



HUALĀLAI 'OHANA FOUNDATION

A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia

No task is too big when done together by all

2024 Annual Report

Our Mission

The Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation's is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization supported by residents of the Hualālai Resort community who believe in the power of philanthropy to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of those who make Hualālai a special place to be. Our vision is a community where we embrace our kuleana (responsibility) to the workforce families, expanding access and creating pathways to workforce development, child literacy, lifelong learning, higher education, and healthcare.

Our Values

Aloha **LOVE, COMPASSION**

We give of ourselves when we give from our heart. Hualālai embodies aloha in so many ways, yet most importantly through the *aloha* spirit of its people. Our goal is to connect our donors to meaningful opportunities to help make a difference in the lives of Hualālai's workforce.

'Ohana **FAMILY**

We are connected and care for each other. We want the best for our family members. We serve those who are 'ohana in our hearts.

Kōkua **HELP OTHERS**

We were created to give help to our 'ohana and this value continues to guide our actions each day. *Kōkua aku, kōkua mai.*

Ho'okō **COMMITMENT**

We are committed to our goal of providing opportunities where they may not exist. We do so with *pono* (integrity) and *lokahi* (unity).

Mahalo **APPRECIATION**

More than merely 'thank you', *mahalo* represents the gratitude, appreciation and esteem. This sincere appreciation for the aloha shown by people of Hualālai inspired our homeowners to create the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation and continues to guide our mission today.



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An Ocean of Gratitude

"The Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation reminds us that the people of Kona are more like a big family rather than a simple community."

- Brianna S.

"Mahalo for helping me go to college and finish what I started."

- Leann A.

"It means the world to me that donors want to see students like me succeed."

- Keilana C.

"Thank you so much for your generosity. My family and I are speechless."

- Shannon K.

"Your generosity has inspired me to help others and to give back in my community. I hope to one day help people achieve their goals as you have helped me."

- Sarah K.

"Thank you so much for helping my husband through his surgery."

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"Mahalo nui e no ke Kōkua and I kō'u no ke Kauka niho 'a'ole hiki ia'u ke mahalo piha iā 'oukou. Thank you very much for helping my family pay for our wisdom teeth. I'm not able to thank you enough."

- Tehani G.

"The donors of the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation are the heart of Hualālai, always showing kindness in all they do."

- Charles G.

"Mahalo nui loa for your continued support of our Keiki. They will remember Halau Lamaku summer camp all their lives."

- Anna G.



le – Mahalo Piha

"As a husband and father of 3 young children, the Surgical Award provided by the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation changed my life. Everyday, I am incredibly grateful for the privilege of being part of this 'ohana."

- S.A.

"The amount of lives and families you have touched with your generosity is astounding."

- Kawiika M.

"Thank you for the generous support to make a dream come true!"

- Lauren M.

"The LEAP Lifelong Learning Award was exactly what I needed to feed my soul."

- Marie S.

"I count the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation at the top of my blessings!"

- Jane

"I am profoundly grateful and in awe of all the members that give this foundation the true meaning of 'OHANA."

- Ana F.

"I think I could say thank you a million times and still not feel like it is enough."

- Nicole T.

"Your financial support has given us so many opportunities in life that we are forever grateful for."

- Ananda C.

"I am so proud to be of service to this Hualālai community."

- John N.

"Thank you so much to the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation, who has given my daughter a good education and health and happiness to me."

- Pranee C.



Medical Assistance

In 2024, the Foundation's medical assistance awards brought life-changing relief to Hualālai's workforce families, easing financial burdens and opening access to essential care.

DENTAL AWARD:

Up to \$1,000 per award for urgent, medically necessary procedures such as oral surgeries, braces, and extractions. Each employee, their spouse, and dependents are eligible for 1 Dental Award each year.

SURGICAL AWARD:

Up to \$3,000 per award to offset surgical costs/ copays and related travel expenses.

SERIOUS MEDICAL / EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AWARD

For the most urgent and severe medical needs, this award supports medical bills and related travel expenses to deliver immediate help when every moment matters

In 2024, the Foundation directed \$327,781 to the health and well-being of Hualālai's workforce families through medical awards.

Here's a closer look at the impact:

KAKO'O FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AWARD

Restricted to Hualālai employees who have 5+ years of service, these cases provide wrap-around support to address an acute financial emergency.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete a medical financial assistance application with a treatment plan from a licensed medical provider. Applications are available year-round on our website at HualalaiOhanaFoundation.org.
- Employment eligibility verification as an independent contractor, vendor, service provider, or Four Seasons hotel employee.
- Must work on the Hualālai Resort footprint for at least 6 months and at least 20 hours per week.
- Provide proof of insurance eligibility and payment.

For some families, these awards provide the opportunity to focus on recovery instead of mounting bills. For others, they bring the ability to return to work, travel to specialized care, or access to more timely care. Each award represents more than medical financial assistance—it is a commitment to the health, dignity, and well-being of the people who are the heartbeat of Hualālai.

2024 MEDICAL TOTALS



A young girl with dark hair in two braids, wearing a red patterned shirt, has a rainbow face paint on her forehead with white clouds on either side. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting. On the right side of the image, there is a vertical decorative border with a repeating pattern of red leaves on a green background.

**Kako'o
Hardship
Awards**

3

**Number
of families
helped:**

193

2024 Education Progr

Thanks to your support, learning flourishes across generations. Whether it's igniting wonder in young minds, equipping students with tools to thrive, or offering meaningful opportunities for adults to learn, reconnect, or reimagine, our educational programs are here for every learner, at every stage. Your generosity creates spaces where growth is not only possible, but inevitable.

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

Preschool scholarships, Kindergarten-12th grade scholarships, learning and reading subscriptions, the annual Keiki Book Fair, and Honor Roll Awards cultivate a love of learning, build fundamental skills, and prepare the next generation for future success..

KEY PROGRAMS

- PreK-12 Scholarships
- Honor Roll Award
- Keiki Literacy & Learning / Book Fair

UPSKILLING AND RESKILLING: BUILDING THE WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW

Our education programs aren't just for the children of employees—they are often utilized by our workforce 'ohana too! In addition to new skills, certifications, and degrees, employees who utilize these opportunities report increased confidence, improved work-life balance, and enhanced leadership and communication skills.

KEY PROGRAMS

- Lifelong Learning Award
- Vocational Training

ENCOURAGING HANDS-ON AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Hands-on and experiential learning nurtures skills, confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning. From summer camps that focus on place-based education in an outdoor learning lab to children's monthly learning subscriptions and education grants, these programs create opportunities for discovery beyond the classroom.

KEY PROGRAMS

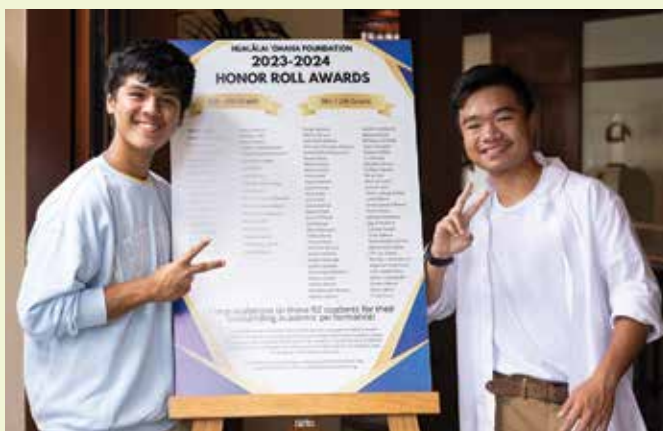
- Summer Camp at Kalaemanō
- Keiki Literacy & Learning Award
- Lifelong Learning Award

HELPING YOUNG ADULTS REACH HIGHER

Our students often share that a powerful motivator in their academic journey is the realization, through Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation Scholarships and Academic Incentive Awards, that someone believes in them. That belief inspires confidence, empowering them to aim higher and reach for the stars.

KEY PROGRAMS

- Hualālai Scholars & Higher Education Scholarship
- Academic Incentive Awards
- Work For College Match



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LEAP – Learning Enrichment Awards

119

LIFELONG
LEARNING
AWARDS
and \$150,000

48

KALAEMANŌ
SUMMER
CAMP
PARTICIPANTS

222

KEIKI LITERACY
AWARDS

17

TECHNOLOGY
AWARDS

Scholarships

80

PREK-12
SCHOLARSHIPS
and \$300,000

53

HIGHER
EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIPS
and \$295,000

3

HUALĀLAI
SCHOLARS
AWARDS

‘AINA – Academic Incentive Awards

92

HONOR ROLL
AWARDS

28

WORK FOR
COLLEGE MATCH
AWARDS

26

ACADEMIC MERIT
AWARDS

\$1,058,939

DIRECTED TO **688**
EDUCATION AWARDS

**AN 18% INCREASE
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He Pili 'Ohana:

Strengthening Community Through Ed Mueller's Leadership

At Hualālai, 'ohana means more than family by blood—it's about connection, care, and shared commitment. Few understand this better than the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation, whose mission is to serve the resort's employees and their families with compassion and dignity.

Over the past several years, the Foundation has expanded in both vision and reach, providing direct aid, education, and emergency support to those who form the heart of the Hualālai community. One of the most transformative chapters in this journey unfolded under the thoughtful leadership of board president **Ed Mueller**, whose dedication helped guide the Foundation through critical moments—most notably during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When the resort closed in 2020 and many employees suddenly faced uncertainty, the Foundation sprang into action. The Crisis Response Fund—launched with urgency and care—distributed thousands of dollars in financial assistance. Grocery gift cards, rent and utility support, and essential resources were quickly mobilized to ensure no employee was left behind. "The goal was simple," Ed shared. "Take care of our people." The initiative demonstrated not just generosity, but deep responsibility to the community that sustains Hualālai's spirit.

The Foundation's impact goes far beyond crisis response. Year-round programs support employee families in meaningful ways—from early childhood education and academic scholarships to health and wellness initiatives. These efforts have grown steadily, with a focus on building long-term resilience. Scholarships now help employees'

children pursue higher education, while cultural and youth programs connect keiki with Hawaiian traditions and values.

That steady growth has been possible thanks to dedicated leadership, collaborative vision, and strong community trust. As board president from 2018 to 2024, Ed helped shape much of the Foundation's current structure—strengthening its governance, expanding outreach, and helping recruit key team members.

Originally from St. Louis, and a first-generation college graduate, Ed credits his own opportunities in life to the support and values instilled early on. That understanding shaped his approach at Hualālai, where he championed programs that didn't just offer aid—but opened doors.



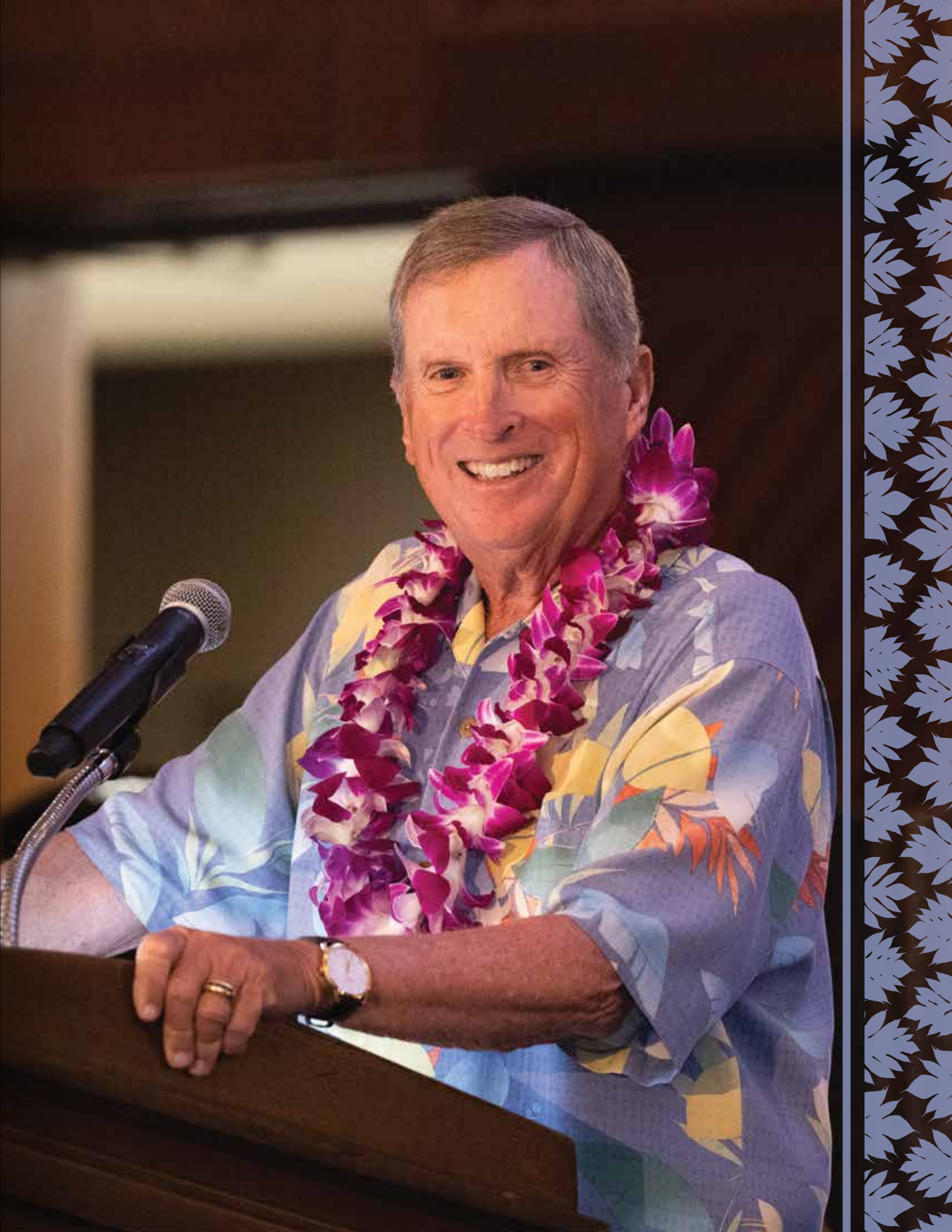
Photo: Ed and Susan Mueller with Bella, a summer program participant.

"Everybody that optimizes their gifts just feels better," he once said, a sentiment that underpins much of the Foundation's philosophy: empower people to grow, and everyone benefits.

As the Foundation looks ahead, its mission remains the same: to invest in the well-being of the people who care for the land, guests, and homes of Hualālai every day. Their stories—of resilience, growth, and opportunity—are the real legacy.

Whether it's a student receiving their first college acceptance letter, a parent finding relief during a medical crisis, or a child learning more about their Hawaiian culture, the Foundation's work echoes through lives in ways that go far beyond numbers.

At its core, the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation reminds everyone in the community of one simple truth: 'ohana is not defined by birthright, but by how we show up for one another.



Passion, Purpose, and Generosity:

John Ryan's Story

If you ask anyone who's been touched by the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation, they'll tell you: it's not just about financial support. It's about the people behind the giving—people like **Mr. John Ryan**.

A man of many chapters, John Ryan's story begins in Chicago but truly took root in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he spent most of his life. His first job? Working in a small bakery called Junke Bakery, run by a sweet German couple. That early experience—simple, sincere, and full of community—sparked something in him that would grow for decades to come.

He went on to attend Catholic grade school and later studied psychology and economics at the University of Minnesota. But it wasn't the diplomas or job titles that shaped him most—it was the people. The experiences. The belief that stories, especially those of children, matter. That belief led to the creation of a literacy initiative in St. Paul, starting as a reading program and growing into a student-published weekly reader. It gave young voices a place to be heard—to soar. And that spark never went out.

What began as a venture into retail marketing evolved into a 40-year publishing legacy, and eventually, a digital signage company. But no matter how high his business reached, John Ryan always kept his feet grounded in service—and his heart close to the community.

In 1978, his journey brought him to Hawai'i. A friend was opening a pizza shop in Kona—yes, that beloved local spot, Tom Bombadil's—and John decided to tag along. But it wasn't just pizza that won him over. It was the landscape, the people, the mana of the island. The towering green ridges reminded him of his favorite film, King Kong. Nature and science had always fascinated him, and here

was a place that felt like both a dream and a home.

By 1999, he and his beloved wife, the late **Anne Barasch Ryan**, had completed their home at Hualālai, becoming among the very first residents. Alongside neighbors like **Paul and Yen Yee Locklin**, their home became a cornerstone of community—built on friendship, filled with love, and alive with memories that endure even after Anne's passing.

Today, John still calls Hualālai home. And whether he realizes it or not, thanks to his generosity and heart for service, so many families in our Hualālai 'ohana have been supported in ways both big and small because of his and many others' donations. Through the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation, Mr. Ryan has helped lift financial burdens for Four Seasons Resort Hualālai employees and their families. From early literacy programs to tutoring in reading and math, to helping keiki and young adults dream bigger, he's created a ripple effect of hope. His vision is clear: "We as a community should support the success of students to be able to read and have the opportunity to reach for the stars."

And we're here to say—mahalo nui loa, Mr. Ryan. For your story, your heart, and your belief in all of ours. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed. Whether it's the child who found joy in reading for the first time, the parent relieved by tuition support, or the college student who dared to chase their dreams—your impact is everywhere. It's in the laughter of keiki at school. It's in the quiet strength of families working hard to build a better future. And it's in the grateful hearts of an entire community that sees you not just as a donor, but as 'ohana.

Mahalo for helping us believe in ourselves—and for reminding us that generosity, like aloha, is best when shared.



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The following individuals and families have given \$100,000 or more in cumulative support to the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation. Their extraordinary generosity reflects an enduring commitment to uplifting the lives of those who bring the spirit of Hualālai to life.

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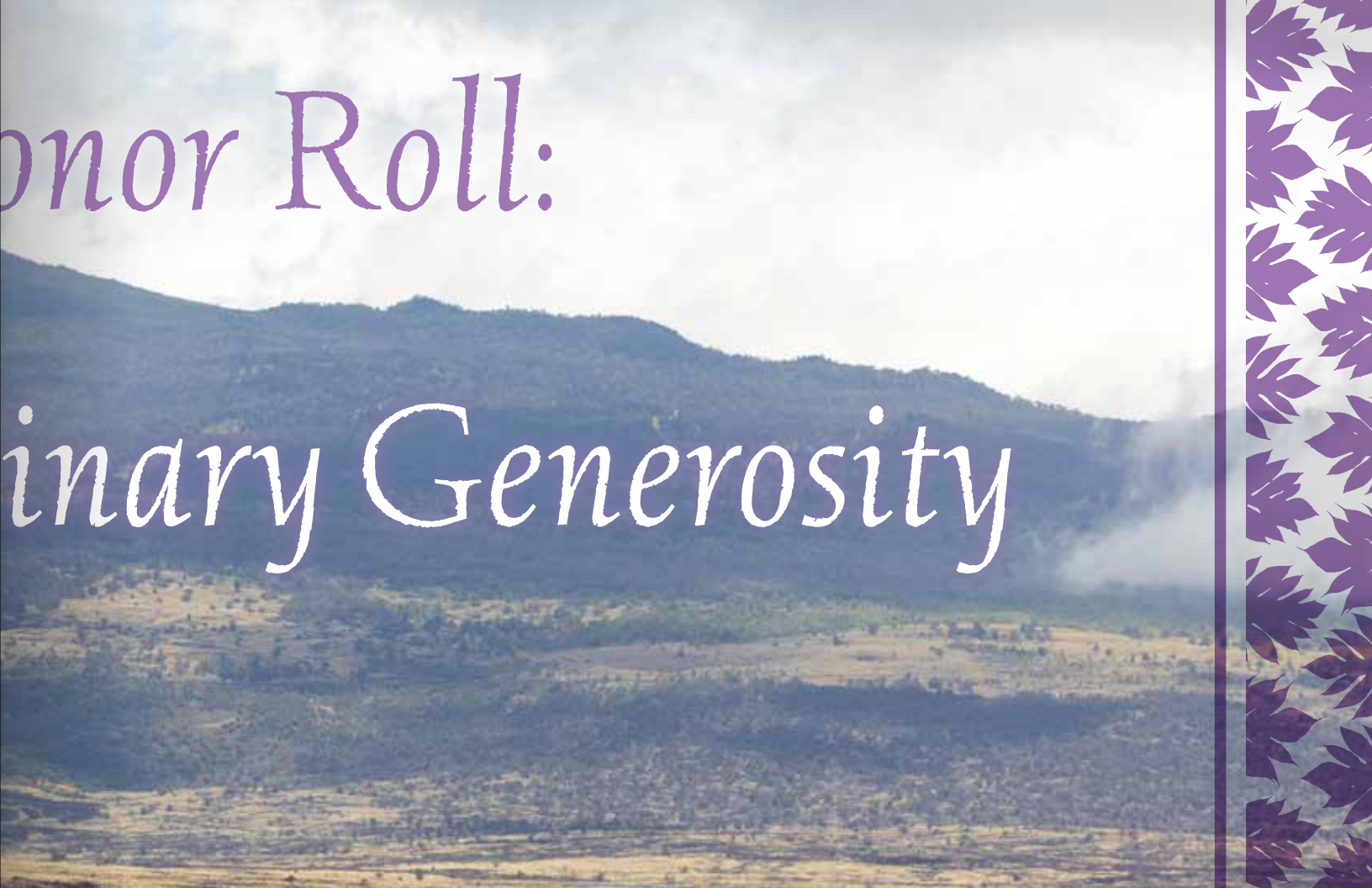
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Mahalo NUI loa!



Aunty Kaulu Amaral:

A Heart of Hula and Aloha

Like the lingering fragrance of a sweet puakenikeni, **Aunty Kaulu Amaral** has graced Hualālai with her presence for more than two decades. Today, she serves as mea ho'okipa in the Cultural Center at Four Seasons Resort Hualālai, sharing her deep knowledge of Hawaiian traditions with guests and colleagues alike. But her connection to this place runs even deeper—she's been part of Hualālai since day one, when she welcomed guests with sweet Hawaiian melodies on the beach as an entertainer.

Aunty Kaulu's life has always been woven with hula. She danced for 48 years and now serves as a respected kumu hula, offering her cultural expertise to many organizations in the community. Whether teaching a chant, explaining a protocol, or sharing the meaning behind a flower lei, she gives freely of her time and knowledge. "I love assisting those who are in need of any cultural assistance," she says. And though she is a teacher, she remains a student as well—always eager to learn from the resources around her and the values she was raised with.

Her journey with the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation began when it was first established in 2002. Since then, the Foundation has walked beside her through some of her most challenging times. "I am just speechless with the amount of gratitude that I have for the Foundation and what they've done," she says.

That gratitude comes from deeply personal experiences. Aunty Kaulu's beloved husband has endured 17 surgeries over the years—some minor, others requiring extensive care. "For each and every one of those cases, the 'Ohana Foundation provided far beyond what I could ever ask for or expect from them," she shares. "But it's not only the financial assistance—it's the staff, donors, and

their care for each individual that walks through the door."

The Foundation has been more than a source of aid; it has been a source of strength. "In times when we were feeling so down and just not having the energy to deal with the challenges that come our way, every time I come out of those doors, I come out feeling super blessed."

For Aunty Kaulu, sometimes the greatest gift has been the simple act of walking into the Foundation office and feeling embraced. "There's a place there at the 'Ohana Foundation where we can go to, even if it's just to talk story," she says. That sense of being seen, heard, and cared for has been just as healing as any financial support.

Her appreciation extends beyond the Foundation itself to the homeowners and donors who make its work possible. "I really feel that there is such a closeness, or pilinā, between the homeowners, donors, and employees," she says. "The pilinā is a bond that makes us 'ohana—they are our family. I respect who these people are, but to me, they are 'ohana." That bond inspires her to give back in return. "If there is anything I can ever do for them, or if they need a resource that I can provide, I would immediately step into that position."

For Aunty Kaulu, the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation is not just an organization—it's a living example of aloha. It's a place where generosity and compassion flow freely, creating a circle of care that uplifts everyone it touches.

Her story is a reminder of why the Foundation exists: to support not only the work employees do, but the lives they lead. And in Aunty Kaulu's case, that support has allowed her to keep doing what she loves—welcoming others with the warmth of Hawaiian hospitality, sharing her culture, and strengthening the bonds of this special community.

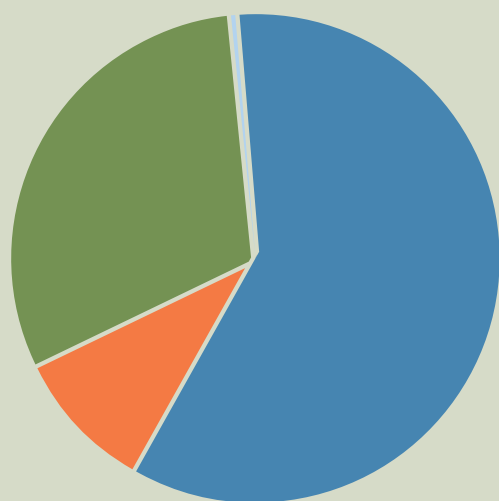


2024 Financials

2024 OPERATING REVENUE & SUPPORT

Total Revenue:	\$3,149,938
Donations & Contributions:	\$1,867,953
• Individual Gifts	\$1,867,953
In-Kind Rent.....	\$7,560
• Hualālai Resort/Hualālai Investors provides in-kind office space for Foundation operations here at Hualālai	
Fundraising Events:	\$312,363
Investment Income:.....	\$962,062

2024 Total Operating Revenue & Support: \$3,149,938



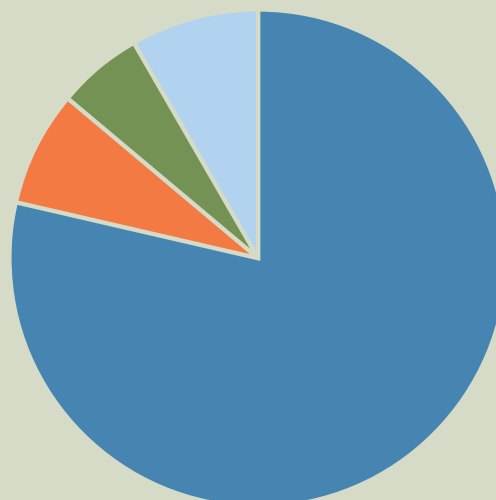
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Financial information for the year ended December 31, 2024. To review the complete 2024 Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation audited financials used for this data, please contact our office.

TOTAL EXPENSES

Total Expenses:.....	\$2,070,887
Program Services:.....	\$1,630,357
Management & General:.....	\$153,934
Fundraising:	\$118,779
Fair Market Value Cost of Tickets Paid to ProAm:.....	\$167,817

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In 2024, the Foundation organized 16 EVENTS at Hualālai.

- 3 FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- 6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS
- 7 OUTREACH EVENTS supporting program recipients and workforce families.

In 2024, the Foundation reached **2,726 people**, including **1,239 member contacts** and **1,487 workforce families**.

Your partnership and support makes this work possible. We're not just responding to need. We're building community and preserving Hawai'i's future, together.

92
HONOR
ROLL
AWARDS

PREK-12
SCHOLARSHIPS:
80

193
MEDICAL
AWARDS

SURGICAL
AWARDS:
42

SERIOUS
MEDICAL
AWARDS:
33

DENTAL
ASSISTANCE
99

EXCEPTIONAL
CIRCUMSTANCES
/HARDSHIP:
19

WORK
FOR
COLLEGE
MATCH:
28

ACADEMIC
MERIT
AWARDS:
26

Total awards for all
categories 2024:

900

48
KEIKI SUMMER
PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS

LIFELONG
LEARNING /
VOCATIONAL
TRAINING AWARDS:
119

165
CHILDREN

3,500
BOOKS



CHILDREN'S
BOOK FAIRS

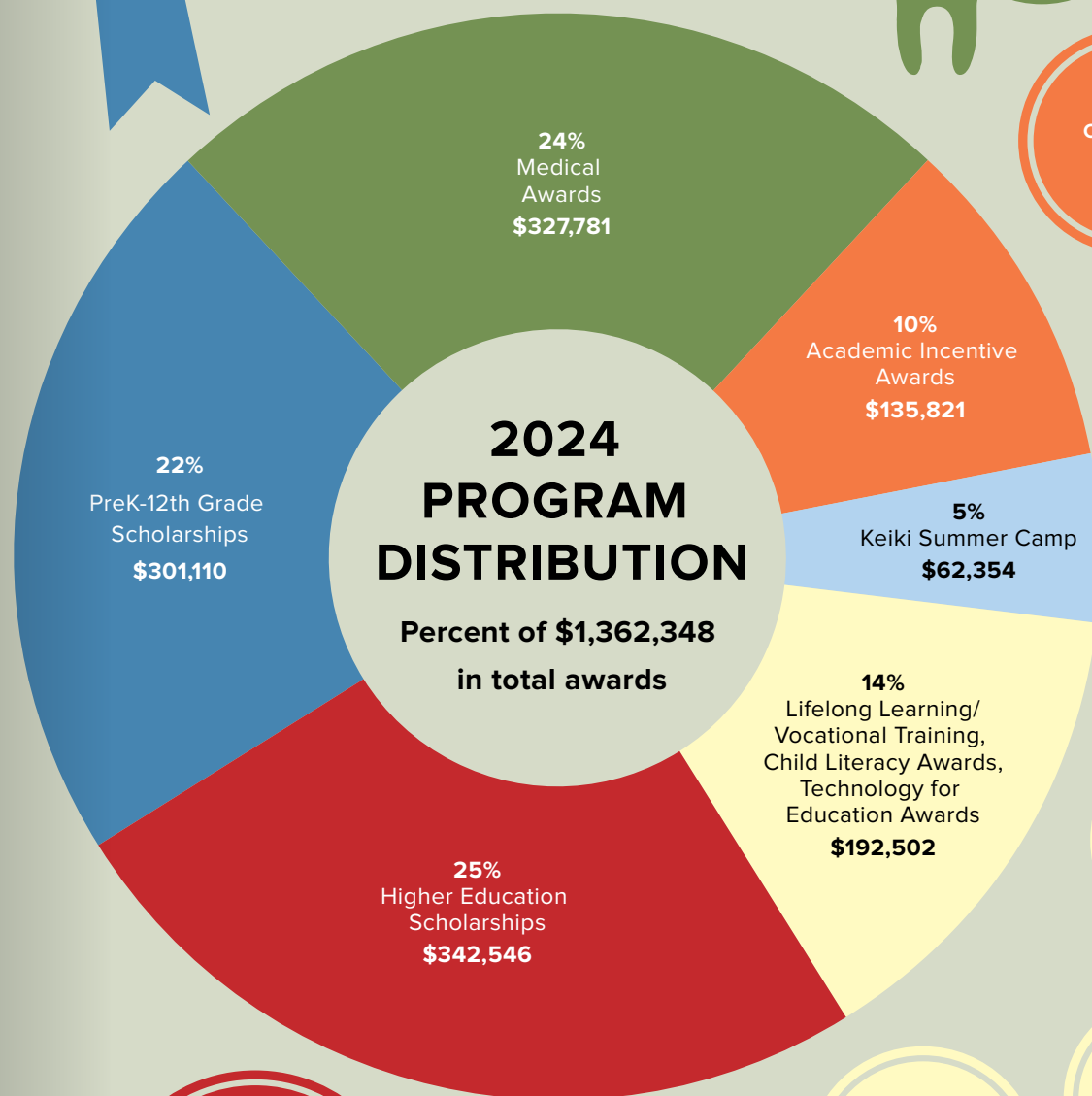
CHILD
LITERACY
AWARDS:
222

TECHNOLOGY
FOR EDUCATION
AWARDS:
17



HUALĀLAI
SCHOLARS
AWARDS:
9

HIGHER
EDUCATION:
53



**2024
PROGRAM
DISTRIBUTION**
Percent of \$1,362,348
in total awards

A Hundred Holes

Brendan Moynahan's Mission

When people first hear about the generosity of the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation, they're often touched. But rarely does someone feel so inspired that they launch a fundraising effort of their own to support it. **Brendan Moynahan** did just that—and over the past 13 years, has turned a personal act of giving into a million-dollar movement of aloha.

Brendan, the Director of Golf at Hualālai, has been with the resort for 20 years. Born in Hilo and raised partially on O'ahu, he credits his father—who served in the Navy and organized charity golf tournaments for 40 years across Hawai'i—with sparking both his love for golf and his spirit of giving. “He raised a couple million dollars over those 40 years and that was something he instilled in me.”

Brendan graduated from Punahou School, then attended the University of San Francisco, where he played college golf. His career in the sport took him to Kapalua, Maui for nine years as an assistant pro,

then to Lāna'i as head pro for six and a half years. He and his wife had their son in 2000 and daughter in 2004 while living there. In 2005, the family moved to Hawai'i Island, where Brendan became Head Golf Professional at Hualālai. Just four years later, he was promoted to Director of Golf.

Family remains a central part of Brendan's life. His son recently graduated from Cal Poly and now works with Turner Construction. His daughter is a biochemistry major entering her senior year at the University of Denver, with aspirations for medical school.

The Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation played a meaningful role in Brendan's journey. Early on, the Foundation helped support his children's tuition at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy. That support stayed with him. “It was that spark of assistance that motivated me to want to give back by doing the thing I love—golf.”

THE IMPACT OVER THE YEARS

- Brendan has played a total of 1,300 holes in support of Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation
- Nearly \$1 million has been raised by 158 donors in support of Brendan

of Heart: Through Golf

Thirteen years ago, he launched a golf-based fundraiser to support the Foundation. “It was really small to start with and we didn’t advertise very hard,” Brendan recalled. “We would reach out to some of the members, and I would play 100 holes.” Members pledged donations per hole, and that first year brought in around \$20,000.

Since then, the event has grown steadily. “Some really generous members have made the numbers much greater in the last five or six years,” Brendan said. The effort, fueled by strong community support and Brendan’s deep-rooted love for the game, has now raised nearly a million dollars. This July, the fundraiser will return for its 14th year, and Brendan’s dedication remains just as strong.

“I think that the support the members want to give to the ‘Ohana Foundation, the employees, and this community is unbelievable,” he said. “Their generosity is hard to believe.”

What began as a small, personal gesture has



become a tradition—one rooted in gratitude, community, and legacy. Brendan’s story reflects what the Hualālai ‘Ohana Foundation is all about: uplifting one another, giving back when we can, and building something meaningful for generations to come.



2024 Hualālai Scholars: Cohort 3



HUALĀLAI
'OHANA
SCHOLARS



MIXTLI LINDSEY-ROBLES

Mixtli, daughter of Alfredo Robles, Groundskeeper in the Golf Department, is a 2024 graduate of Hawaii Preparatory Academy, where she maintained a 3.67 GPA and consistently earned placement on HPA's Dean's List throughout her high school career. She is majoring in Early Childhood Education at the UH Hilo, recognizing the critical need for educators in Hawai'i. Mixtli expresses her profound gratitude and unwavering determination to make a positive impact in Hawaii, stating "Words cannot describe how grateful and honored I am to be a recipient of this esteemed scholarship. Rest assured, I will make the most of this opportunity and work diligently to make a positive impact not only in my academic pursuits but in my community as well."



WAILANA GRACE

Wailana, daughter of in-room dining server Charles Grace and Beach Tree Server Pi'ialoha Grace, is majoring in Nursing at Hawaii Community College Palamanui. A proud valedictorian from 'Ehunuikaimalino Hawaiian Immersion school, Wailana is dedicated to living, teaching, and sharing the Hawaiian culture and wants to ensure it is passed on to the next generation. Motivated by personal experience, Wailana "wants to go into the nursing field so she can care for and comfort patients and their families as they face medical challenges and loss."



ROCKY ACASIO JR.

Rocky Jr., son of Rocky Acasio, Banquet Lead Houseman, is majoring in Computer Engineering at UH Mānoa. Rocky is one of his school year's top students, graduating as one of Konawaena High School's valedictorians with a 4.1 GPA. With this prestigious scholarship, Rocky plans to "graduate from college and become a computer and software engineer, hoping to make advancements for technology in the future and design video games with my passion for art." Rocky is also committed to "give back to his community and provide a good example of being one of Hualālai's Scholars."

Save the Date!

December 13, 2025
Keiki Book Fair, Hōkū Amphitheater

We invite you to attend the annual Keiki Book Fair for our Hualālai workforce families, where books open doors to endless adventures! Please call for information on how to volunteer for this fun-filled event.

January 20-21, 2026
Mitsubishi Electric Pro-Am

Two opportunities to play with The Greats! Welcome Reception and Draw Party will be held on Monday, January 19th with choices of play on Tuesday, January 20th and/or Wednesday, January 21st.

January 28, 2026
Hōkū Gala Donor Appreciation Dinner, Hōkū Amphitheater

Join us for an evening of gratitude beneath the stars as we honor the generosity that illuminates our path forward. Formal invitation to follow.

July 3, 2026
Hualālai's Got Talent Auction Fundraiser, Ke'olu

Back by popular demand! Experience the incredible talents of Hualālai employees while supporting our mission through silent and live auctions and a paddle raise. Tickets on sale in Spring 2026.



MAHALO for being part of our 'ohana!

Last, But Not Least...

from the kids who never stopped dreaming

Before we wrap up our 2024 story, our staff wanted to share a little something from the heart (and the photo album). We dug deep into the archives—back to the days of missing front teeth, questionable haircuts, and fashion choices we thought were so cool—to remind ourselves why we do what we do.

From our childhood selves to you: mahalo nui loa for letting us serve, laugh, cry, and change lives—one big-hearted moment at a time.

With so much aloha,
The Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation Team

Nico Leilani Verissimo, *Executive Director*

Nico grew up on the Hāmākua Coast of Hawai'i Island, in the small towns of Honoka'a and Honomū—where the village truly raised the child, and community meant showing up for one another. Since 2019, she has led the Hualālai 'Ohana Foundation with that same spirit. Her favorite part of the job is making dreams come true—for donors who want to see their generosity in action and for the workforce 'ohana whose lives are changed through opportunity and hope.



Ashley LaPan, *Advancement Coordinator*

Ashley was born in Heidelberg, Germany and grew up a little here and a little there, as Army brats do. Hawai'i Island has been her longest and, to her, truest home. Ashley treasures her role as a bridge between donors and employees, sharing stories about the impact their kindness has on families. She is grateful to play a small part in the magic that unfolds at Hualālai. She joined the Foundation in 2022.



Stefanie Repolio, *Programs Coordinator*

Born and raised in Kailua-Kona and now calling Honoka'a home, Stefanie connects the employee 'ohana with programs and resources that can truly change lives. For her, it's about offering a hand when it's needed most, and the greatest reward is seeing the smiles that remind her they are part of a community that cares. She joined the Foundation in November 2024.



Nikki Kawena'ula Bredeson, *Programs Assistant*

Born and raised in Kona, Nikki left only to attend Kamehameha Schools Kapālama before returning home to Hawai'i Island. She finds deep joy in spreading aloha and brightening lives, feeling blessed that her dream of helping families has become her career. She joined the Foundation in March 2025.



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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