



# Friends

of the Children's  
Justice Center of Maui

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## Annual Report for Fiscal 2018-2019

### Responding to COVID-19

NOW MORE THAN EVER OUR KEIKI NEED YOUR HELP



Aloha to our Maui Community. This report covers the important work we completed during fiscal year 2018-19. With this global pandemic now upon us though, we feel it is important to let you know what we are doing NOW to respond. We all have been watching developments related to the coronavirus crisis around the globe, and the Friends of the Children's Justice Center has been working diligently with our partner agencies to determine how best to address the needs in our community during this difficult time. One of the greatest needs in Maui County has been the basic need for food. Fulfilling such "basic needs" for children in abused and neglected situations is a top priority for all of us at the Friends. Because of your donations, we were able to act quickly and work with over 25 Social Service Providers to provide gift cards for groceries and gas to ensure our keiki in need have food and necessities.

#### 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 do our best work while collaborating with our community. During times of crisis, collaboration is even more critical to preserve and optimize our collective resources for greater impact. In contemplating how we could best reach those who may not be familiar with us, we reached out directly to the Maui Food Bank and answered their call to action to fill their bare shelves with a \$5,000.00 donation. Because of your donations, families in need now have one less thing to worry about.

Our work does not stop during this time of crisis. We are adjusting and adapting as needed to best serve our families. One of the ways we can help, is by providing information to families. We are currently working with Social Service Providers and others to identify reputable resources that can be shared with families to support children during this time. These resources will be posted on our website and Facebook page in the coming days. It is important to recognize that school is often the only truly safe place for abused and neglected children. While we cannot physically care for children and their families while school is out of session, we can continue to work with our partner agencies to determine how we can best assist them in providing for their most immediate needs and safety. Please regularly check our website for more information: <https://mauicjc.org>

Mahalo, Paul Tonnessen (Executive Director), Sheila Haynes (Board President) and our Board of Directors.

*A mother's gratitude to the Friends for assisting to enhance and enrich the lives of her and her children exposed to Domestic Violence.*

Paul,

I just wanted to thank you for all your help over the years. It has been a struggle rebuilding my life after being with my ex. In that time I have had to focus on providing just the very basic needs for Kahawai and Kealii. Their dad still struggles just to keep himself out of trouble. He can't provide any support for the kids and his visits are inconsistent. He recently got out of jail and promised them many things and visits but still doesn't follow through most of the time.

As a result, I haven't really had anything extra to provide enriching activities for the kids (and sometimes even some of their basic needs). Thanks to your help Kahawai and Kealii. have had a better life while I've rebuilt my own to provide for them better. We have a sense of stability and no longer have a feeling of deprivation. Because of your help they can explore their interests and talents. I also don't have to worry about keeping them clothed (Kealii must be growing 2" every day!).

I am so grateful for the help you've given us throughout these years. It has been such a blessing.

Mahalo, The Mom

(Names are changed for privacy issues)

# The True Meaning of Giving

## The Hansen Ohana celebrating 20 years of giving to our Keiki



Year after year, Bob (from left), Donna and Clint Hansen collect Christmas gifts for the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui, a nonprofit that helps children recover from the damaging effects of abuse and neglect. - Photo courtesy of Donna Hansen

It all began when Donna invited several friends to a pre-holiday luncheon at her home 26 years ago. There was an ulterior motive: Donna had recently learned about the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui and was determined to help in some way. So, she instructed each guest to bring a new, unwrapped toy - one that reawakened a childhood Christmas memory - for the nonprofit. After lunch, they took turns explaining the significance of their gift and how it would brighten the world of the child who received it,

"It was very special," Donna recalled. "It opened our hearts."

Inspired by the experience, she and Bob decided to throw a Christmas party at their home the following year. The

price of admission? A gift for the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui. The party-slash-toy drive was so successful that they decided to do it again the next year. And every year after that.

If you ask the Hansen's how many toys they've rounded up since then, they can only shrug. They haven't kept track, but the family has collected thousands. (Last year alone, they netted \$22,000 worth of toys, gift cards and cash donations for the

### Friends

Simply put, efforts like the Hansen's' annual toy drive make holiday wishes come true. "Every Christmas, part of the Friends mission is to ensure that every child in need receives a gift for the holidays. . . . We cannot do this without the support of our Maui community members," said Paul Tonnessen, executive director of the Friends of the

Children's Justice Center of Maui. "Each year, the Hansen ohana goes above and beyond to support this worthy cause. They have not only touched the lives of thousands of our keiki, but more importantly, they also show them that there is a caring and loving community out there for them."

The Hansen's encourage others to support the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui in any way they can. "You will give a child hope . . . and let them know that someone cares, and they are not alone," Donna said. "Our children are our future. Give them a chance with whatever you can."

# A Financial Summary



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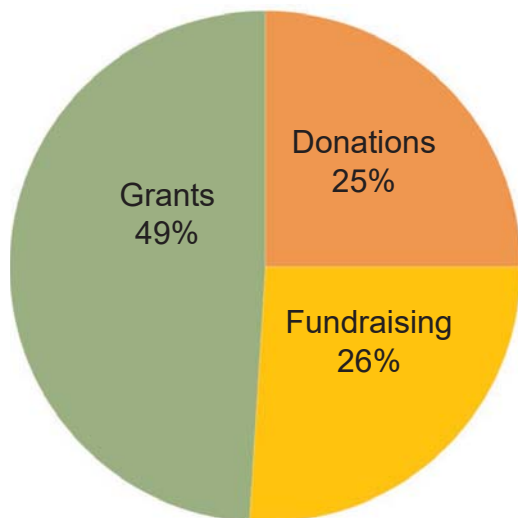
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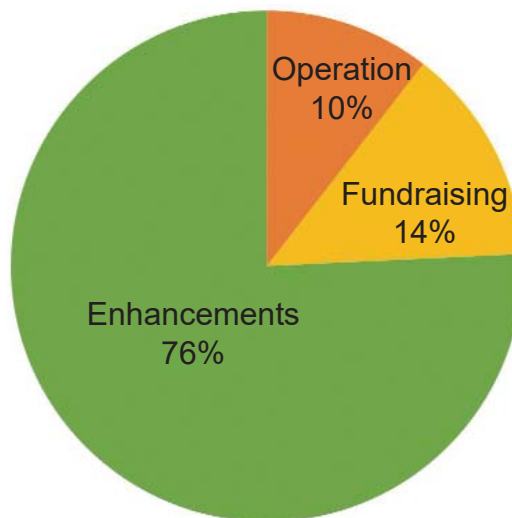
## Fiscal Income July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

**Total Income \$393,545.38**



## Fiscal Expenses July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

**Total Expenses \$405,579.91**



## 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 Annual "Let Your Love Flow" Fundraiser held at the King Kamehameha Golf Club on October 4th. 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 to continue to show all of us the true meaning of giving.

This year we raised a record \$102,591.53 to provide much needed services to the children we serve. A special Mahalo to Paula Fuga (a former Foster Child) 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 her time but the amazing talent that she shared truly makes her one of our "Let Your Love Flow" hero's for the children who benefit from our services. Paula also held an ukulele workshop for our Foster Youth along with donating a ukulele to each child in the workshop.

**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:** The FCJC is involved in several prevention projects, including our "Journey to New Beginnings" 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)



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