

THE STORY OF ALICE®

I'm a single mom with two kids. I work part-time at a couple of stores in town. It's hard every month to pay rent, buy food, pay for the car, gas and insurance. Sometimes I can't work because there's no one to watch my kids.

My wife and I struggle to make ends meet. We have three kids. We both work. I'm a mechanic and my wife is a waitress. Yet even with both of us working, we barely get by and don't have much savings.

I work part time as a security guard. I live with my grandma and take care of her. She has dementia. We live on a fixed income. Sometimes I have to take her to the doctor and lose work hours.

DO YOU KNOW ALICE?

ALICE stands for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed. ALICE are the hardworking people we see every day—cashiers, retail salespeople, waiters and waitresses, janitors, housekeepers, teaching assistants, mechanics, restaurant cooks—who struggle every month to pay for basic expenses like rent, food and transportation. Sometimes all it takes is no income for a few weeks, a health emergency, a sick child or relative, a car repair or increase in rent to fall behind on a credit card, utility bill or rent.

37% OF OUR COMMUNITY IS ALICE.

AN ADDITIONAL 11% LIVE BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

ALMOST HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS IN HAWAII ARE LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK AND STRUGGLING EVERY MONTH.

Aloha United Way has raised funds for almost 100 years to address the greatest needs in our community. This past year, Aloha United Way engaged in community dialogue with ALICE, community partners, local and state government and businesses to better understand the challenges of living, working and raising families in Hawaii. Many shared the challenges they face and the hope that they have for something better. This inspired us to think about how we can help ALICE find pathways to a better life. You can help. Your donation can provide hope to ALICE.

2-1-1 INFORMATION AND REFERRAL HELPLINE

Helping individuals and families across the state seek the resources and help they need through our free, confidential service.

Your 2017 Donation at Work

- 97,675 people received assistance from our statewide 2-1-1 referral service.

COMMUNITY CARE FUND

Helping the greatest need in our community.

Your 2017 Donation at Work

- Your donations allowed us to serve over 920,000 people in our community.

ALICE FUND

Helping individuals and families living paycheck to paycheck by addressing the root causes of financial instability.

Your 2017 Donation at Work

- 2,301 teens were educated in pregnancy prevention.
- 942 individuals from keiki to kupuna received personal finance management and work skills training.
- 872 families received assistance in maintaining or accessing stable housing.

SAFETY NET

Helping our most vulnerable populations and those experiencing crisis with the support, hope and resources they need.

Your 2017 Donation at Work

- 5,984,349 pounds of food distributed.
- 4,176 adults experiencing homelessness helped.
- 1,140 struggling with addiction were provided treatment.



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Help starts here.



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