

IN THE NEWS

The Lihu'e Lutheran Church was honored at the recent Salvation Army Annual Advisory Board and Volunteer Mahalo Luncheon.

The luncheon was part of the week-long Salvation Army Week celebration where volunteers who help with the various programs throughout the year are given acknowledgment for their efforts. Pastor Paul accepted a plaque on behalf of the volunteers from Lihu'e Lutheran Church in recognition of their outreach by providing both hot lunches and sack lunches to community members in need.

Volunteers play a crucial role in The Salvation Army's ability to provide quality services for the entire community and this is demonstrated by the Lihu'e Lutheran Church, selected as the Outstanding Volunteer Group of the Year for the Lihue Corps.

Since the start of the Kokua Soup Kitchen program in 2005, Lihu'e Lutheran Church members have been helping with the Kitchen. When the Kitchen started, they were serving almost 2,000 meals a month, and in 2009, that amount has almost doubled.

Going beyond helping with the main meal, Lihu'e Lutheran Church members provide each person who comes to the Kokua Soup Kitchen with a Mobile Munchie, a little extra to help tide them over until their next meal.

When the Kokua Soup Kitchen program started, Lihu'e Lutheran Church was distributing 2,300 Mobile Munchies. This has grown to where they distributed 20,000 Mobile Munchies last year.

A great big Mahalo to all those who volunteered and supported this outreach.