

Aloha and happy holidays!

As 2023 comes to a close, we are extremely grateful for the tremendous outpouring of aloha and financial support that was received this year. We'd like to share with you some of the many ways that Kimokeo Foundation was able to fulfill our mission and make a difference on Maui.

After seeing our success this year, we encourage you to keep the momentum going and make a tax-deductible donation today, before the year ends, to help us continue the good work that we do within our community.

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Mahalo to our courageous Maui firemen



KIMOKEO FOUNDATION'S MISSION

To preserve and perpetuate Hawai'i's culture, traditions, practices and language and Maui's environment and community's health through education programs that benefit the people of Hawai'i.

EDUCATING OUR YOUTH



HAWAIIAN PROGRAMS

Through our Nā Liko I Ka La'i Program, we hosted four Hawaiian cultural workshops for Hawaiian immersion students and their families. Participants learned about Hawaiian cultural practices and made Hawaiian crafts while being instructed by Hawaiian cultural practitioners in our native indigenous language.

We also created our online Hānai I Ka 'Ao audiobook series and uploaded 22 original Hawaiian audiobooks which capture the knowledge gained by Nā Liko I Ka La'i youth and the Hawaiian cultural practices that they learned during the program.

We also provided Hawaiian immersion schools and public schools on the west side of Maui with backpacks, school supplies, uniforms and financial assistance to support their education as many recover from the devastating wildfires in August.



SUPPORTING OUR EDUCATION PARTNERS

➤➤➤ HAWAIIAN CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS

We continued to partner with Hanona and Hōlani Hāna to provide lodging for off-island Hawaiian cultural practitioners who visit Maui to conduct traditional Hawaiian hale (house) building practices and training in Waihe'e and Wailuku. We also supported members of Hui Mālama Loko I'a to train Maui residents about Hawaiian fishpond restoration masonry skills.



➤➤➤ NALU STUDIES

We have education partners on Maui and throughout the state. For a second year, we partnered with Pacific American Foundation's NALU (Nature Activities for Learning and Understanding) Studies Program by providing educational and logistical support for their science program. NALU Studies connects Maui Nui's students in hands-on outdoor and laboratory activities in environmental science on Maui.

HEALING MAUI'S COMMUNITY

Our community thrives when we are all living in safe and healthy environments. However, this year's wildfires on Maui have tested our community's strength and have taken us to a level like no other. In response to our community's crisis and with no hesitation, Kimoko Foundation jumped right in and immediately committed to doing our part to support our community.



One of the many things we've done is work on housing displaced families. We partnered with Maui Eco Builders to provide survivors with temporary residences by building tiny homes for them. These homes help them live comfortably while they rebuild their lives. Since early November, we've built four homes, housing seven survivors and more homes are planned in 2024.



We've also worked with many local restaurants and chefs to provide over 1,200 meals to residents and volunteers at community hubs throughout West Maui. We provided West Maui residents with new forms of ground transportation, purchased supplies for teams who were helping in recovery efforts and distributed thousands of boxes of donations to community hubs thanks to donations received from our mainland partners.



CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Fire has been an utmost concern for Maui this year so we're working with Pu'ukukui Watershed in West Maui to raise funds to create fire breaks throughout the West Maui watershed system. These fire breaks will be extremely important in preventing fires in a mountain range that supplies a majority of the water for West Maui.

Since water is so limited on Maui, we need to find innovative ways of using this finite resource. So in 2023, Kimokeo Foundation partnered up with WaterTectonics to support their Kula Ag Park Produce Washing Center Project which converts reservoir water into clean water. This water is then used to wash agricultural produce being grown at Kula Ag Park.

This fall, we also partnered with Hui Wa'a 'O Lāna'i and their Makai Watch Program with The Nature Conservancy. This environmental program studies interactions between marine life and human use at Hulopo'e Bay and Mānele Harbor on Lāna'i. The data collected will help determine how to protect our natural marine resources within Maui Nui in the long run.

LET'S
CONTINUE
THE
MOMENTUM
INTO 2024



MAKE A DONATION

As we bid farewell to a challenging year in 2023 and welcome in a new year filled with new horizons, we ask you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Kimokeo Foundation so we can continue our momentum of supporting cultural education on Maui, caring for our environment, and healing our fragile community.

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**Make a tax-deductible
donation today!**

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THE SOLUTION TO
A CHALLENGING
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AND SUPPORTING
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