

## New Computer for Christmas ? Donate your old one !

Did you get a new computer for Christmas ? When you donate your old computer to Hawaiian Hope, you will help us build computer labs in homeless shelters, help homeless children get their homework done and help their parents become more familiar with technology to get better jobs.

Hawaiian Hope is a non profit organizations that specializes in technology. Our primary focus is in providing technology service to other non profit orgs, and in particular, those serving the homeless population. Part of what Hawaiian Hope does is: using donated computers we build computer labs in homeless shelters and provide computers to people and families to take with them once they move out and find a place to live on their own.

As most of us are well aware, many of the jobs now available can only be applied for by using the internet. As an example, Wal-Mart, Home Depot and many hotel chains no longer accept paper applications, and instead, REQUIRE all job applicants to apply for jobs through their company's website.

Likewise, many school children are routinely assigned homework with the assumption they have a computer at "home" and internet access whenever they want. If you were not aware, Hawaii has over 700 children living in homeless shelters and according to the DOE's own records, Hawaii has over 2,400 children enrolled in schools that are known to be homeless.

Through the efforts of Hawaiian Hope and building our computer labs, we hope to have a positive impact into the lives of these children and their parents, to further their education and find better jobs. We respectfully ask that you join us in helping to address this critical need. ALL donations may be made by contacting us and then dropping the donated items off at our offices at 611 N. King Street. Please schedule your drop off first.

### Some of our special needs :

Below is a list of some of our special needs. In addition to other items, these are some items that we rarely receive.

**We Need Hard Drives :** Hawaiian Hope regularly receives donations of computers and monitors and we greatly appreciate these items. We have discovered however that in the name of "security" many of the computers donated have had their hard drives removed. This leaves us with an unusable piece of hardware that requires us to spend additional money to get it to work. Even 20 Gig drives would be sufficient for our needs in most instances.

**We Need Mice :** Likewise, while we receive computers, we have found that most people never part with their keyboards and mice as these are very personal items. In the last 50 computers we have received as donations, not one of them had a mouse with it and only 25 had keyboards.

**We Need Networking :** On only 3 occasions have we received any type of networking equipment, and all 3 were 8 ports or less. The typical computer classroom that we assemble has at least 12 computers. Here is a photo of a classroom with 17 computers. We need hardware, cabling and switches. A typical switch that we use is a "D-Link 24-port 10/100/1000 Switch. "

**We need volunteers :** We need people willing to help in getting our many donated items working again or simply tuned up. We are also looking for volunteers to help in teaching classes, tutoring and in helping with other areas of the organization.

For more information please contact us at :  
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