

# Shared Vision

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## Traveling Gabriel

**G**abriel Curry, 12 year-old son of Ohana's Karen Curry, was selected as a Student Ambassador in the People to People Program. The mission of this project is to spread peace and develop better understanding among people in different cultures.



As a student at St. Joseph's School in Waipahu, Gabriel, under Blind Vendors Ohana's sponsorship, was one of several students selected to spend 24 days in Italy, Hungary and Austria from June 22 to July 15, 1997. He stayed with families in the countries he visited, and he tried to bridge the gap between different peoples and cultures.

## SPOTLIGHT: WAREHOUSE LEADS

**T**his quarter, we would like to tell you about two of the Leads who work down in Ohana's warehouse.

One of the Leads is **STUART MCKINLEY**. Stu hails from Santa Barbara, California, and came to Hawaii 26 years ago.



In his youthful days in California, Stu was President of a sports car club, and organized rallies. Prior to coming to Ohana, he owned a cookie baking company that sold many delicious cookies all over the island. He began working at Ohana since 1994.

Stu loves to golf, and his favorite course is at the Pearl Country Club.

Another of the warehouse Leads is **TOLA OLE**. Standing at 6 feet tall and 250 pounds, Tola is an imposing figure of strength. His family consists of his parents and his four sisters.

During his high-school days at Aiea High School, Tola was part of an all-male quintet that sang religious, oldies and Hawaiian songs. They were so good that they won Aiea's Brown Bags to Stardom contest, and they even participated in the State finals.



Tola loves to play volleyball, football, and basketball. He played J.V. football at Aiea. He also loves to sing Karaoke.

## President's Message

Aloha everyone! This year has just flown by so quickly...I can hardly believe it's already October! As the year comes to a close, I begin to ponder all that has happened in 1997. I know everyone has their own memories and thoughts of these past months, and I can tell you that I have had one momentous year. I just hope everyone remembers that Ohana's goal is to work together as an "ohana". We are all part of the Ohana extended family, so we need to work together to have a safe and happy holiday season.



*Paahana Award Winners*

**O**ur first recipient is a gracious and soft spoken Sales Associate who works part-time during the day shift.

Harriet Asato is a Waipahu native who graduated from Kaimuki High School. She and husband Wally have a son, a daughter, and 2 grandsons.



As you all know, Harriet is an excellent cook and baker, and she loves to experiment with new recipes. Another of Harriet's favorite hobbies is to crochet. She also likes to dabble with plastic canvas needlepoint. Harriet loves classical music and is currently taking piano lessons.

The next recipient of this quarter's award is Karen

Curry. Karen works part-time on the swing shift, and also works full-time at Credit Corp. She is married and has 2 sons, ages 12 and 16.

For a number of years, Karen has been taking hula lessons, and as we all remember from last year's Christmas Party, she has become a very talented dancer. Another favorite past-time for her is to read suspense novels.

Because of her two jobs, Karen tries to spend quality time with her family by going to the beach, Ice Palace, or wherever the kids like to go.



Another winner of this award is a Sales Associate who works during the graveyard shift. Adolfo Delos Reyes also works during the day time at the Mark Center Garage. He is married and has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.



Adolfo loves listening to Filipino and Classical music. He plays the guitar and violin. His #1 classical piece is *Schubert's Serenade*.

When asked about working at Ohana, Adolfo says, "I like to work at Blind Vendors Ohana because everybody is so nice."

The final Paahana Award winner is Karen

Galeon. Karen works as a sales associate on the morning shift. This is her second Paahana Award.



Karen has very good customer relations skills, and she tries to assist customers in any way she can. She is helpful to everyone, and is always busy during slow times cleaning up and straightening the shop. Karen has a very pleasant disposition, and she loves to share her sense of humor with everyone.

**GATE 29 SHOP**

**R**enovation's are almost complete at the Gate 29 Shop. Footage increased by about 200 square feet, so now it is almost as big as the Y-Concourse shop. Many more products are now sold here, giving customers a larger selection to choose from.

If you get a chance, make sure you stop by and see our newly renovated store.

