



PAPAKOLEA NEWS

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Aloha,

2020...what a year! The coronavirus pandemic brought new challenges and struggles to our community for which we were not prepared. Everyday tasks like taking the kids to school, going to work, and getting groceries drastically changed. We were told to socially distance ourselves from family and friends and celebrate birthdays, graduations, and holidays online. Parents became teachers, kupuna and keiki were kept close to home, and restaurants and businesses went silent.

As we say goodbye to the madness of 2020, Kula learned one thing: the coronavirus pandemic challenged us and we, as a community, stepped up to meet it!!

This newsletter is a small recap of the many partnerships and projects that kept Papakolea families safe and healthy this year. We intend to print a Papakolea Pandemic Report next year to acknowledge and share our true gratitude to all who supported us to stay PAKOLEA STRONG. We pray for a safe and blessed holiday season to all!

Aloha kekahi i kekahi,

Dr. Adrienne Dillard, Executive Director

B. Puni Kekauoha, Associate Director

Kula no na Po`e Hawaii will be closed from Thursday, December 24 - Sunday, January 3, 2021.

Happy Holidays!

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Kula no na Po`e Hawaii

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Kalawahine Streamside Assn.

KULA PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Kula no na Po'e Hawaii staff worked very hard to quickly ensure kupuna and keiki continued to receive support and programming during COVID. KCCN home visits became weekly wellness calls and Lamaku and Papakolea Fire Academy went online via Zoom.



Community events also looked very different this year as we adapted to COVID social distancing guidelines; Graduations, Halloween, and Christmas celebrations COVID-safe for all!



COMMUNITY PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Community health and food security became Kula’s top priorities in 2020. COVID screening, meal distributions, food/grocery distributions, and drive-through flu shot clinics were all a part of keeping Papakolea safe, healthy, and fed. We can’t begin to list all the friendships and partnerships that made this possible; we are blessed!

Mahalo nui to the many hearts and hands that donated, coordinated, volunteered, and distributed food to our families...Papakolea Appreciates You!



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***Mahalo to everyone who participated in
the Christmas Gingerbread Contest!!***

Here are this year's winners:



1st Place: Silva 'Ohana



2nd Place: Kalei 'Ohana



3rd Place: Hanchett 'Ohana

***Mele Kalikimaka
a Hau`oli Makahiki Hou!***