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Saltchuk Giving Initiative – Hawai'i Region Donates \$60,000 to Local Food Banks

Four food banks across the state will each receive \$15,000 amid the COVID-19 pandemic

HONOLULU, HAWAII – In an effort to feed local families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Saltchuk Hawai'i companies: Aloha Air Cargo, Hawai'i Petroleum, Minit Stop, and Young Brothers, LLC, donated \$60,000 today to support the critical service Hawai'i's food banks provide to our island communities. The Hawai'i Foodbank, Kaua'i Independent Food Bank, Maui Food Bank, and the Food Basket will each receive \$15,000 to support their efforts to feed families in need.

“Food insecurity is one of many challenges local families across the state are facing right now as a result of the coronavirus pandemic,” **said Jay Ana, president of Young Brothers, LLC.** “In addition to supporting local food banks with in-kind transportation, we are grateful for the opportunity to join our sister companies in helping to support our food banks in this way.”



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The Saltchuk Giving Initiative – Hawai'i Region typically awards funds to nonprofits in the sectors of youth development and post-secondary education programming. However, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the initiative recognized the current need to support our local food banks that are providing vital services to keep our communities healthy and strong.

“We know there is a huge need for basic necessities such as food and water and we’re here to help the communities that have trusted us for so long,” **said Kimo Haynes, president of Hawai'i Petroleum.** “By focusing our donation to organizations who have established infrastructure, we can quickly help the people who need it the most.”

“Hawaii’s food banks are recognized both nationally and locally for its mission to feed those in need,” **said Travis Colbert, vice president & general manager of Aloha Air Cargo.** “It was a logical choice for a far reaching effect during this very challenging time.”

Since its inception in 2014, the Saltchuk Giving Initiative – Hawai'i Region has given over \$1.4 million in grants to various non-profit organizations. In 2019, Saltchuk Hawaii companies provided more than \$280,000 in grants and in-kind transportation to the community.

About the Saltchuk Giving Initiative – Hawai'i Region

The Saltchuk Giving Initiative – Hawaii Region, accepts applications from non-profit organizations statewide whose primary purpose is to further post-secondary education and youth development. For more information, visit www.saltchuk.com/about-us/giving.

About Aloha Air Cargo

Headquartered in Honolulu, Aloha Air Cargo, delivers fast, economical and reliable transport of goods between the Hawaiian Islands of Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Island of Hawaii. It became an independent cargo operator after the closure of Aloha Airlines passenger services in May 2008. Aloha Tech Ops is a division of Aloha Air Cargo and provides maintenance and engineering services to airlines in the State of Hawaii. For more information, visit, www.alohaaircargo.com.

About Hawai'i Petroleum

Hawaii Petroleum is a wholesale and retail marketer of fuel products, convenience retailing and signature island fare operating on the islands of Maui and Hawaii. With a modern fleet of bulk delivery vehicles, 7 commercial HFN cardlocks, 20 Ohana Fuels retail stations, and 16 Minit Stop stores, Hawaii Petroleum’s mission is to be the preferred provider in the markets we serve. For more information, visit <https://hawaiipetroleum.com/>.

About Young Brothers, LLC

Young Brothers, with approximately 370 employees across the state, has served Hawai'i since 1900. Young Brothers is a publicly regulated water carrier providing weekly port calls from Honolulu to the state’s neighbor island ports, including Hilo, Kawaihae, Kahului, Kaunapau, Kaunakakai, and Nāwiliwili. For more information, visit www.youngbrothershawaii.com.

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