

# OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

## *Holo'ola Noio*



## OCS welcomes new staff members



Tony Sagayadoro (Left) and Ben Cabreros (Right)

Before joining OCS, Benjamin (Ben) Cabreros served one term as the state representative for lower Kalihi, District 30, and as a legislative aide and community liaison for Honolulu City and County Councilman Romy Cachola. He worked thirty years as a bank executive and mortgage broker, and volunteered and served as president of numerous community associations; Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, UH- Manoa, United Filipino Council

of Hawai'i, St. Anthony-Kalihi Filipino Catholic Club, Knights of Columbus, and Aiea Lions Club. As a program specialist, Ben will assist as a community liaison for OCS Grants in Aid programs.

Senior accountant Antonio (Tony) Sagayadoro brings invaluable knowledge of principles, procedures and practices at the state and federal levels to oversee fiscal operations and procedures. As Director of Sales and Promotions at KNDI Radio, Tony developed forums for more understanding of issues of public policies related to immigration, civil rights, voter's education, cultural diversity and equal opportunity affecting community groups. He established and developed initiatives like grants and monitored legislation for the advancement of organ donations in Honolulu, one of the original national sites recognized with the first National Executive Director and Founder's Award for being the most progressive and successful site in the nation. Tony is also an active volunteer in various community organizations.

## *Helping to grow Hawai'i businesses....*

The Employment Creation Services Program at MEO Business Development Corp (MEO BDC) offers year round evening classes for Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i entrepreneurs.

The Core Four Business Planning Classes offer Maui Residents a "one-stop-shop" resource for new and prospective business owners. Lessons include setting goals, sales and marketing research, understanding and creating cash flow projections and writing a realistic and achievable business plan. The success of this incredible program is contagious! The Office of Community Services is proud to announce that since 1997, over 1,200 new



businesses have been created and at last count, 1,900 jobs retained. The six-week series meets from 6-9 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Financial assistance is available for most students through funding from the State Office of Community Services and Maui County Office of Economic Development. For more information on please call (808) 249-2990.



Evette Lau, a Loan Fund Manager for Maui Economic Opportunity's Business Development Corp. (MEO BCD), coordinates the table display of new businesses started by former students of the Employment Creation Program.

## KOKUA! State Employees Food Drive 2011



"One Million Meals"... is Hawai'i Foodbank's (HFB) goal to feed the hungry in 2011.

Hawai'i State Employees have always supported the Foodbank's annual food drive. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is again coordinating the thirty volunteers from various state departments and agencies to help HFB reach the goal.

This year the food drive began on March 28 and will end on April 29, the shortest run in twenty-two years. The donations collected will help needy families, and many others in similar situations. Everyone is encouraged to donate what they can.

## End of Furloughs

"In these worst of fiscal times, a new era of teamwork and hope has begun." Governor Neil Abercrombie complemented the Hawai'i Government Employees Association for doing their part and making a sacrifice to help all people of Hawai'i. The State of Hawai'i and counties have concluded a contract agreement with the Hawai'i Government Employees Association. The agreement ends the two-day-a-month furloughs and 10 percent decrease in pay, and shut down of public services.

The good news to the public is that all offices will be open and OCS will be available to take calls on Fridays to better service our providers.

## Citizenship Fair

The Office of Community Services and Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, in partnership with the Filipino Community Center, Inc., are holding a Citizenship Fair in June. This FREE community outreach is a great opportunity for lawful permanent residents to receive assistance with completing the naturalization application. (A fee to U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services is not included in this service). Pre-registration is required. To register and for more information, please call 586-8687.

Citizenship Fair – Naturalization Application  
Filipino Community Center, Waipahu  
Saturday, June 11, 2011  
Deadline to register is May 31, 2011.

Mahalo to the following agencies for volunteering their time and service: The Hawai'i Immigrant Justice Center at the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Hawai'i Chapter and the Volunteer Legal Services of Hawai'i.

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