



MAUI FOOD BANK

Helping the Hungry

November 2, 2023

Daniel White
Gig Harbor Republican Club
477 Dungeness Drive
Fox Island, WA 98333-9670

Dear Daniel,

Mahalo for your generous donation of \$200.00 to help families and neighbors facing hunger here in our community with immediate relief and ongoing support as we begin the long road to recovery.

Words cannot fully express the significance of your kindness. It is unbelievable to see the devastation caused by the fires that swept across Maui. However, we are continually uplifted by all the love and support we are receiving.

Maui Food Bank jumped into action immediately after the fires. In the first ten days, we sent 250,000 pounds of food to people affected by this disaster. To date we have distributed 1.3 million pounds of food, including 250,000 pounds of fresh produce. We will continue to work diligently with our partner agencies, places of worship, local businesses, and community groups as we all respond to the need.

Looking ahead, we anticipate a significant increase in the demand for our services. ***Your support is more vital than ever before***, given the magnitude of this crisis and the work ahead.

You have made a tremendous difference for Maui and our island Ohana. We are deeply grateful for your partnership as we continue to provide reliable food access in our community for years to come.

Warmest regards, *Mahalo!*

Richard Yust
Executive Director

**No goods, services, or benefits were received in exchange for this donation. Fed I.D. 99-0315110*

On August 8, 2023, our lives changed forever!

Wildfires swept through our island community, causing loss of loved ones, homes, cultural historic sites, and businesses. Across the island, we are still learning about the impact of the fires. We are still grieving and just beginning the long road to recovery.

Lives were lost, making these fires our nation's deadliest in the past 100 years.

- In West Maui, Lahaina sustained devastating damage. FEMA estimates that 2,170 acres burned and more than 2,200 structures were damaged or destroyed. Experts project that it will cost at least \$5.5 billion to rebuild Lahaina—and take years.
- The community of Kula sustained significant damage as well.



Your generous support enabled Maui Food Bank to provide immediate assistance to families and neighbors affected by the wildfires.

**Together, we have distributed
over 1.3 million pounds of food
including 250,000 pounds of fresh produce.**

Together, we can support our community—and rebuild.

The impact of the wildfires has been island-wide. About 75% of our economy depends on tourism, which has been severely disrupted—and completely halted in some places. People are losing their jobs, with additional rounds of layoffs expected. Small businesses are struggling and even closing after years of operations. Families are losing income, with little prospect of catching up. **Across Maui, families are facing catastrophic financial challenges and uncertainty about the future. Recovery and return to our vibrant economy will take years.**

Your generous gift enabled Maui Food Bank to step in immediately. Together, we are:

- Providing food and resources to survivors in Lahaina and Kula at time of crisis
- Providing meals to families and neighbors across the island, ensuring people will not have to make impossible choices between buying groceries and paying for other essentials, such as rent, utilities, and healthcare
- Showing our community that we care about the people of Maui

As we begin the years-long road to recovery, we appreciate your ongoing support.



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