

PLEASE JOIN US!

WAIMEA RESILIENCE HUB

The **Waimea Resilience Hub** was founded in the belief that a community can be more resilient in responding to natural and other disasters – and to inequities and inevitable change - when residents become more connected, collaborative, and prepared.

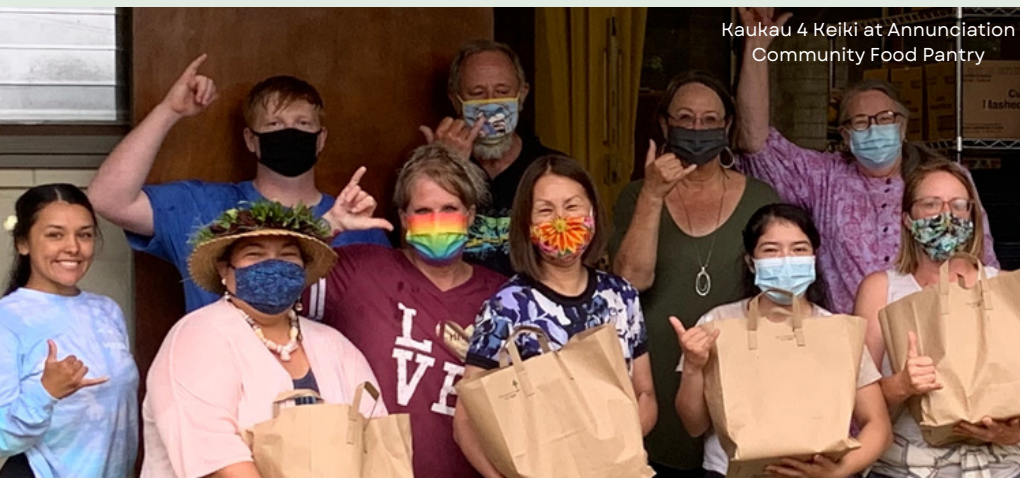
Disasters such as pandemics, hurricanes, or wildfires highlight and exacerbate inequities in a community but the need for community connection and cohesiveness is 24/7 – 365 days a year to address gaps in services or resources and build equity, resilience, and self-reliance.

Our hub intends to **collaborate** with existing organizations and programs which are already doing valuable work, strengthen relationships between government and communities served, shift responsibility to local residents to identify and drive solutions, and, longer term, help address deep-rooted inequities that harm community well-being.

In our effort to **build resilience** through connections and partnerships, the WRH team distributed this handout to local residents and families who attended the North Hawai‘i Community Resilience Fair on Nov. 19, 2022, at Waimea Community Center adjoining Waimea Park. The purpose of the fair was to increase community awareness and access to resources that bolster our preparedness and resilience through natural disasters and other environmental and social vulnerabilities. As active and valued members of our community, we invite you, too, to be a part of this mission.

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Kaukau 4 Keiki at Annunciation Community Food Pantry

We are part of a network of trusted, people-powered spaces that provide resources to build more connected and prepared communities.

The Waimea Resilience Hub is one of over 40 hubs in partnership with **Vibrant Hawai‘i** - a Big Island non-profit organization whose mission is to dismantle silos and increase collaborative partnerships.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Kupuna meal distribution (2020-2021)**
 - In partnership with the County of Hawai‘i, HCEOC, Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders, Waikoloa New Hope, St. James, Friends of the Future, the Richard Smart Fund, Big Island Giving Tree, Ippy's, and the Vibrant Hawai‘i Hub Network
- **Kaukau 4 Keiki**
 - With help from Annunciation Community Food Pantry and New Hope Christian Fellowship
- **Community meals and keiki craft kits at St. James Church**
 - In partnership with CFHT
- **COVID masks, sanitizer, and test-kit distribution**
- **"Are We Ready?" North Hawai‘i Resilience Fair (Nov. 2022)**
- **Community Conversations Initiative (2023)**
 - In collaboration with Hawai‘i Community Foundation



- ▶ Please sign up to receive our monthly **e-newsletter** about preparedness and to support community priorities and events.
- ▶ **Questions?** Contact Lauren Avery, Hub Coordinator at lavery@waimeahub.org

For more information or to get involved, visit

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