



# Friends

of the Children's  
Justice Center of Maui

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## Annual Report for Fiscal 2020-2021

### Thank you for Making a Difference in Children's Lives.



**Paul Tonnessen**  
Executive Director

For over 32 years, The Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui County has strengthened families, assisted in preventing child abuse and neglect, and helped children and their families heal when it has

occurred. This is our community. These are our children. They go to our schools, and play with our children and grandchildren.

#### 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 continued support has enabled the Friends to consistently provide the vital services they need.

Prevention and early intervention are critical to helping children lead happy and healthy lives. Your generosity enables us to offer proactive services, such as professional prevention and education. In addition, through over 40 partner agencies, your support enables us to ensure that children of abuse and neglect receive the vital, life changing services they need. These services are provided in response to a wide array of abuses against children, including sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, severe neglect, child sex trafficking, bearing witness to domestic or community violence, and other traumatic experiences no child should have to endure.

The great news is that through your generous support, as well as a generous gift from Jeff Bezos, we were able to fund 100% of the mission appropriate requests received from our partner agencies again this past year! This increased support was timely and has enabled us to more than keep pace with the significant rise in requests we received. As children have come out of the isolation brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic, we are seeing heartbreaking evidence of the abuse and neglect that occurred during that time. Your generosity is allowing us to meet those needs head on.

Additionally, because of your support, the Friends was able to expand our reach to include providing more services for families. We believe that strong, nurturing, and informed families have the greatest ability to keep children safe. We know that when a child suffers, the whole family suffers. Add to this the fact that many parents of victims are also struggling with their own unaddressed trauma histories. These parents need help to successfully assist their child through the healing process. With this in mind, we have been working with our partner agencies to ensure that more help is offered. We are here to help them quickly and free of charge simply because they need services to heal. As many sexual abuse victims state, "You don't just get over this without help."

So, thank you for helping us help others! The Friends' leadership and Board of Directors are deeply grateful to you for your partnership and support, which made the work outlined in this Annual Report possible.

Mahalo nui for making a difference in children's lives!

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.

Dear Friends of childrens Justice Center of Maui,

I just want to thank you for allowing me to better myself. I really appreciate this opportunity to help myself get into better health.

Mahalo,

Thank you for giving me my  
Uniforms.

You have been very kind to  
me and I will always be  
grateful for your help and  
thoughtfulness.

*Wishing you old-fashioned pleasures,  
happy memories and all the joys of the Christmas Season*

Aloha,



This report is dedicated to and in  
memory of our Board Member

**Betty Leis**

Jan. 4, 1929 - Jan. 15, 2020

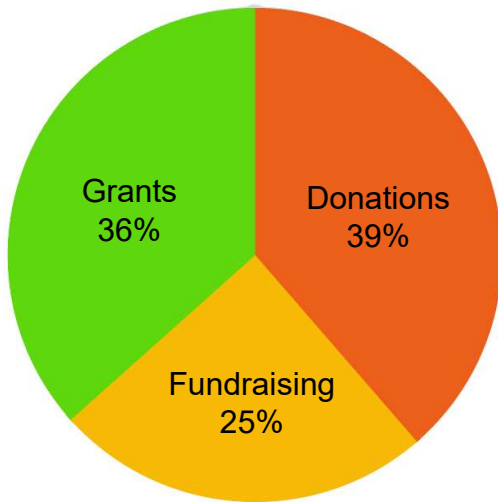


# A Financial Summary

## Fiscal Income

July, 1 2020 - June 30, 2021

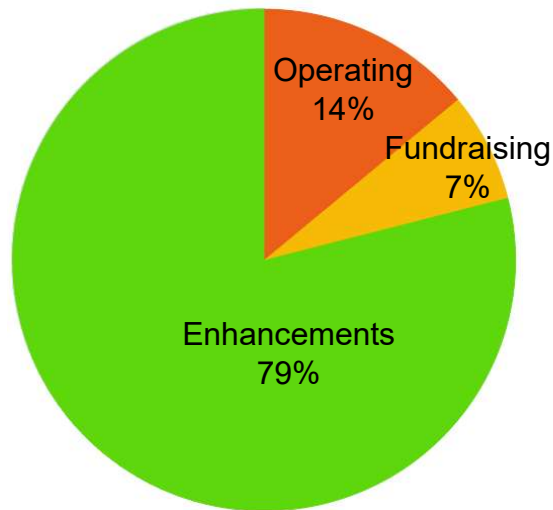
**Total Income \$467,117.65**



## Fiscal Expenses

July, 1 2020 - June 30, 2021

**Total Expenses \$337,582.39**



## 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 once again 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. Due to your response we not only met our goal but we once again surpassed it to provide much needed services to the children we serve. All of this was done without having any fundraising expenses. We were also very fortunate to receive a personal donation from Jeff Bezos which allowed us to greatly expand our reach to the children we serve.

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 3,000 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

### Donate Online

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### Mail Checks to:

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