

HUALĀLAI 'OHANA FOUNDATION



You Make a Difference...



Hualālai Keiki

When the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation Education Committee heard that 4th grade schoolteachers were seeing children reading at a 2nd grade level, they decided to do something about it. Recognizing the challenges of post-pandemic child literacy, the Education Committee organized a "Grab & Go" event for 140 children and their parents in the parking lot of the 'Ohana Foundation offices in November.

Each child received a large paper bag filled with 15-20 age-appropriate books from Scholastic Books. Book bags were heavy so thankfully happy moms and dads helped to carry them for their children while they chose stuffed animal dragons. To add to the fun, The Roberts Foundation generously donated bendable booklight buddies including a dinosaur, dog, bookworm, owl, and robot. Clifford The Big Red Dog, a Scholastic Books mascot, also showed his cute smiling face in the form of large individually wrapped sugar cookies for the children.



My daughter loved the firetruck and paw bag. As soon as we got into the car, she started pulling out her books - each one was her "new favorite."

Thank you for supporting
this event and helping
kids to associate reading
with fun.

Thank you so much!
My daughter loves reading
so this felt like Christmas
three weeks early.

The smile on my daughters
face when she saw all the
books she got was amazing.
Meeting all the friendly faces
that help make this possible
was really special too!
This is a great way to get
keiki to have a love for reading
which is so important.



keiki Book Fair



The Hualālai Fire Brigade brought fire hats, a big red firetruck, a 4x4 fire squad quad and fire hoses for the children. The opportunity to see a firetruck up close and personal was especially meaningful for keiki since all firetrucks in Hawai'i are bright yellow (for visibility reasons). To add to the festive red theme, everyone's favorite puppet Elmo danced to keiki favorite Disney tunes along with volunteers and staff of the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation.

Enjoyed having the fire truck/brigade available for the kids to take pictures with. It was fun to let the kids turn on the hose and sit in the driver seat. Also fun having Elmo there interacting with the kids.

Elmo, fire truck, everyone was so friendly. The books given was as my kid would say awesome! she was so excited to receive them.



Hualālai Fire

Kids LOVED the book selection and the dragon! Event was well organized and no delays with the flow.

Mahalo Nui Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation and to all the Homeowners who's supporting this event. Our Keiki wouldn't be able to go to school without your support. Our daughter Mia has improved her speech since she started going to school. She loves to read books and every time we got a book from Hualālai 'Ohana in the mail she's so excited to read it before bed time. - Martin and Rhoda Aguas





Brigade

Thank you for the continued support and investment in our keiki learning and future. My family has been participants and recipients of awards provided by the 'Ohana Foundation and we're so grateful for all of the opportunities the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation continues to provide. Mahalo nui loa!



Each year, the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation grants two (2) \$10,000 scholarships to eligible, qualifying students. The Hualālai 'Ohana Scholars Award for first-generation students is a need-based award providing financial and academic support for Hawai'i high school graduates pursuing an undergraduate degree at one of Hawai'i's universities. The award is renewable for a total of eight semesters (four years) of funding. Scholarships are renewed based on academic standing, participation in program events and activities and community service projects.

The inaugural cohort of Hualālai Scholars includes Keilana Crane (daughter of Ed and Aime Crane), Gabby Gutierrez (daughter of Alfonso and Della Gutierrez), and Sabrina Lelm (daughter of Maribeth and David Lelm). Scholars are provided with mentoring opportunities and serve as aloha ambassadors at Foundation events throughout the year including a scholarship recognition breakfast, the Honor Roll Awards Ceremony, 'Ohana Meetings, and donor appreciation events and fundraisers.



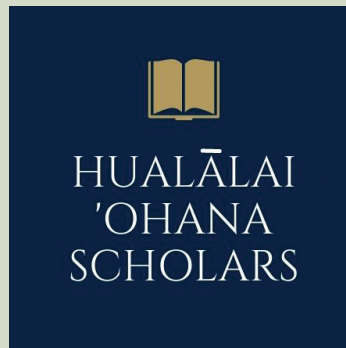
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MAHALO NUI LOA *for your support!*

SPECIAL THANKS

to Hualālai members and volunteers for their role in bringing the event to life and providing the funding and support that made the event possible:

- Education Committee
- 2022 Hualālai Scholars
- Hualālai Fire Brigade
- Our Generous Donors and 'Ohana!



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Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation was established in 2002 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization to provide a vehicle to allow residents the opportunity to contribute to the well-being and aloha spirit of our uniquely blessed community.

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