



## Willie Reopoamo Talamoa

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We are heartbroken by the loss of one of our beloved IHS team members. Guest Services Assistant Willie Talamoa, who worked at our Sumner Men's shelter, succumbed to COVID-19 on Friday night, August 21st.

### **The Talamoa family shared:**

“Willie Reopoamo Talamoa leaves behind his girlfriend Lani, daughter Leilie, his father Poamo, his mother Angie who is also an employee at IHS, one brother, one sister his grandmother Kopa Talamoa, many aunties, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was proud of his Kalihi roots and did anything to get the kids off the streets and to encourage them to use their talents on the field and courts. We are deeply saddened to lose Willie but we trust in God and know that for Willie to be absent here with us is for him to be present with the Lord!

We would like to send a Big mahalo for the outpouring of love & prayers on social media, through phone calls and texts. All we ask is for your prayers during this time of mourning for our family! Willie's legacy will live on in our hearts and our memories as we continue to fight the good fight and not let his death be in vain! Be blessed, Stay blessed & GodBless Love You ALL!”

### **Executive Director Connie Mitchell added:**

"Willie Talamoa was a precious member of the IHS team - always upbeat and positive -- and worked tirelessly to personally encourage and inspire our homeless shelter guests. Not only did he serve at IHS, he was known to give much of his time mentoring and coaching youth in the community. His young age reminds us all of our own vulnerability against this disease that does not discriminate. We will miss him dearly."

Read more about Willie in the following news stories:

- [Honolulu Star Advertiser - COVID-19 victim Willie Talamoa was beloved Farrington football coach](#)
- [KHON2 - Family remembers Willie Reopoamo Talamoa who passed away from coronavirus](#)
- [KITV - IHS employee who died from COVID-19 is remembered as 'upbeat and positive'](#)

**Please consider a donation today to support Willie's family through this extremely difficult time. All donations submitted through the form below will go directly to the Talamoa Family.**