

Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity – The Tool Fund

Kaua'i Habitat is blessed to have many dedicated volunteers and donors ready to help local homeowners build their house. This year alone, we had over 150 volunteers who donated more than 10,000 hours of their time to help build homes. We will welcome more volunteers in the coming year, but one thing we also need to do is put more tools in their hands.

Tools wear out, or are lost on jobsites, or can't be repaired well enough to do the job right, or are missing important safety features. And in the next year, Kaua'i Habitat will move to another worksite and will need additional sets of tools so work can occur simultaneously at two different sites. Purchasing radial arm saws for our shop allows us to pre-fabricate sections; it is one of the ways we can best improve our efficiency and utilize volunteers with different schedules. We made a list of all the tools we need to add, replace, or duplicate and it amounts to \$16,000.

Storing, transporting and caring for our tools extends their life and makes us more efficient. We need a tool van, job-site containers and an inventory control system. It will take \$15,000 or more for this.

Lastly, we need to invest in several units of scaffolding and other temporary deck and railing structures to safely work on roofs, exterior painting and especially when working on houses in flood plains that must be elevated . We need \$14,000 for this.

On the opposite side of this sheet is an itemized list of tools and equipment we hope to purchase in the next year. We have set up a restricted Tool Fund and need to raise \$45,000. We seek donations both large and small to purchase tools and equipment. Donations to this fund will be used only to buy tools and equipment.

In 2009 we will expand our worksite to 2 different locations. Contributions to our Tool Fund will help us extend our work to other locations on Kauai. While we have 107 more house lots to fill in our Ele'ele Iluna subdivision, other opportunities to help Kauai families have arisen in Hanepepe and Anahola. We already have 4 large volunteer workgroups scheduled to build homes in the first quarter of 2009 – we want the volunteers well-equipped with tools to take best advantage of their work, and to give them a safe work-site.

Please consider a generous contribution to Kaua'i Habitat's Tool Fund today.

Your donation is a great way to give back to the community and invest in Kaua'i. Tools that make affordable homes for motivated families in a great way to support Kaua'i's future.

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