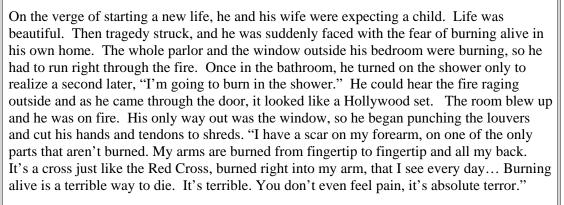




# Celebrating 93 Years of Service to Hawaii! Disasters: From Tragedy to Hope

To our wonderful Volunteers and Supporters,

Winter 2010-11



"I tell people it's a miracle not only organizations like you but in my situation, this whole situation changed my life and I accepted more in a positive way because there was help from people like you to balance...I didn't go homeless." He was in a coma for over 2 weeks and ICU for a month. "I went home and it was a home that through the service of the Red Cross was provided to my family... your services helped, especially immediately after I woke up...my wife was telling me about the Red Cross. It's an amazing thing you do."

"You made a difference. Not only by getting us through the tragedy but putting a big cornerstone in my heart that changed my life. Made me look at things differently. We're going to instill in this child the spirit of giving. It's a different life. We may have lost everything, but we gained so much more. So again, thank you very much."

— Hawaii disaster victim's story

### Local Disaster Recap

2010 ended with a flurry of fires and flood — 7 disasters in December alone, including house fires in Kalihi, Waianae, McCully and Koloa (Kauai), flooding on Oahu and Maui, and a fallen boulder incident in Aiea. On call 24/7, 365 days a year, we responded to 96 disasters statewide (that's one every 4 days), opened 8 shelters and served 768 meals.

2011 began in much the same way as 2010—more heavy rain and flooding. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers and staff, we have been able to help hundreds of flood victims on Oahu and Maui. Four shelters were open for several days where dozens of flood victims sought refuge and over 300 meals and snacks were served.

Red Cross volunteers canvassed hundreds of homes and found 1 home destroyed, 4 with major damage and 9 with minor damage. Going door to door, we distributed flood kits, flashlights, trash bags, hand sanitizer, buckets, bleach, rakes, shovels, and tarps as well as stuffed animals for children. In addition, we worked through our Waianae Outreach and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center partners to distribute tarps, t-shirts, towels and flashlights to the homeless beach population. Thanks for all of your generosity and compassion – you make our good work possible!

Coralie Chun Matayoshi, CEO American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter

Red Cross volunteers distribute disaster relief items on Oahu and Maui



Flooding prompts opening of Red Cross shelters on Oahu & Maui



Christmas Eve fire destroys

Wajanae home



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