2018-19 Annual Report
“I envisioned the food pantry to be a readily available resource open to all UH Mānoa students through the efforts of the campus community….I hope that Food Vault Hawaiʻi will be able to help students in need while illustrating the importance of community-based giving.”

Maggie Hinshaw, UHM ‘18
Former ASUH Treasurer (105th Senate) and main introducer of ASUH legislation, SR 06-18 and SA 39-18, to support the creation of a campus pantry. Maggie also named the pantry Food Vault Hawaiʻi.
Abbreviations

ASUH  Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
CC    Campus Center
CCB   Campus Center Board
CUFBA College and University Food Bank Alliance
FVH   Food Vault Hawai‘i
HH    Hemenway Hall
MDS   Mānoa Dining Services
SAPFB Student Activity and Program Fee Board
SLD   Office of Student Life and Development
UHM   University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
UHF   University of Hawai‘i Foundation
OVCS  Office of the Vice Chancellor for Students
Acknowledgements

FVH sincerely appreciates all of our donors (faculty, staff, students, and community members) for stocking our shelves and making donations to our UHF account. Your generosity positively impacts students.

FVH recognizes the contributions of our AY 2018-19 student fellows (Brenda Ly, Alexandria Osborne, and Natalie South) who staffed the pantry and recruited volunteers. Without your hard work, commitment, and belief in this initiative, we would not have gotten through Year 1 or have the ability to move forward to Year 2.

FVH is grateful to the OVCS for sponsoring our student fellow positions to support our operations. We appreciate your support.

Finally, FVH acknowledges the partnership of the ASUH, CCB, SAPFB, and SLD that has made this initiative possible. Thank you to the student members, faculty, and staff of these entities for your efforts and contributions.
What is Food Insecurity?

According to CUFBA, the College and University Food Bank Alliance,

“Food Insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, or the ability to acquire such foods in a socially acceptable manner. The most extreme form is often accompanied with physiological sensations of hunger.”

http://cufba.org
What We Know Nationally

- There is a growing interest and need for campus pantries. In 2012 there were 88 members of CUFBA. In 2018 membership grew to 686 member institutions.
- 217 colleges and universities currently operate pantries, 146 are at 4 year institutions.
- 41% of the campus pantries distribute less than 5,000 pounds of food annually.
- 21% of the campus pantries distribute more than 20,000 pounds of food annually.
- 88% of the campus pantries offer food, toiletries, and kitchen items such as can openers, utensils, and dishes.

## Our Peers and Benchmarks

### 100% of our PEER institutions have campus pantries (*1 pop up)
- Colorado State University- Fort Collins, Rams Against Hunger
- Mississippi State University- Starkville, Peter’s Rock Food Pantry
- Oregon State University- Corvallis, HSRC Food Pantry
- University of Arizona- Tucson, UA Campus Pantry
- University of California- Davis, UC Davis Pantry
- University of California- Irvine, FRESH Basic Needs Hub
- University of California- San Diego, Triton Food Pantry
- University of Colorado- Boulder, Pop-Up in 2018-19, 3 events
- University of Iowa- Iowa City, Food Pantry at Iowa
- University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill, Carolina Cupboard
- University of Pittsburgh- Pittsburgh, The Pitt Pantry
- University of Tennessee- Knoxville, Smokey’s Pantry
- University of Utah- Salt Lake City, Feed U Pantry
- University of Washington- Seattle, The UW Food Pantry

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For more information on UHM’s Peers and Benchmarks, [https://manoa.hawaii.edu/iro/peersbenchmark/](https://manoa.hawaii.edu/iro/peersbenchmark/)
What We Know Locally

● 2017: 44% of 593 UHM students who completed a food security survey indicated experiencing food insecurity.

● 2006: 45% of 408 UHM students who completed a food security survey indicated experiencing food insecurity.

FVH Background and Timeline

Presentation by Joannie Dobbs, PhD to ASUH Senate

ASUH Senate members made aware of the results of a 2017 survey on Food Security

Review Best Practices, Work on ASUH Legislation

ASUH representatives work with SLD faculty advisor to review best practices for addressing food insecurity, draft pilot program proposal to establish campus pantry. Legislation considered by Senate. ASUH allocates funds.

Preparations Underway for Fall Opening

Hemenway Hall 111 renovated, equipment purchased, food drives conducted to stock pantry

Early Fall 2017

ASUH Considers Options

ASUH representatives consider options for addressing UHM student food insecurity

Late Fall 2017

ASUH and SLD Seek Additional Collaborators

CCB agrees to provide space in Hemenway Hall to house the pantry. SAPFB allocates additional funding. OVCS provides 2 student fellow positions.

Late Spring to Mid-Summer 2018

Late Summer to Early Fall 2018

October 2018 and Beyond

Food Vault Hawai‘i Opens

Soft opening on September 28 Grand Opening on October 1

On-going food drives
Food Vault Hawaiʻi

FVH kicked off Year 1 of its 3-year pilot pantry program with a soft opening on Friday, September 28, 2018 and formally opened on Monday, October 1 in Hemenway Hall 111.

The main objective of FVH is to provide assistance to UHM students experiencing food insecurity by offering non-perishable food and toiletries during the Fall and Spring semesters through a pantry located in the Campus Center Complex.
Food and toiletry donations are accepted Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm at the SLD Office in CC208.

Monetary contributions to FVH are accepted on-line at our UHF account: https://giving.uhfoundation.org/funds/12909704

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*Includes food, toiletries, food handler certification, and one-time cost items such as a scale, desk, chair, etc.
FVH Distribution: Food vs Toiletries in Pounds (6,247 Total)

- Toiletries: 6.6% (413.7 pounds)
- Food: 93.4% (5,833.30 pounds)
FVH Distribution by Month in Pounds (6,247 lbs Total)

October 1, 2018 - May 2, 2019

- October 2018: 14.8%
- November 2018: 17.9%
- December 2018: 5.3%
- January 2019: 7.4%
- February 2019: 13.8%
- March 2019: 14.8%
- April 2019: 20.3%
- May 2019: 5.6%
- Total: 6,247 lbs

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Most Popular Items at FVH
(More demand than supply)

- Canned protein (e.g. spam, chicken breast)
- Canned/boxed/packaged meals (e.g. pasta, stew, madras lentils, vegetable tikka masala)
- Microwavable food (e.g. meals, soups, rice)
- Staples (e.g. rice, mac & cheese, pasta)
- Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast and nutritional bars
- Canned/packaged fruits
- Snacks
- Toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant
- Other hygiene products
Most Frequently Donated Items to FVH

(More supply than demand)

Dried Ramen/Saimin
Vienna Sausage
Pork & Beans
Corn
Green Beans
Campbell’s Chicken Noodle Soup
Number of Days FVH Open by Month (75 Total)

4 hours per day

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Note: Soft Opening on September 28, 2019 (1 day)
Student Entries to FVH by Month (1,301 Total)

October 1, 2018 - May 2, 2019

- October 2018: 245 entries (13 Days)
- November 2018: 217 entries (12 Days)
- December 2018: 84 entries (6 Days)
- January 2019: 108 entries (8 Days)
- February 2019: 159 entries (11 Days)
- March 2019: 152 entries (10 Days)
- April 2019: 277 entries (12 Days)
- May 2019: 59 entries (2 Days)
Student Entries to FVH by Day of Week (1,301 Total)

October 1, 2018 - May 2, 2019

Day of the Week

- Monday (10am-2pm): 297 entries
- Thursday (12-4pm): 506 entries
- Friday (2-6pm): 497 entries
Unique Student Users of FVH (347 Total)

Graduate
17.0%

Undergraduate
83.0%

59

288
How did FVH help you?

“How my paycheck was delayed for about a month, and it helped me get by while I waited for money to come in. I'm really glad food vault was there for me when I needed it.”

“Eat. Live. Thrive. I store the food in my office and it helps me sustain myself through the cold winter months.”

“Provided a great deal of food I used to make up for times when I couldn't eat.”

“It financially helps that the money I would have used for food, stretched and instead bought essentials. Even simply offering toothbrushes and other hygienic products was thoughtful since I was at risk for being houseless.”
What would you do to improve FVH?

“More food!!! And constant restocking”

[Provide an] “exit survey”

“The service is fantastic I am unsure what to recommend.”

“Refrigeration and fresh produce. Surplus of dining halls could help.”
FVH Events

To promote FVH and educate students on creative ways to elevate non-perishable foods, FVH partnered with ASUH and MDS to host an event using non-perishable foods from the pantry.

We hope to do at least one of these events a semester next year.
FVH Year 1 Summary & Discussion

- Opened 12 hours per week between October 1, 2018 through May 2, 2019 (75 total days of operation)
- 347 unique UHM student users (83% undergraduates, 17% graduates)
- 1,301 total entries by UHM student users
- Approximately 40% of ASUH and SAFPB allocations were used (for establishing operations, equipment, signage, food and toiletries, staff food handler training)
- Demand Outweighed Donation Supply: 3,500 donated vs. 6,247 pounds distributed
  - Direct purchasing of food/toiletries will continue to be necessary for the foreseeable future using funds derived from ASUH and SAPFB allocations, and UHF donations
- FVH’s distribution in its 75 days of operation (6,247 pounds) already exceeds the annual distribution of 41% of other U.S. campus pantries (less than 5,000 pounds per year), suggesting that distribution will increase as the FVH pilot continues
Looking Forward: FVH Year 2

● Pantry
  ○ Continue offering non-perishable food and toiletries at the pantry
  ○ Secure permit, purchase refrigerator, add eggs

● Events
  ○ Offer a cooking demo and sampling event each semester
  ○ Pilot a monthly event in partnership with a 501(c)(3) and Hawai‘i Foodbank offering fruits, vegetables, breads, and dairy products

● Data
  ○ Continue entry swipe data collection, implement eval/survey
FVH Sustainability

Volunteer

- Staff the pantry on Mondays 10am-2pm, Thursdays 12-4pm, and Fridays 2-6pm
- Staff monthly food drop events in the Campus Center Courtyard

Donate Food and Toiletries

- Donate unexpired, manufacturer packaged, non-perishable food and toiletries to SLD at CC208

Donate $

- Donate $ via FVH’s UHF Account: https://giving.uhfoundation.org/funds/12909704
For More Information

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