



HABILITAT
THE PLACE of CHANGE

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

55 YEARS IN REVIEW



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*A Special Message from
Governor Josh Green, M.D.*

In Recognition of

55th Anniversary of Habilitat

January 27, 2026



On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, I extend my warm aloha to Habilitat on its 55th anniversary and to recognize Jeff Nash, the executive director of Habilitat. I commend him for his unwavering commitment and dedication to carrying forth the legacy of Habilitat founder Vincent "Vinny" Marino, who set out a mission in 1971 to help individuals struggling with substance abuse, empowering them to make positive changes in their lives.

Through hands-on vocational programs, residents gain marketable job skills that support long-term independence and significantly reduce the likelihood of relapse or re-offending. For over five decades, Habilitat has helped thousands of individuals rebuild their lives, strengthening families, reducing the burden on public systems, and contributing to safer, healthier communities across the state.

Mahalo to the Habilitat leadership, its board of directors, and staff for not only fostering goodwill in the community, but also providing compassionate service to residents and their families. Congratulations on your milestone anniversary and best wishes in the years ahead.

With warm aloha,

Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i



JEFF'S MESSAGE

This annual report reflects the 55-year legacy of our founders, Vinny and Vickie Marino. Over the decades, Habilitat has positively impacted tens of thousands of lives through its commitment to teaching, compassion for its residents, and meaningful community engagement. The hard work and creativity of our residents extends beyond our facility, contributing to the community through services such as holiday tree sales, yard work, catering, and, most importantly, helping individuals transition from a life of despair into becoming productive members of society. These efforts have strengthened our community and established Habilitat as a respected model for treatment programs.

On a personal note, 2026 marks a meaningful milestone in my journey with Habilitat. It's my 25th year as a staff member and 10th year as Executive Director. During this time, we have faced numerous challenges, yet we have continued to adapt and grow. From natural disasters to a global pandemic, Habilitat has remained steadfast, never closing its doors. The resilience, dedication, and creativity of our staff and residents have been instrumental in sustaining our mission.

Over the past decade, we have made significant investments in our physical facility, upgrading nearly every area to support another years of service. We also opened transition houses to ensure that our graduates have the very best chance of success. Habilitat has evolved to meet the changing needs of society, ensuring continued relevance and impact. Financially, we have seen strong growth, with net assets increasing by 270%, from \$4.7 million to a projected \$12.8 million by the end of fiscal year 2026. These outcomes reflect the collective effort and commitment of our entire organization.

This anniversary year also brought exciting new developments. We hosted our inaugural Golf Tournament at Mid-Pacific Country Club, where 39 teams enjoyed a successful and engaging day of fellowship and fundraising. Additionally, we began modernizing our clinical and facility records system, transitioning to current technologies that will enhance efficiency and provide valuable data insights.

I would also like to extend congratulations to Becky Harrison and Travis Sanders on their appointments as Associate Executive Director and Operations Director, respectively. This leadership transition further strengthens our organization and positions Habilitat for continued success in the years ahead.

All the best,
Jeff



1971

- The year Vinny Marino founded Habilitat: starting with only 6 residents and two unpaid staff, in a small 2-bedroom house located in Kailua. As the family grew, they added two tents and a camper in the backyard.



1972

- Habilitat had its very first graduation ceremony: held on June 4th for 8 residents who received their GED.
- Vinny Marino bought the Bigelow property in Kaneohe for \$1.



1973

- Habilitat hosted its first fundraising concert for its 2nd anniversary.
- Frank Cockett started Habilitat's very own construction company.
- Habilitat 2 facility was completed.



1974

- Enterprise created the Friends of Habilitat Cookbook, candles and wood products. Habilitat became 62% self-sufficient.
- Mayor Herbert Matayoshi proclaimed Habilitat Week February 3-9.

1975

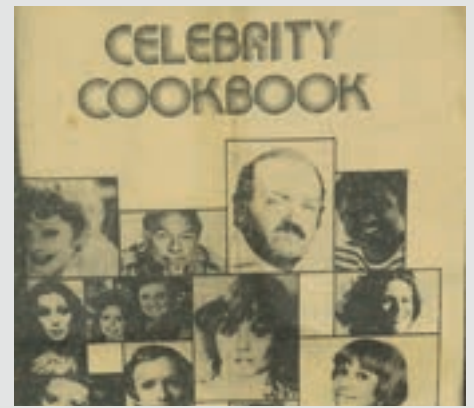
- Habilitat started one of its most popular fundraisers, selling Christmas Trees. To this day it remains our largest event.





1978

- Habilityat's Celebrities Cookbook was published.



1976

- Habilityat's population increased to 150 residents.
- Habilityat had its first shipment of their Home Grown cd.
- Habilityat had its first 24-hour telethon.



1981

- Habilityat hosted "The Family Expo," another successful fundraiser.
- Nov 24th was the start of 24 carrot chips (cookies).

1977

- Habilityat hosted its Clean Hawaii campaign, a 100-mile highway clean up from Aina Haina around Makapuu.
- Habilityat held a Home Grown Festival.

1979

- Mayor Frank Fasi proclaimed October 21st Vincent C. Marino Day.
- Vinny won an award for being "Outstanding Citizen of the 70's."
- Habilityat hosted a Casino Night, a black tie affair which turned the Honolulu Club into a fake casino.
- "Is there life before death" a play about Habilityat was written and performed by residents at Manoa Valley Theater.



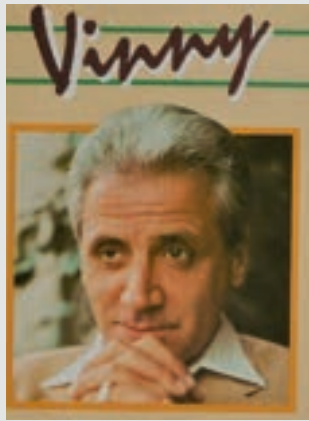
1982

- Habilitat hosted the Hawaiian Professional Championship Rodeo for about 10 years.



1983

- Vinny's "Victory Over Drugs, Death and Degradation" was published.
- Habilitat's Christmas tree fundraiser raised \$200,000.
- Habilitat received AAA rating from Commissioner of Substance Abuse, Julio Martinez of New York.



1984

- Arnold Schwarzenegger participated in aerobics with the family and donated gym equipment.
- Habilitat was remodeled.
- Habilitat 2 closed and residents moved out.



1986

- Habilitat completed construction of its physical fitness and recreation building.



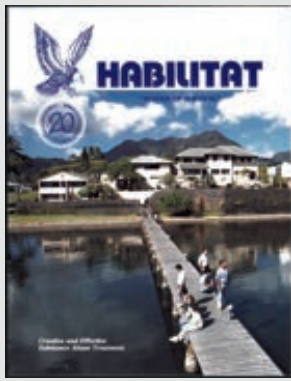
1987

- March 8th dedications and groundbreaking kick started construction of the Frank Cockett building.

1988

- Habilitat started construction on a new building for dormitories for the residents and an institutional kitchen and family dining room.





1991

- Habilitat Day is proclaimed Jan 27th by Mayor Frank F Fasi.
- Habilitat's 20th Anniversary celebration is held at the Hilton Coral Ballroom.



1992

- January 10th Vinny received a plaque of Appreciation.
- Vinny goes on tour in the Philippines about drug rehabilitation.



1995

- Habilitat started its hydroponics project.

1996

- Habilitat held its 25th Anniversary Auction Dinner at the Hilton Hawaiian Coral ball room.
- Book preview party of Vinny's autobiography "Journey from Hell" priced at \$12.95. This biograpghy remains a staple of the program.



1998

- Habilitat started school fundraising to help schools, groups and sports teams.



2000

- January 31st Vincent Marino passed away at age 61. His wife Victoria succeeds him as Executive Director.



2002

- On November 29th at age 61 Victoria Marino passed away. Danny Katada succeeds her as Executive Director.



2001

- Habitat holds its first Luau, Auction and Benefit Concert. The Luau ran until 2019.



2007

- Habilitat started an all- female landscaping and cleaning department.

2009

- The female services team had a booth at the Home and Garden Expo at the Blaisdell.

2013

- Habilitat won Toshiba's Helping the Helpers Technology Makeover Contest.
- Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie proclaimed July 1st as Helping the Helpers Day.

2015

- Habilitat hosted "Taste the Good Life," a fundraiser featuring food trucks and live entertainment.



2016

- Jeffrey Nash became Executive Director of Habilitat.





2020

- In response to the pandemic shutdown Habilitat hosted the first ever “Haunted Drive Through” at Aloha Stadium.
- Habilitat partners with Hawaii Meals on Wheels and U.S Veterans to feed people suffering during the pandemic.



2021

- Expanding its continuum of care, Habilitat purchases the first transition house for graduates, Keolahou Hale.

2023

- Habilitat purchases the second transition house in Aiea, Maluhia Hale.



2025

- Habilitat purchases the first all female transition house following award of a 2 million dollar Lever - For-Change grant funded by the Mackenzie Scott Yield Giving.
- Habilitat hosts its first Golf Tournament at the Mid Pacific Country Club



OUR FOUNDERS



In 1971, Vinny Marino, a recovered addict who had spent over 14 years battling heroin addiction, opened the doors of a small Kailua home to eight individuals seeking a different path. Drawing from his own experiences in therapeutic communities across the mainland, Vinny believed that overcoming addiction required more than just sobriety. It demanded discipline, marketable skills, and a long-term commitment to personal transformation.

What began in that modest home grew into Habilitat, a nationally recognized treatment center. The program's expansion included the acquisition of the historic Bigelow estate on Kaneohe Bay, which became the foundation for a comprehensive residential facility that has served Hawaii for over five decades. Vinny's approach was straightforward: hard work, accountability, and peer support within a structured therapeutic community. The program's multi-phase model, encompassing treatment, vocational training, and re-entry aftercare, has helped thousands of individuals rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose.

Habilitat's impact extends beyond individual recovery. Across Hawaii, the organization has become a cornerstone of community-based rehabilitation, known for its high success rates and steadfast commitment to permanent abstinence. Vinny's vision created not just a treatment center, but a pathway to self-reliance and lasting change.

When Vinny Marino passed away in 2000, a speaker captured his essence: "Habilitat was his life... that is his legacy." Today, that legacy continues to transform lives throughout Hawaii and around the world.



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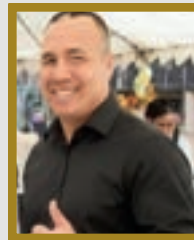
Founder, Life Enhancement Institute of the Pacific

2026 PROMOTIONS



Becky Harrison

Associate Executive Director



Travis Sanders

Director of Operations

STAFF BY TENURE

Over 20 Years

Karen Ferreira
Jeffrey Nash
Becky Harrison

10-19 Years

Scott Ryan
Adrienne Neale

5-9 Years

Joan Shishido
Peter Amerino
Travis Sanders
Madeline Areford
Ethan Kelly
Justin Worthington
Greg Sheindlin

0-4 Years

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