

The Barbie that went to college.

Aloha, My name is Magin Patrick. I am here to share with you about the the love Project Hawai'i, Inc., provides to poverty stricken keiki year round. PH is a nonprofit organization run 100% by volunteers and solely supported by public donations.

I can stand here and share with you why our program is unique or share boring statistics of the crisis our homeless keiki face.

Instead allow me to share a story, one that will allow you to feel the meaning of Project Hawai'i, Inc..

This story is called

The Barbie that went to college.

Imagine waking up on Christmas morning by the raindrops hitting your face through the puka filled tent knowing it is just another day to survive. There is no gift under the forgotten tree, no smell of cookies in the oven, not even a glimpse of holiday cheer surrounding your makeshift tent.

Once upon a time in a small homeless encampment along the oceans edge I met a little girl with no bed to lay her head, no running water or even hope for a better tomorrow.

To protect her identity we will call her Ashley.

Along my journey through these makeshift houses, we are not always able to have a long and binding relationship with all the children. Sometimes Project Hawaii is only the small moment in time, a life changing touch that will last in their hearts forever.

Some people ask what their small donation does, or how a simple act can change a life.

Well on Christmas eve, Santa's elves delivered a BARBIE to Ashley that was that simple act you ask of. The glimmer in her eye and the excitement of a gift with her name on it delivered by an elf from the north pole is indescribable.

Life goes on and she just happened to be one of the children who disappeared from our programs outreach. Years later through the miracle of technology, Ashely reached out to me. She thanked me for that Barbie she received so many years ago and wanted to let me know that she still had that Barbie, that Barbie represented a hope of a better future for her. She hung on to that treasure and slept with it every night....and then she took it to her college dorm room.

This is a RARE and unheard of act from a homeless person. Most will never graduate high school, some will be pregnant before the age of 16, and others will lose their life to drugs. This girl, because of the kindness of another, went to college!!

Thank you for taking the time to feel the joy of saving a life.