




March 2, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Presidents
Chancellors
State Director for Career and Technical Education
RCUH Executive Director
UH Foundation President

FROM: David Lassner
President 

SUBJECT: **2018 HAWAII FOODBANK FOOD DRIVE**

The Hawai'i Foodbank will be holding its Annual State Employees Food Drive from March 17 through May 19, 2018. I encourage your participation in this very worthy cause that helps to serve Hawai'i's needy, including children, elderly, homeless, disabled, working poor families, and others needing temporary assistance, including some of our own students.

As you all know, we have a systemwide Food Insecurity Committee that is researching food concerns on our campuses and recommending policies and practices to better support our UH 'ohana. These efforts will continue in tandem with our participation in the statewide Food Drive.

The Foodbank's goal this year is to raise 80,000 pounds of food and \$150,000. Last year, UH was one of the largest contributors, donating almost 20% of the food and 30% of the cash raised in the state employees drive. The top 5 most wanted items are financial contributions, canned meats/tuna, canned meals, canned vegetables or fruits, and rice.

Please designate an overall campus/unit coordinator by Friday, March 9, 2018 and forward their name and contact information to the system co-coordinators, Stephanie Kim at scskim@hawaii.edu or Mark Au at mgsau@hawaii.edu. All coordinators are urged to attend an organizational meeting on **Friday, March 16, at 10:00 am** at the Information Technology Center, Conference Room 105A, on the UH Mānoa campus. Polycom will be arranged for the neighbor island campuses, so please secure a room for your coordinator. Information and material on the UH drive will be provided at this meeting.

Although neighbor island campuses coordinate with their respective local food banks (Hawai'i – The Food Basket; Kaua'i – Hawai'i Foodbank-Kaua'i Branch; Maui – Maui Food Bank), money and food collected will still count towards the University's total effort.

If you or your designated Food Drive coordinator have any questions, please contact Stephanie Kim at 956-4250 or Mark Au at 956-6423.

Thank you for your generous support of this annual event, and I look forward to another successful UH food drive.