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### **HAWAII BANKERS ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN FIFTH STATEWIDE FOOD DRIVE FOR HAWAII FOODBANK**

(HONOLULU, Hawaii, April 13, 2012)--The member banks of The Hawaii Bankers Association (HBA) will once again be collection points for canned food and monetary donations from April 16 through May 31, 2012, according to an announcement today by Gary Fujitani, executive director of Hawaii Bankers Association. This is the fifth year that the HBA has participated in the drive.

The HBA members are part of a banking coalition within the food drive campaign, joining the other coalitions already in place. Members of the Hawaii Bankers Association coalition include: American Savings Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Bank of the Orient, Central Pacific Bank, Finance Factors, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii National Bank, HomeStreet Bank, Pacific Rim Bank and Territorial Savings Bank.

There will be approximately 280 bank branches collecting canned goods and monetary donations on behalf of the Hawaii Foodbank. Contributions from the community are being counted on to supplement an ever-increasing need to feed Hawaii's hungry.

Last year, the HBA member banks collected a total over six tons of food and nearly \$31,000 in support of the Hawaii Foodbank.

“The need continues to grow faster than our ability to address the problem of hunger in our community; the Hawaii Foodbank would like to thank all of HBA’s member banks for their generous support. We appreciate the member banks making their branches available to serve as collection points for canned food and monetary donations, said Richard Grimm, president of the Hawaii Foodbank. “It’s sad but true that , even though we just completed a very successful Foodbank Drive, the shelves in our warehouse will be bare within a matter of weeks.”

“In the true spirit of cooperation and ‘Ohana’ the HBA member banks will once again be working together to support the Hawaii Foodbank’s statewide food drive, said Fujitani. “Many of us visit a bank branch within the course of a week, making it easy for anyone to make either a monetary or food donation. HBA’s member banks are committed to helping those less fortunate in our island community.”

The canned goods in greatest demand include:

- Canned meats or tuna
- Canned meals
- Canned soups
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits

The Hawaii Foodbank collects, warehouses and distributes mass quantities of both perishable and non-perishable foods. The Hawaii Foodbank network includes 270 member agencies on Oahu as well as food banks on the Big Island, Maui and Kauai. A \$10 donation will provide 25 meals for hungry island residents. For more information, contact Polly Kauahi at (808) 836-3600 ext.226.

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