

# Friends

of the Children's <u>Justice Center of</u> Maui

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### **Annual Report for Fiscal 2021-2022**

### Thank you for making a difference in our lives.

Hi everyone, my name is Owen and I just want to share my Journey to New Beginnings and how the Friends of the Children's Justice Center has helped me let go of all the negativity in my life. Without the Friends helping me change my mindset and showing me the right path to take I do not think I would be the good-hearted person I am allowing myself to be today.

The best support programs I had were both the Kanehoalani Boys Home and the Friends of the Children's Justice Center's program called "Journey to New Beginnings". The Kanehoalani Boys home gave me a roof over my head with a structured household. They also have shown me how much potential

I really have when I'm in a safe and secure environment.

#### Mission Statement

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

The Friends of the Children's Justice

Center's program called
"Journey to
New
Beginnings"
is about
showing you
the weight
from trauma
that you carry
around every
day.



Being mad because of that or having other emotions towards people or even yourself shows you that you need to begin a healing process. They have also taught me what the word "empathy" really means, and they show you and explain to what feeling loved is really like.

Mahalo for being a part of the biggest support system for me and others. Everyone involved has made the biggest difference in not only my life but in so many other children's lives. Also, the Friends are amazing, they are the voice that us kids need because most of us are what we call "voice less". We are too afraid to say or do anything about what has occurred in our lives because of our past trauma and any other negative experiences that we have encountered.

My journey since I've opened up to Friends has been a difficult path for me. Learning the right path has been way more difficult than doing what I was taught in my past but worth every step of the way. Without having the proper support systems as a child, I did not have a structured life. Kanehoalani and the Friends have provided me that structure.

When I met the Friends, they got me new clothes, hygiene supplies, and best of all was the Christmas, birthday and the other incentives. gifts I have received.

It's really easy for people like me to go backwards but the Friends keep in touch with me to make sure I am doing alright and making sure I have everything I need like books and schooling supplies. Also, by providing a strong support system. With others sharing their stories of their struggles with me I now realize I'm not alone.

No one else has ever invested in me like how the Friends have and continue to and I want to say thank you for investing in the Friends. Because of you people like me can lead a healthy and productive life in our Maui community, Owen.

## **Mahalo Letters!**

Dearest Paul.

Grace Bible Church and I would like to thank you for your participation in The Christmas Event for the Foster Children.

There was no doubt it was well planned out and executed by the staff of Grace Bible Church!

And I loved what I did to support and be part of the event.

We want to thank you for not only feeding them with the delicious bentos, but also for your support of the toys. Your generous heart and Spirit to support the Foster Children is so amazing and needed for the children and families to thrive.

We had 30 families with 100 children! Thank

you God!

On behalf of Grace Bible Church and myself, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year!

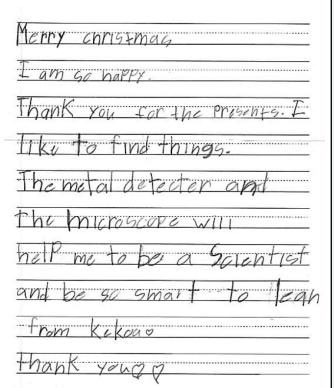
Dear , FCJC

Know I'm 15 and their's Lots of word's to express how I feel but I Really am speachless and theirs been so many things. That's happend to me this and last year and I'm Really am blessed and I really am Just Happy and greatfull for this. gift you've blessed me with.

Sincerily,

ONE HUNDRED YEARS
FROM NOW...
IT WILL NOT MATTER
WHAT YOUR BANK
ACCOUNT WAS,
THE SORT OF HOUSE
YOU LIVED IN,
OR THE KIND OF CAR
YOU DROVE,
BUT THE WORLD MAY BE
DIFFERENT BECAUSE
YOU WERE IMPORTANT IN
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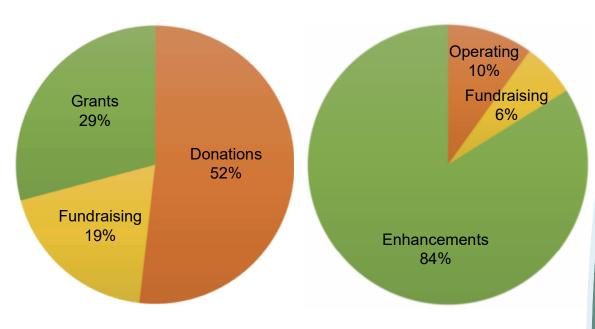


### **A Financial Summary**

Fiscal Income July, 1 2021 - June 30, 2022 Fiscal Expenses July, 1 2021 - June 30, 2022

Total Income \$1,070,447.03

**Total Expenses \$549,212.36** 



## 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 annual "Healing Hearts" fundraiser. Due to your generosity each year we have been able to surpass the previous year in revenue. We not only met our goal, but we far exceeded it which allowed us to increase our reach even further in providing much needed healing services to the children we serve. A special Mahalo to all of our donors for once again opening your hearts and your wallets during these trying times to benefit our children in need.

Post COVID we were able to hold our "Journey to New Beginnings" teen empowerment program which was held in August and once again we had amazing success in providing the necessary tools to our traumatized youth to not only deal with their trauma but more importantly to be able to move forward from it and become productive members of our community. A participant from the program Owen shared his mahalo's with you on page one. 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 throughout Maui County. You have and to continue to show all of us the true meaning of giving.



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**Emeritus** Lee Hoxie <u>Alfre</u>d Arensdorf, M.D. **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 in 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
Protector \$1,000 to \$2,999
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