



# Friends

of the Children's  
Justice Center of Maui

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## Annual Report for Fiscal 2019-2020

# Thank You for Supporting Children in Need.



**Paul Tonnessen**  
Executive Director

From the early, worrisome days of 2020, the Friends of Children's Justice Center has focused on helping children and their families meet the challenges brought on by Covid-19.

### 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.*

Your generosity enables us to act quickly to provide what's needed most! In addition to existing provisions to help children heal from abuse and neglect, the Friends provides aid for families

struggling to meet basic needs. We respond quickly with essentials such as food, clothing, diapers, wipes, and gas for families in need.

Meeting basic needs can ease family stress levels and reduce the likelihood of additional abuse and neglect. Our beneficiaries' express huge appreciation for the simple, everyday items many of us take for granted. They are thankful to know someone cares.

As distance learning becomes the norm, we find many children in Maui County do not have access to computers and internet connections to participate in school. As a result, many children are unable to attend school of any kind. During this past year, your generosity enabled the Friends to provide over a hundred laptops and hotspots to students on Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i so they could continue in school and see their classmates. These children are grateful and relieved to keep up with school and maintain social connections.

The effects of Covid-19 are felt throughout our islands, across every sector of community, business and government.

Many social services agencies struggle to meet surging demand for services and call upon the Friends to help if we can. A year ago, we were providing aid to children in partnership with 30 other agencies. As needs increase, our funders are stepping up to expand our reach.

Through your generosity we now assist children through over 40 agencies! This growth is possible because you, our community, genuinely care about children.

Thank you for taking time to review this Annual Report. As you read about our work, please know that your generosity enabled the Friends to meet every request made on behalf of children this year.

Mahalo nui - for caring enough to make a difference.

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

# Gratitude from the hearts of our Keiki and their Caregivers

The Friends exists to make a positive difference in the lives of abused and or neglected children and to support the Children's Justice Center of Maui County.

Thanks to your generosity and support, we have been able to continue this vital mission during these trying times. This page includes a few of the many letters of gratitude that we received over the past year.

August 8, 2020

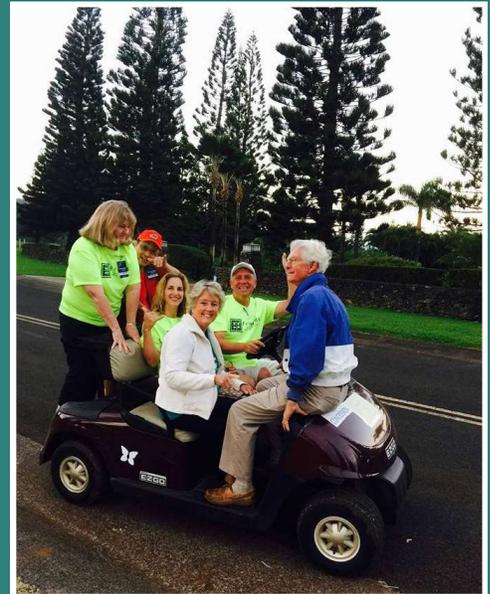
To Whom it may concern;  
I want to Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the Laptops you have given my Grandchildren.  
You have given them an opportunity and a tool to enlighten and strengthen their education. Especially during this pandemic, as it is a very difficult time for everyone.  
I don't know who you are but, our Precious Lord does and I pray He Bless you Dearly for what you have done for these children.  
Thank you !!!  
Foster Mom + Grandmother

Love: Paul BY: Elianna  
Thank you for  
the bike  
because I really  
needed a new  
bike.

Thinking of you  
and wishing you a Christmas  
filled with every joy.



By: Elianna



This report is dedicated to and in memory of our founding Board President

**Tom Leuteneker**

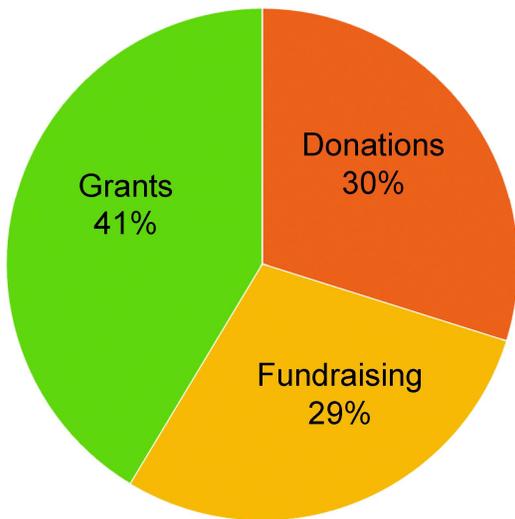
May 24, 1940 – December 15, 2020

# A Financial Summary

## Fiscal Income

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

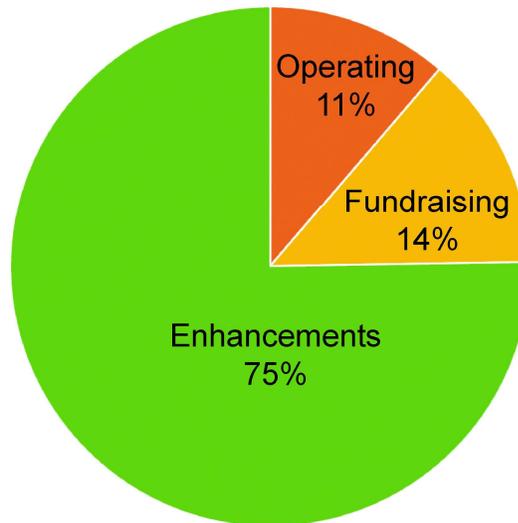
**Total Income \$383,115.95**



## Fiscal Expenses

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

**Total Expenses \$394,801.03**



## Board of Directors

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## 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 responding to our mailing to support at our Annual "Don't Save The Date, Save The Keiki" fundraiser.

Each year we have been able to surpass the previous year in revenue. Naturally with the challenges of COVID-19 we were quite concerned of meeting this challenge. Due to your response we not only met our goal but we once again surpassed last year's record by \$15,207.81 netting \$89,845.81 to provide much needed services to the children we serve.

All of this was done without having any fundraising expenses due to the cancellation of our in person event. A special Mahalo to all of our annual donors for once again opening your hearts and your wallets during these trying times to benefit our children in need. We want all of you to know that the children of abuse and neglect in Maui County that we serve extend their gratitude to each and every one of you for enhancing and enriching their lives. You have shown them that there is a caring and loving community out there for them.

During the holidays in collaboration with Maui United Way we were able to distribute over 2,500 in gifts to our children in need. You have and to continue to show all of us the true meaning of giving.

**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](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

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