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**SEVEN MAUI ROTARY CLUBS COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE MAUI FOOD BANK**

Lahaina, Hawaii,            ,       –

For the 16th year seven Rotary Clubs on Maui collected much-needed amounts of food for the Maui Food Bank at their recent “Rotary Gives Thanks” Food Drive. Rotarians manned six collection tables at three Safeway stores on Maui. Over 2400 lbs. of food was collected and almost $4000 in funds was generated from generous Maui community members.

On Saturday November 19th, members and friends of the following Rotary Clubs of Maui worked doors at three Maui Safeway stores to participate in the “Rotary Gives Thanks” food drives for the Maui Food Bank. Participating clubs were the Rotary Clubs of Kahului, Kihei Wailea, Lahaina, Lahaina Sunset, Upcountry Maui, Wailuku, and the Eco Club of Maui. The goal of the Food Bank is to provide hunger relief for anyone who might be in need. According to Marlene Rice, Director of Development for the Maui Food Bank: “For all the Rotary Club members, I want to thank you for your commitment over the weekend to support the needs of the Maui Food Bank and, more importantly, the Community on Maui. More than ever before working poor families, seniors on fixed incomes and single parents are relying on the Maui Food Bank just to make it month to month. Because of folks like the Rotary Clubs who share our vision, we can make sure that no one in our island ohana goes to bed hungry."

Photo: Members of the Rotary Club of Wailuku and the Baldwin High School Interact club collected food and funds at the Maui Lani Safeway for the Maui Food Bank.

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