

Touch A Heart | 2025 Annual Report



A Decade of Harvest

2025 marked a sacred milestone for Touch A Heart — A Decade of Harvest — celebrating ten years of transformation through our employment social enterprises and food services training program. For the past six of those years, since 2019, this work has been rooted at **Kalihi Union Church**, where faith, partnership, and community have allowed the ministry to grow and flourish.

This anniversary was not only a celebration of longevity, but a testimony to what God can cultivate when compassion, purpose, and faithful partnership come together.

Years of Cultivation, Shared Soil

Kalihi Union Church has been far more than a physical home for our work. You have been a **spiritual and relational partner**, offering welcome, encouragement, prayer, and trust. Through the support of church leadership, members, and the broader KUC 'ohana, Touch A Heart has been able to operate kitchens as classrooms and work as restoration.

Since 2019, individuals rebuilding their lives have stepped into a space shaped by grace — where dignity is affirmed, accountability is practiced, and belonging is real. We are deeply grateful for a church community that lives its faith not only on Sundays, but through daily acts of love and service.

2025: A Year of Growth and Fruit

The fruit of both long-term investment and new growth became especially visible in 2025:

- Baker's Heart expanded capacity through shared kitchen space with **Honolulu Baking Company**, increasing production and training opportunities.
- Our commitment to justice-impacted individuals deepened through participation in the **Pathways to Meaningful Work Symposium** at Chaminade University and partnership with the **Hawai'i Workforce Collaborative** for the "Second Chances, New Paths" webinar series.
- New seeds were planted through collaboration with **Lydia House**, a pu'uhonua operated by Lili'uokalani Trust serving youth at risk or experiencing homelessness.
- The return of Chef-Trainer **Curtis** and the addition of **Jennifer**, Employment Social Enterprise Operations Manager, strengthened our foundation and capacity.
- Community engagement expanded through partnerships with **Macy's Ala Moana** and **Hilton Grand Vacations Waikikian**, introducing our mission to new audiences.
- Touch A Heart's voice was shared statewide, with Executive Director **Robin Kumabe** serving as a panelist at the **FEAST Summit**, Hawai'i's premier food and hospitality conference.
- We launched our **Growth Mindset curriculum**, later implemented with **Olomana School at the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility**, extending restoration beyond our kitchen walls.

A Living Vision: Isaiah 61:3

At the heart of Touch A Heart's mission is the vision found in **Isaiah 61:3** — “They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”

This verse reflects our deepest hope: that individuals once burdened by shame, loss, or instability would be restored, rooted, and strengthened — standing firm as living testimonies of God's redeeming work. Our **A Decade of Harvest** celebration brought these stories to life through the voices of graduates whose journeys embody this promise.

With Grateful Hearts

We offer our heartfelt mahalo to **Kalihi Union Church — its leadership, members, and community** — for walking alongside Touch A Heart with generosity, prayer, and faith. Your partnership has helped transform meals into ministry, kitchens into classrooms, and work into worship.

As we step into the next decade, we do so with gratitude for what has been grown together and hope for what God will continue to plant.