO's JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute) program. The tuition was paid by MEO through the employment and training program. Benilda attended the CNA training and



The Bonete Family

completed it. While Benilda waited for the CNA exam, she looked for employment in order to supplement her husband's income and save for the payment of her exam fee. MEO referred her to a supermarket, where she was hired right away as casual help. Her rate of pay was \$7.00 an hour. She worked there for a few months. Through MEO's partnership with Hale Makua, it was learned that the need for nurse's aides is so great; they would hire applicants who were not yet certified. Benilda was hired as a nurse's aide by Hale Makua for \$10.50/hour. Hale Makua expected her to pass the exams in four months. Benilda was able to save enough for the exams fee, take the test and pass it. She is now a certified nurse's aide and her rate of pay is \$13.73 an hour.

Benilda and her husband state that they are now self-sufficient because of the assistance they received from MEO. They continue their hard work in order to continue to be self-sufficient.

Statistics

3948	Senior Service Clients
2636	Clients provided with immigrant services
673	Households given energy assistance
316	Individuals served with employment services
204	Clients provided with rental assistance
	Energy related services:
	6 solar systems
	13 timers
	4 jackets

Chore services

Rental subsidy

Employment Core for Immigrant grants

Employment Core for low-income people

Enlace Hispano acculturation

Hawaii Community Foundation

Legal services/seniors vision & hearing assistance

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

National Farmworker Jobs Program

Senior coordinators

Senior Scoop

Senior community service employment program

Senior discount Red Card

Enlace Hispano translation services

Weatherization assistance program

Early Childhood Services

Creating Success through Adversity

Turning a difficult situation into an opportunity takes determination, commitment and a true sense of self-assessment. MEO Early Childhood Services have supported generations of families since 1965 through the Head Start program. We have grown to serve a greater number of children and families through the Kahi Kamali'i Infant and Toddler Center; the Ohana Strengthening program; and the Free to Be program. Our purpose and mission is to build upon existing strengths of the families we serve to support efforts in reaching their goals of obtaining a full-time job, returning back to school, or even to keep their family intact.

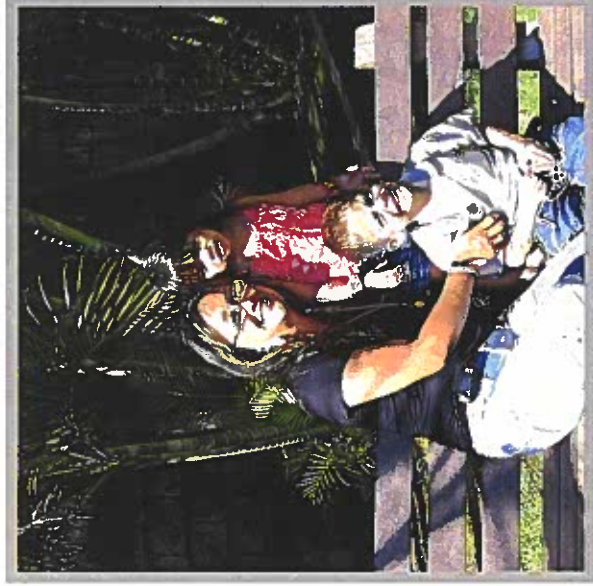
In April 2004, Jennifer Riglos was incarcerated and transferred from her home on Maui to Oahu to serve her time. This transition caused a tremendous disruption for Jennifer and her three children. Fortunately, family members were available on Maui to become sole caregivers for the children, assisting with their emotional needs during the separation from their mother.

Jennifer returned to Maui after serving almost one year on Oahu. In September of 2005, Jennifer attended parenting classes offered at the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) provided by MEO Ohana Strengthening program. She obtained

valuable skills including positive guidance techniques; increased communication; and validation of her children's thoughts and feelings. These skills allowed Jennifer the opportunity to rebuild relationships with her three children to maintain the family unit.



Jennifer and her three children at Ohana Strengthening event.



Jennifer and children at MEO 2007 Ohana Day

Statistics

344 Children served in Head Start
 445 Volunteers assisting Head Start
 58 Head Start children With disabilities
 78 Parents and children served by Free to Be

27 Kahi Kamali'i Infant/Toddler enrollees
 305 Working families served with full-day options

Services to Families:

Head Start for preschoolers
 Kahi Kamali'i Infant Toddler Center
 Early Childhood Education
 Parent Training
 Special needs Transition
 Oral health
 Nutrition
 Mental health
 Free to Be
 Advocacy
 Ohana Strengthening

MEO Lanai Branch

This story begins with a kupuna. Her name is Helen Tamura Onuma; she was born on Lanai in a little village on the southeast side of Lanai, known today as Keomuku Town. Helen needed to move to the city of Lanai for schooling.

Later in life she met her husband and raised 4 children. Worked as a pineapple picker, housewife and mother. In 1987 Helen, lost her husband and found herself alone. Her four children had already grown, and she was left on her own. Life went on for Helen, except she felt there was a puzzle missing in her life. There seemed to be a void or emptiness, which grew inside of her. Until the day she found MEO.

Then Helen got involved with the seniors of Lanai. Being on the committee on aging, and volunteering her services with MEO.

Home delivery was just one of her many volunteer jobs with MEO. Serving



"MEO KEEPS ME SINGING"

over 200 people per day, doing outreach jobs made her feel good inside, and soon the emptiness she had was filled with happiness, and contentment. She loved what MEO was called to do, and it taught and showed her how to care for others, as well as helping and changing peoples lives.

Spending time with other people was Helen's calling in life. MEO, as she says, is "fellowship." All the respect, gratitude and love she gave to others through MEO, she's now reaping for herself. Helen is now in her mid 80's, but that doesn't stop her. She still rides the bus, plays her ukulele for both senior clubs, wears her lei po'o, and sings her heart away, because she says, "I'm so happy. I'm not lonely, or sad for long time now, because MEO fills my day!"

Statistics

13 Disabled seniors benefit from Chore service
 84 Individuals and families received food Distribution
 29 Families assisted with home energy bills
 71 Seniors use Red Card discount program
 48 Individuals that used the Saturday shopping Shuttle
 106 Members of the Lanai Area Council

Community/ Social Services
 Chore Service
 Lanai Area Council
 Transportation
 Seniors
 Medical needs
 Shopping Shuttle
 Microenterprise
 Head Start partnership with Keiki O' Lanai
 (They continue their hard work in order to continue to be self-sufficient).

MEO Business Development Corp.

Melissa Rupert Earns 2006 Hand-Up Award

MEO Business Development Corp. (MEO BDC) has named Melissa Rupert of Flowers by Melissa, the winner of the 2006 Hand-Up Entrepreneurial Award.

Just a few short years ago, Melissa Rupert suddenly found herself a widow with an adolescent son to raise all by herself. With no real income they soon found themselves living at the homeless shelter here on Maui and her only source of income was from social security disability and food stamps. She knew she had to do something to lift them up and out of their dilemma and do it fast.



Clients present their products & services to the public at the County Fair.

She approached the HI State Dept. of Vocational Rehab for assistance in learning a skill and after considerable review, they granted her a scholarship to help pay for schooling at Southern California School of Floral Design. When she graduated, DVR purchased a computer plus software and a special flower fridge. She also graduated from MEO BDC's Fast Trac and Core Four Business Planning Classes and officially began her business in 2002. In 2003, she obtained a loan from MEO BDC to purchase supplies & to set up her web site and the rest is history. Her flower business is blooming and her elegant bridal party bouquets and custom leis have become very popular with many of Maui's premier wedding planners. You can visit her website at www.mauiflowers.com

She believes in MEO BDC's program so much that she encouraged her son to enroll in the business planning classes before starting his own business.

Because of Melissa's hard work and determination she has earned the respect of her peers and the MEO BDC 2006 annual Hand-Up Entrepreneurial Award. Melissa says, "I have always loved flowers and feel blessed that I am able to make a good living designing custom flower designs for weddings and special occasions."

In making the presentation, MEO Business Development Corp. CEO, Susie Thiemann said, "Melissa Rupert's experience is an inspiration to all who are in need of a hand-up, for her determination, can do attitude, and success in her chosen profession."

Statistics

27 Micro loans granted this year for a total of 528 since 1998

\$181,633 Loaned this year, part of 2.4 million loaned since 1998

143 Graduates of Business planning courses this year bringing the total to 870 since 1998

106 Jobs created or retained by loan recipients and business planning class graduates this year and 1039 since 1998

Supporting small business through:

Microenterprise loans

Business planning classes

Consultation services

Maui Micro Alumni network activities

Technical assistance for SBA Community Express loans

MEO Molokai Branch

Josie Rillon's parents moved to Molokai when she was just a baby. Josie graduated from Molokai High School and at 19, she had her first child. Today, she has three beautiful children, ages 13, 6, and 5.

Three years ago, her children's father moved out of the home, and she was left to care for them on her own. At first, Josie shared that she was depressed and frustrated and that led to drinking. At some point, she realized that her children needed her, and she had to be strong for them.

She came to MEO and Applied for MEO's Head Start program for her two younger children. The Head Start Family Advocate referred her to MEO's Community Services and she enrolled in MEO's Employment core services for low-income program.

Josie, who was very determined, was hired immediately by Kualapu'u School as a substitute Educational Aide. She worked part-time and earned more than \$10 an hour. She successfully completed her 1-year follow-up services with MEO's Community Services by remaining gainfully employed.

Josie's children attend Molokai Middle School and Kualapuu Conversion Charter School. Her youngest child, Shayland, graduated from Head Start last school year. When Josie's not working at Kualapu'u School, she volunteers at MEO under DHS's First-to-Work program.



JOSIE AND HER THREE CHILDREN

Statistics

47 Disabled seniors benefit from Chore Services

384 Individuals and families receive food distribution

25 Individuals assisted with medical/dental Expenses

211 Families assisted with home energy bills

174 Seniors use Red Card discount program

17 Families receive rental subsidy

42 Individuals use case management services Area Council

Community /Social Services

Rental subsidy

Help with medical /dental costs

Entrepreneurship Services

Core Four business classes

Microenterprise loans

Employment Programs

Case management

Pre-employment training

Head Start

Half and full day sessions

Transportation

Youth Services

Transportation

Assisting Families

Sharon Tavares has been utilizing MEO services since May of 1999. She uses our Rural Shopping Shuttle program as well as our Medicaid program on a weekly basis.

Sharon was the victim of a stroke that left her weak and unable to drive. It was impossible for her to get to her medical appointments while her family is working. During times that Sharon is having trouble walking, the drivers at MEO transportation have been willing and able to assist her showing her that we care and are more than happy to help her.

MEO has also been able to assist Sharon and her family in providing her children with transportation to youth programs as well as to medical appointments.



Sharon Tavares in the middle with transportation staff.

Sharon is a very strong willed individual. MEO has helped to provide her with the services she needs to again feel independent while obtaining the necessary medical attention she needs to continue progressing with better determination, can do attitude, and success in her chosen profession."

Statistics

283,611
Trips provided this year

30,171
Employment trips, including Ala Hou, 142% of goal

77
Buses in service on Maui, Molokai and Lanai

45
Buses with wheelchair lifts

5
Vehicles added to the fleet this year

Goals exceeded

Leisure- 222%

Youth Trans- 157%

Community Trans- 234%

Dialysis- 1126%

Maui Adult Day Care- 145%

Nutrition- 113%

Rural Shuttle- 117%

Transportation Services

for elderly—
nutrition and leisure
Rural shopping

for children and youth—
to/from Head Start school activities
Youth centers

for disabled—
medical appointments
employment
Assisted shopping
enrichment trips

Youth Services

MEO Youth Services strengthens Families



DENNISE AND DAISY SPENDING TIME TOGETHER.

A year ago Daisy Medeiros-Engano headed off to Oregon State to start her life as an 18 year-old college student graduating from Kamehameha Schools. Having gone through the MEO YouthBank and AmeriCorps programs for the last seven years, she had enough support to pursue her career. The only child of a single parent, Daisy had already been blessed by a mother who guided her and knew what values she needed to instill in her daughter so she would not have to struggle as her mom did.

Daisy was exposed to activities, skills and values that led her on a path of hope. By becoming aware of issues within her own community she then realized what would lead her to where she is today.

Daisy has just completed her second year of AmeriCorps and her first year in college. Her major is Forestry and Wildlife and has added on fisheries to her career goals. The commitment to the AmeriCorps Environmental program has rewarded Daisy with a second \$1,000 educational award. Daisy will continue her second year of college at Oregon State University will soon graduate as a wildlife biologist with hopes to bring her knowledge back to her homelands and protect the very thing that kept her closely connected to her family, her community and her love for the people and lands that she lives in.

Her mom Dennis Engano is employed by MEO and felt very fortunate to be able to access programs that would assist her as a single parent. MEO Youth Services was one that truly changed the lives of she and her daughter. Dennis's desire for her daughter was simple; to take care of herself and not rely on anyone but herself, to be a strong individual and always make sure she would give back to the community that helped shape her. Daisy and Dennis are a success story. The struggles that families face in our society remind us we really do need a village to raise a child.

Statistics

YouthBank
146
Members served

110
Events and experiences

508
Contact hours

AmeriCorp
19
Members served

12,700
Hours contributed

\$74,250
Federal living allowance earned

\$32,900
Federally awarded Scholarships

Youth Services

YouthBank

Leadership development

Family strengthening

Life skills

Employment skills

Acculturation activities

Outdoor experiential activities

Tobacco prevention

AmeriCorp

Conservation career experience

Resource management techniques

Biweekly living allowance

Educational award

Helicopter safety training

Wildland fire fighting



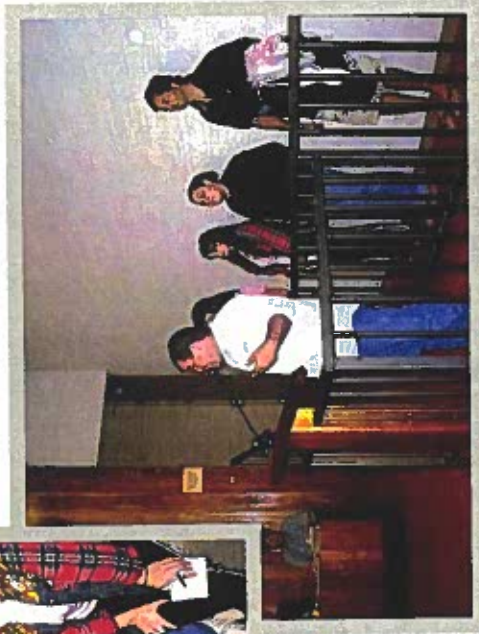
For the past four years, an important MEO has facilitated the Maui Nui Housing Task Force. This task force was instrumental in bringing about the Maui County Workforce Housing Ordinance. MEO sponsored a candidate forum for those running for County Council and Mayor to have them answer questions about the housing situation in Maui County. At left are some of the candidates that were running for Maui County Council.



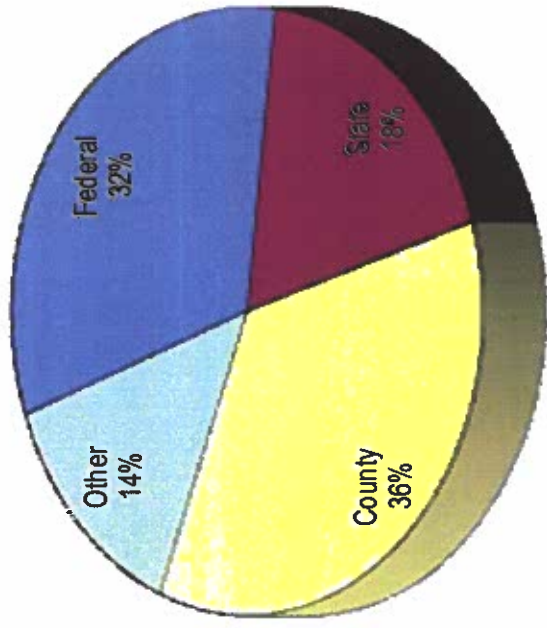
Members of the Maui Senior Planning and Coordinating Council attend the opening of the 2007 Legislature to advocate for their needs. As more and more baby boomers become seniors, these members spoke with their Maui representatives to advocate for the funding that will keep them active and ensure quality living. To the right, the seniors have a photo with Senator Roz Baker after their advocacy session



Head Start parents attend the County budget hearings to let the Mayor and County Council know what a difference it makes to their families in receiving services by MEO with County funding.

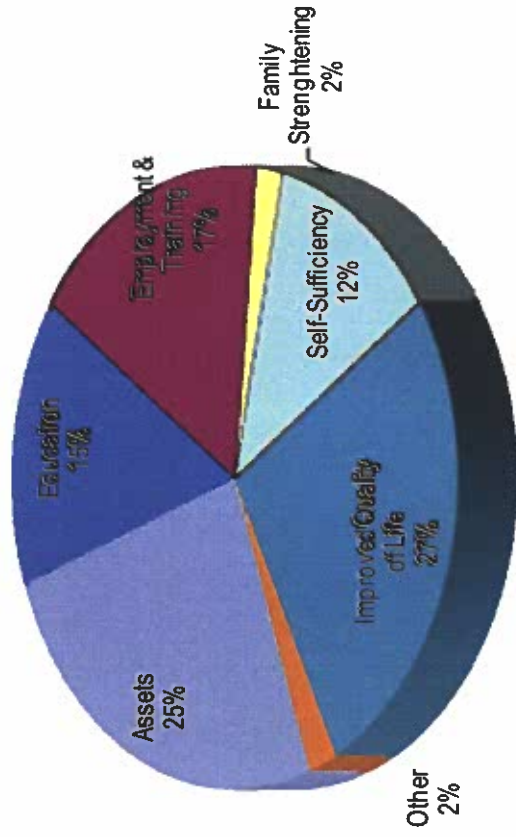


Fiscal Summary
July 2006 to June 2007



Sources of Funding

Federal	6,144,528
State	3,487,490
County	6,780,662
Other	2,551,027
Total	18,963,707



Uses of Funds

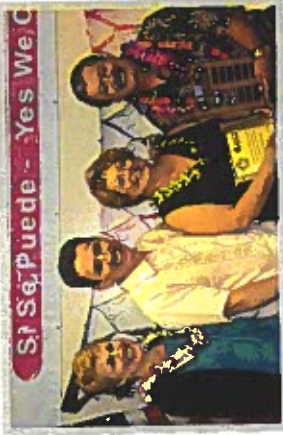
Education	15%
Employment & Training	17%
Family Strengthening	2%
Self-Sufficiency	12%
Improved Quality of Life	27%
Other	2%
Assets	25%

Special Events



Right: Lanai's first Volunteer Luncheon

Left: Sandy Baz, Executive Director, and the volunteers on Molokai.



MEO Senior Staff as Mayor Tavares proclaims April Maui Economic Opportunity Month in Maui.



Panel of experts giving county, state and federal programs that currently assist families and developers with affordable rentals.



From left to right: Sandy Baz, Executive Director, Kathy Louis, Vice President, Grant Chun, Secretary/Treasurer., Riki Hokama, President, Alexa Kahui, Installer of Officers.

Senior Aloha Party
July 29, 2006

MEO and the Maui Senior Planning & Coordinating Council produce the annual Senior Aloha Party



Somos Amigos
September 16, 2006

Boy dressed up and enjoying the entertainment at Somos Amigos.



The Queen's Story
September 29-October 1

Actors and Halau practicing for "The Queen's Story" at Iao Theater, a BEST production



Senior Fair
October 28, 2006



The 33rd Annual Senior Health Fair provided resources, food, entertainment and services to the seniors

Head Start Family Fun Night
November 9 & 14, 2006



Fathers build race cars with their children and race them at Family Fun Night.

Volunteer Luncheon
Maui— February 16, 2007



MEO honors all of the individuals that had volunteered their time and talent each year.

Volunteer Luncheon

Molokai— February 21, 2007

Lanai— March 8, 2007

Cesar Chavez Day
March 30, 2007

Community Action Month—
April

Rental Forum
May 3, 2007

MEO Board Installation
June 28, 2007