



# Friends

of the Children's  
Justice Center of Maui

Visit Us Online at [www.MauiCJC.org](http://www.MauiCJC.org)

## Annual Report for Fiscal 2016-2017

Aloha,

Every day, hundreds of children in Maui county need help through no fault of their own. At the Friends of the Children's Justice Center, our mission is to help.

That help comes in many different forms. "Help" is extended therapy for a child victim of sexual abuse. "Help" is clothes and school supplies for a child who was removed from their home with an urgency that did not allow time to pack an overnight bag.

"Help" is a bed to quickly outfit a foster home to take an additional child in immediate need. "Help" is providing sports equipment and league fees for a child in foster care, who otherwise would be unable to participate. Help can be just about anything that aids a child in healing, that supports their dignity and self-esteem, and makes them feel as valued as the other children around them.

### Mission Statement

*To provide assistance to abused and neglected children, to promote prevention of child abuse and neglect, and to support the Children's Justice Center of Maui.*

We all know that this kind of "help" is not free. It takes a great amount of time, money, energy, and collaboration between many agencies to accomplish these things.



With one paid staff member, the FCJC relies on a working board, a dedicated team of volunteers and a mountain of generosity from donors to provide this help.

We keep our overhead low to keep as much money as possible flowing directly to the children in need. Last year, that translated to 74 cents of every dollar going to enhance a child's life. We also created and support projects to prevent abuse and neglect so that, in time, there will be fewer children who need our help.

In fiscal 2016-17, the Friends of the Children's Justice Center:

- distributed over \$150,000 in direct assistance to 687 children in need
- Supported multiple much needed trainings for agencies in prevention of child abuse and neglect.

- created a film on the importance of mandated reporting for 1st responders.

- provided over 2,700 Christmas gifts to children in need

- launched our "Journey to New Beginnings" project by working with high risk teens and receiving multiple disclosures of abuse

- produced and distributed our annual prevention insert in the Maui News reaching over 20,000 people

- received an award from Governor Ige for our commitment to prevent violence and sexual assault in our community.

By giving to the Friends today, you are investing in Maui County's most vulnerable children. Your donation shows that their lives and futures matter.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of this important work.

Mahalo,  
Paul Tonnessen Executive Director  
Sheila Haynes Board President

## Mahalo for your Support of our Journey to New Beginnings

The Journey to New Beginnings is a program we initiated in 2013 to reach out to youth who are acting out because of the trauma of abuse. These kids are brought to our attention because they are in some form of "trouble." Unfortunately, a punitive approach is typically the first one taken. These kids end up in trouble because they are unable to process the ugliness of what goes on at home. Home then becomes even uglier as they get into more and more trouble. Without intervention, the cycle continues and these kids often become high risk teens and then adult offenders. We want to break that cycle by providing an "off ramp" for these kids. We favor a holistic approach over a punitive one, we also favor being proactive rather than reactive, especially when it comes to this fragile population. Our goal is to teach kids to process the effects of trauma in healthy ways, so they can avoid getting in trouble in the first place.



Our most recent program was held on Molokai in March, 2017. Eight youth, identified by Molokai social service providers as being at risk, were invited to participate in this 2-day program. The goal was to empower these children to understand why they are acting out, and to learn to make better choices for their future. Just knowing that someone cared about them was a huge relief for these kids, most of whom lack parental involvement, or have parents who are otherwise unable to properly care for them because of substance abuse or mental health issues. Through local mentors, the concepts of Wisdom, Compassion, Courage and Discipline were explored in depth. During the program, each youth was matched with a dedicated mentor as a role model. These relationships continue

today as they meet monthly with their mentors and have been consistent with their commitment. This is exactly the outcome that we are trying to achieve by empowering these at risk youth.

Because of a high level of trust during the program, numerous participants came forward to disclose past or active sexual, physical, or emotional abuse. Breaking down the barrier of their secret allowed them to begin the healing process and move forward into a much more productive life. The photo of these painted masks illustrates this concept in a simple way. The kids were asked to paint the mask they have been wearing to hide the pain of past or current abuse and put it all out there for everyone to see so they can move forward.

## Friends Yearly Update

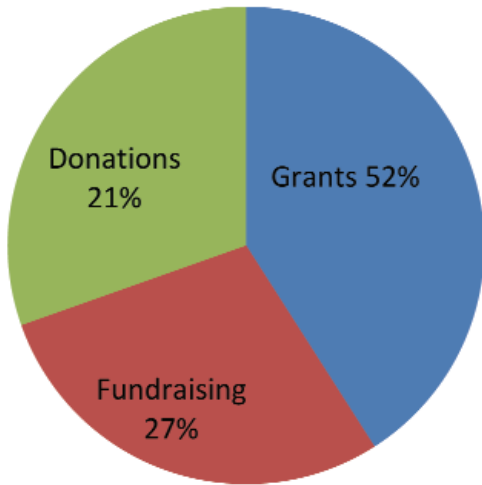
From all of us at the Friends of the Children's Justice Center, we want to extend a big "MAHALO" to our community for coming out to support us at our "Hoe Down for Hope" event held at the King Kamehameha Golf Club on September 29th.

Please know how much we appreciate your support and generosity. You embody the true meaning of giving. This year we raised a record \$80,000+ to provide for the children we serve.



A special Mahalo to Kris Kristofferson for making a difference in the lives of the children of abuse and neglect in Maui County.

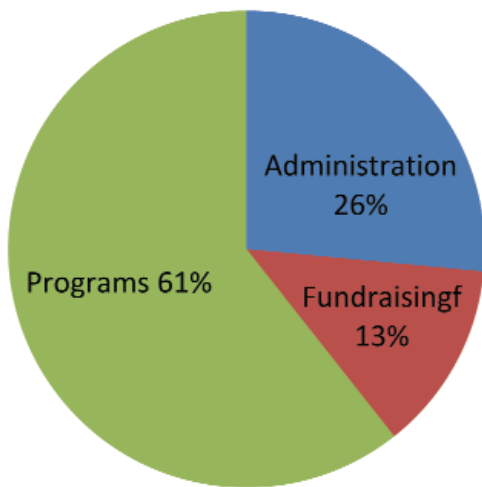
Mahalo for sharing your time and amazing talent with us. Mahalo as well to the Molokai graduates of the Journey to New Beginnings program. Their participation in the event and the stories they shared about their lives were an inspiration to us all.



## Fiscal Income July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

- Grants \$145,500.00
- Fundraising \$101,795.73
- Donations \$108,094.21

**Total Income**  
**\$347,572.12**



## Fiscal Expenses July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

- Administration: \$79,568.88
- Fundraising: \$38,610.00
- Programs: \$182,104.23

**Total Expenses**  
**\$344,854.34**

### Board of Directors

**President**  
Sheila Haynes

**Vice President**  
Tom Leuteneker

**Treasurer**  
Tobie Uedoi

**Secretary**  
Fern Markgraf

**Directors**  
Dr. Al Arensdorf  
Dr. Bill Kepler, M.D.  
Anne Leuteneker  
Maureen Marrs  
The Honorable John  
McConnell  
Bill Meyer Jr.  
Nancy Overton  
Valorie Spence  
Melinda Vaught

**Honorary  
Board Members**  
Betty Leis  
Lee Hoxie  
Dean Frampton  
Mary Reppun  
Royle Taogoshi

**Executive Director**  
Paul Tonnessen

**Office Volunteers**  
Sharon Woodall  
Jody Singsank  
Linda Unemori  
Amy Sprung

# Mahalo Letter

DEAR UNCLE PAUL

THIS WEEKEND TO MAUI WAS A BLESSING AND A REAL HONOR. YOU HAVE HELPED US SO MUCH TO REACH WHERE WE ARE NOW, AND WENT THROUGH MANY CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVE MANY GOALS OF HELPING KIDS LIKE US. THE BEACH HOUSE THE 301F COURSE SHUN DOWN AND JUST BEING ABLE TO BE HERE ON MAUI, REALY WAS AWESOME, SPEAKING IN FRONT OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE AND SPEAKING OUT OUR HEARTS MADE ME FEEL THAT I CAN DO GREAT THINGS. LI

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING MY LIFE, AND BEING THAT LIGHT THAT LEAD ME OUT OF THE DARK I THOUGHT LIFE WASNT POSSIBLE OF WORTH LIVING TILL I MET THAT GENTLE SMILE AND WARM SAFE HUGS. I'M PROUD N SO VERY THANKFUL N BLESSED FOR THE GIFTS YOU VE GIVEN US.

-DO NOT WASTE TIME LOOKING BACK ON WHAT YOU HAVE LOST, MOVE ON, LIFE IS NOT MEANT TO BE TRAVELED BACKWARDS

-Aspire to inspire before we expire.

Love you,  
Sin cerely:

## Who are the Friends

The Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui (FCJC) is a private, non-profit corporation, founded in 1989 by a non-partisan group of community and business leaders concerned with the social welfare of children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and severe neglect.

**Basic Needs:** About a third of the requests we fund are for basic needs like clothing and beds. Why beds? Foster homes must have one bed per child, and we don't want to see any child turned away from a great home. We rely on the generosity of our donors to meet these vast and growing needs because the funds we receive through Foundations are restricted to other areas.

**Educational Needs:** We provide money for tutoring, GED preparation, partial school tuition, school fees, uniforms, backpacks and supplies to hundreds of children in need.

**Medical Needs:** Includes requests for medical and dental care, therapy, therapy support, medication, orthodontics and new glasses to name just a few items.

**Self Esteem/Character Building/Enrichment:** This area includes any activity you can imagine that allows a child to have an experience that most children take for granted, like playing a team sport, taking horse riding lessons, participating in a robotics class, learning to play an instrument, taking swim lessons, or attending art or dance classes.

**Transportation:** Sometimes just getting there can be a hurdle. We help by providing funds for transportation for family reunification, medical visits, sports activities, hobbies, and to the Boys and Girls Club. We also provide funds for emergencies like airfare to extricate a child from a dangerous situation. We also supply transportation for a caregiver to accompany a child to the CJC for an interview from Lanai, Molokai or even Hana.

**Holiday Gifts:** During the Holiday season, the FCJC contacts all of the agencies in Maui County who work with abused and neglected children. Our goal is to ensure that every child needing gifts wakes up to at least one on Christmas morning, or during Hanukkah.

**Birthday Gifts:** Requests can also be made for Birthday Gifts. We want the children we serve to feel important on their special day and to know that someone cares.

**Funding:** The FCJC receives donations from individual members of our community, both residents and visitors. Additionally, many local businesses offer financial support. We also receive funds from • Bradley & Victoria Geist Foundation: (Through the Hawaii Community Foundation) • Teresa Hughes Trust: (Through Bank of Hawaii).

**Prevention:** Prevention: The FCJC is involved in several prevention projects, including our "Journey to New Beginnings" launched in March on Molokai, anti-bullying and Shaken Baby Syndrome. Additionally, we produce a newsletter twice a year and a 20-page prevention supplement in the Maui News during April each year. For more information, contact the FCJC at 986-8634 or email: [paul@mauicjc.org](mailto:paul@mauicjc.org)

## Please help the Friends help abused neglected children

**Santa** \$10,000 and Above

**Rescuer** \$5,000 to \$9,999

**Healer** \$3,000 to \$4,999

**Protector** \$1,000 to \$2,999

**Mentor** \$500 to \$999

**Advocate** \$250 to \$499

**Friend** Gifts up to \$249

### Donate Online

[www.MauiCJC.org](http://www.MauiCJC.org)

### Mail Checks to:

Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui

1773 A Wili Pa Loop

Wailuku, HI 96793

For credit card donation by phone call: 808-986-8634