

# Secondhand Heaven

Located in the Community Hall at  
Makawao Union Church, 1445 Baldwin Avenue

Aloha to our  
Maui Community!  
October 2025

**Open 9 - 2**  
**Wednesdays & Saturdays**

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**Donations welcome 9-12**  
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*We're a Maui Food Bank  
collection site. Bring your  
nonperishable food items to  
put in the bin.*

## Secondhand Heaven's Mission Statement

Secondhand Heaven is an outreach  
program of Makawao Union Church.  
Its mission:

To reflect God's love for our friends  
and neighbors by providing low-cost,  
high-quality goods in a respectful  
manner that acknowledges the worth  
and preserves the dignity of all  
persons; and

To encourage environmental  
stewardship by keeping good, usable  
materials out of the landfill and  
putting them in the hands of people  
who can use them; and

To maintain the historic buildings of  
Makawao Union Church to further  
our outreach to the community.

*The revenue from sales at  
Secondhand Heaven supports the  
Makawao Union Church  
Preservation and Maintenance  
Fund.*

## Prayers answered

The Holomua Road fire that burned 380 acres September 23 to 25, was stopped approximately a quarter mile from our campus. Roads were closed, of course, so we weren't able to get close enough to check out the church or the shop. Fortunately, there was no fire or smoke damage so we opened on schedule on Saturday, September 27.



Many, many thanks go out to our wonderful Maui Fire Department, the first responders and our police force. It could have been so much worse but we're happy to know that no one was hurt and no structures were burned.

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## Thrifting as usual

Occasionally we need to limit the donations coming in, or close a room or two in the shop because of low volunteer sign-ups. But we're still open for our amazing customers and will always offer you the best prices on good stuff all over the shop. Be sure to check our Facebook page for announcements about sales, closures, adjusted open times and special incoming donations.

We don't have a phone at Secondhand Heaven.

You can find us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/440542206363882>  
or email <joyofrecycling@gmail.com>

# Recycling or Wish-Cycling?

*(Borrowed from the Recycle Maui Country website: [mauicounty.gov/recycle](http://mauicounty.gov/recycle))*

Wish-Cycling is putting non-recyclables in the recycling bin, hoping they can be recycled. Please stop. Don't flood recycling bins with Wish-Cycling. Recycle only what is allowed. On Maui, that list is short and specific:

#1 and #2 plastic bottles with necks  
Mixed cardboard  
Newspaper  
Aluminum and bi-metal cans  
Glass bottles and jars

That's it folks. No margarine containers. No broken toys. No magazines or books. No clothing or other textiles. No mirrors or windows.

**When you recycle, valuable resources are kept out of the landfill and made into new products.** To make this process cost effective, Maui County Recycling Centers collect only high-value materials accepted on the global commodity market. Therefore, it is important to ***put only recyclable items in the collection bins***. When you “wishcycle” or try to recycle items that are not accepted, those items need to be sorted out, adding to the cost of the whole program. It's more important than ever to stick to the list, keep it clean, and reduce waste whenever possible.

Once collected, all recyclables are hauled to the MRF—or Material Recovery Facility—in Kahului to be sorted and baled. Due to limited infrastructure, most materials are shipped off-island for remanufacturing.

## We could sure use your help

We need more volunteers, people who can work at least one or two 3-or-4-hour shifts during the week. It's not that we don't have a lot of volunteers on the roster. It's just that life happens - vacations, jobs, family and illness. We understand and know that family, health and jobs are our top priorities.

If you have a few hours to spare during the week, come in and fill out an application. We're open to extra help in shifts: 9 to noon or 11 to 2 on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Or 9 to noon on Mondays and Fridays. Even a couple hours on a Saturday can help us immensely.

Some of the tasks always needing help: sorting clothes, shelving priced items, folding linens, hanging clothes in the Bargain Basement, and generally tidying the displays. Hope to see you soon!

## October days

Wednesday, October 1 (today!)  
Yom Kippur begins at sunset  
Monday, October 13  
Columbus Day  
Indigenous Peoples' Day  
Monday, October 20  
Diwali  
Friday, October 31  
Hallowe'en

