



Friends

of the Children's
Justice Center of Maui

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Annual Report for Fiscal 2017-2018

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.

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.

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.



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 2017-18, the Friends of the Children's Justice Center:

- Distributed \$215,334.39 in direct assistance and programs to begin healing the children we serve.
- Supported multiple much needed training for agencies in prevention of child abuse and neglect.

- Assisted the FBI in conducting an international training on Maui on sexual assault, human trafficking and domestic violence.
- Provided over 2,200 Christmas gifts to children in need.
- Followed up with a 2.0 version of our "Journey to New Beginnings" project by working with high risk teens and preparing them with the life skills needed to transition into adulthood and heal from their trauma.
- Produced and distributed our annual prevention insert in The Maui News reaching over 20,000 people.
- Received the 2018 "People Who Made A Difference" award from The Maui News for our commitment to enhancing and enriching the lives of the children subject to 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

"A bed is a big comfort during a traumatic time."

Children in Maui County enter foster care for dozens of different reasons, including physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, parental substance abuse, lack of supervision, abandonment, lack of housing, parental illness, behavior problems, emotional rejection, severe parent-child conflict, and numerous others.

In these situations, they are removed to be kept safe while their parents work towards providing a safe home. But no matter the reason for removal, and despite oftentimes extreme levels of dysfunction and abuse in their family home, children still long to be with their parents. This separation is very painful for them. Leaving family means leaving behind their identity. In their hearts, they fear that their parents are forever gone, and some grieve for them as if they had died.

It's no wonder children arrive at their foster home fearful, confused, and deeply hurt. Imagine being suddenly removed from your birth parents home, separated from family, and taken to live with strangers.



Imagine feeling like no one cares about you, like a throw away. Many of our former foster youth have expressed that they felt that way often in their lives. It's heartbreaking to us that anyone, much less a child, would ever feel like no one values or cares about them.

Because every foster child entering care is in crisis, what they experience during their stay in a home can have a big impact on their future. The core of our mission is to assist children in healing from the effects of the types of abuse and neglect mentioned. One of the most common ways we do this is by providing children with beds of their own. To be placed in a foster home, each child must have their own bed. Oftentimes we have compassionate, caring people willing to

foster a child, but they lack an additional bed and the expense of a new one prohibits them from taking action.

This is where the FCJC steps in. Our ability to take quick action is essential to providing the child with as smooth a transition as possible. When needed, a new wooden bed frame is delivered with a mattress, bedding and pillows on the very same day the request is received. One of our biggest requests is for bunk beds because sometimes foster parents are willing to take in an additional child, but lack the floor space for an additional bed. Now imagine how much better it would feel to know that someone cares enough about you to provide you with a beautiful new bed. Why do we provide such a nice bed? In some homes, a child's bed is really the only space they can call entirely their own.

This year we are pleased to announce that during our "Raise the Paddle" our community of generous donors came together to provide funds for an additional 45 beds to help the children we serve transition smoothly, feel cared about, and begin their healing process.

Mahalo nui loa for helping us help children heal.

Steven's Story

Steven, male, 13yrs., (name changed) came to the attention of Child Welfare Services because of physical abuse and neglect of him and his siblings by his mother and step-father.

Steven's biological father is deceased and at one point during his case he stated to his Guardian Ad Litem and CWS case worker that he did not want to have to live again with his mother and step-father.

Steven is a happy young man and his Resource Caregiver has requested assistance for registration fees for summer camp. Attending summer camp will increase his self-esteem and at the same time reinforce appropriate social skills with other youth in his age group.

Child Welfare case worker made the request for \$150.00 and it was fulfilled. Worker has updated that since attending summer camp he has now gotten involved with the youth group and is thriving.

A Financial Summary



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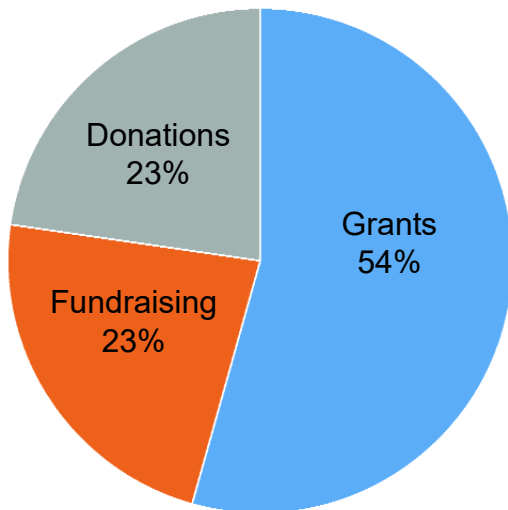
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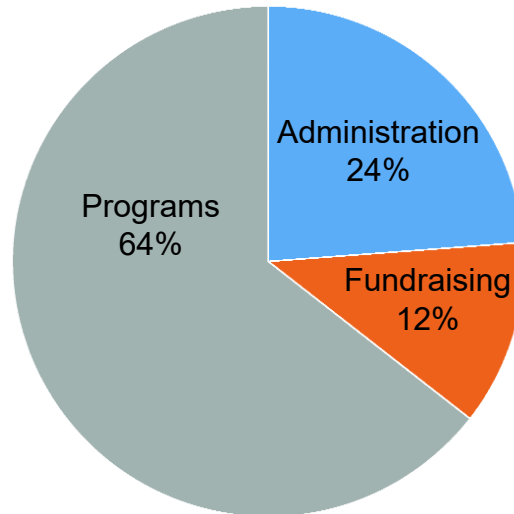
Fiscal Income
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Total Income \$374,547.44



Fiscal Expenses
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Total Expenses \$372,186.26



Friends Yearly Update



Fundraiser held at the King Kamehameha Golf Club on October 12th.

Each year we surpass the previous year in revenue and we hope you all know how much we appreciate the generosity of our community. You have and continue to show all of us the true meaning of giving.

This year we raised a record \$96,115.88 to provide much needed services to the children we serve.

A special Mahalo to George Kahumoku Jr. from all of us at the Friends of the Children's

Justice Center and the children we serve. MAHALO for making a difference in the lives of the children of abuse and neglect in Maui County.

The donation not only of his time but the amazing talent that he shared truly makes him one of our "Showers of Hope" for the children who benefit from our services.

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 Annual "Showers of Hope"

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 swimming 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

Please help the Friends help abused neglected children

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

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