## **PARTNERS IN CARE**

Oahu's Continuum of Care

Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.

## 2024 Point In Time Count Donation Request

Partners In Care will be conducting a federally mandated census count of those experiencing homelessness on O'ahu on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The Point in Time (PIT) Count provides a snapshot of all those experiencing homelessness in our shelters, streets, beaches, tents, cars, or other places not meant for human habitation. This count is vital for establishing federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as well as State, local and private funding to help end homelessness on O'ahu.

Each year, CoC members and community volunteers locate, engage with, and interview unsheltered homeless individuals and families across the island. Our teams disperse out into the community, working before sunrise, to reach homeless individuals and families so that no one is left uncounted. These surveys are conducted on the streets, under the freeways and viaducts, in riverbanks and any place that a homeless individual or family is identified. While out in the community, our surveyors provide "incentive kits" for those they come into contact with. We are seeking donations in the form of shop cards, monetary, or in-kind donations to help create these kits.

Examples of items needed for our incentive kits (but are not limited to):

- Tampons / Pads
- Socks
- Snack bars
- Ziploc bags (gallon sized for kit assembly)
- First Aid Kits (or individual items such as Band-Aids)
- Rain Ponchos
- Bottles of water
- Tote bags/Drawstring backpacks
- Flashlights
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes/floss
- Underwear (all genders)
- Slippers

If you are willing to donate, please contact Sara Ironhill at sarai@partnersincareoahu.org to coordinate.

## MAHALO!