



Friends

of the Children's
Justice Center of Maui

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Annual Report for Fiscal 2022-2023

We Can All Be Healers

The Friends' mission is to assist Maui County keiki in healing from trauma of many forms. Trauma is an emotional response to an intense event that threatens or causes harm. The dangerous, devastating, and deadly wildfires of August 2023 were a form of trauma that none of us could imagine. The devastation to familiar environments (i.e., homes, schools, workplaces, and even entire communities) that are so important to a sense of security and normalcy will have lasting impacts. While all of Maui grieves this loss, the keiki and families of Lahaina and Kula were especially impacted.

The Friends was formed over 34 years ago to help meet the needs of keiki who have been physically, emotionally and/or sexually abused, or severely neglected. With no

Government funding, we are very flexible and quickly made the decision to expand our reach to include all keiki affected by the fires.

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.



We did this by providing them with large denomination gift cards for clothing and other household necessities, diverting our contracted therapists to assist them, and providing for a multitude of other requests for things like ukuleles, and other gifts (including Christmas) to lift spirits, and assist in the healing process. Your generosity allowed us to provide some calm and reduce stress to families waiting for government assistance to begin.

We were able to connect with fire victims quickly through a collaboration with the Governor's Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR), local first responders, and our many partner agencies. Through these connections, we provided over \$100,000 in aid that was distributed seamlessly by our partners with "boots on the ground" to those who needed it most. We did all of this with one employee, and while continuing to meet the needs of our usual population.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership with the Friends, which continues to make a critical difference in the healing process of keiki and their families. Through your generous donations, you have shown that we can all assist our community in managing and healing from trauma.

Below is a mahalo note we received from just one of the hundreds of families we assisted this year because of you!

"Aloha Paul ,

I wanted to say thank you so very much for your help today we were able to buy food from target and also baby food to last for us this week until we get the ebt on the 5th , we even managed to buy a small educational toy for Daniel and wrap it for he's birthday on October in about a month and half, With me losing my job as the only provider of the family because of the fires in lahaina, this gesture and kindness you showed toward us today really brought faith to us, relief and joy that words cannot describe. Thank you so very much."

Mahalo nui loa for helping us help others,

Paul and Sheila

Mahalo Letters!


Paul and staff

First of thank our Good Lord!

Second of, Thank you and the staff so very much for all the extra efforts you guys make to help us! the kids and I getland you all and thank you all for your leadership in making everything happen. Family feel special. We know our visits aren't enough but we thank you all from the deep bottom of our hearts. I'm sending all our prayers, love and appreciation! I pray that you Paul and all the staff prosper in everything you all do, and in the Eyes of the good Lord! May the open gates of heaven and pour out His everlasting Blessings... With so much love and gratitude -


Chonia, Leiana,
Jocoo, Jazelle,
Bart + Our Spokie

LOVE, PEACE, HAPPINESS



Thank You Uncle Paul for my Computer

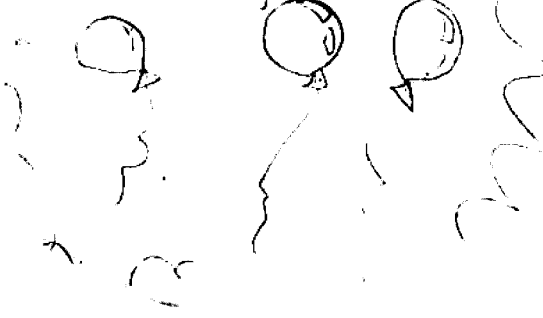
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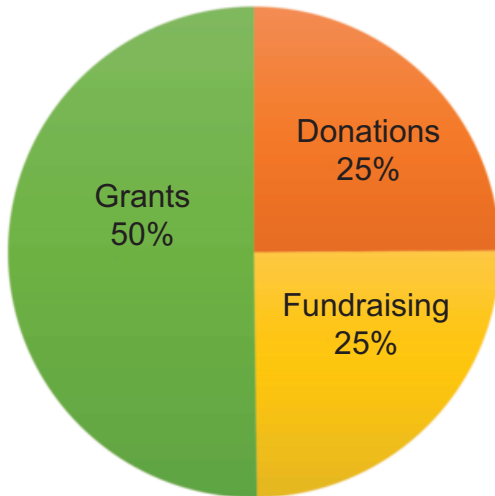
Thank you for the services you provided and for the generosity and kindness! You've been a big help and I really appreciate it!! Thank you so much for making this easy and nice!! I can't wait to use the Computer!! I'm very grateful for everything you've done. Thank you!!



A Financial Summary

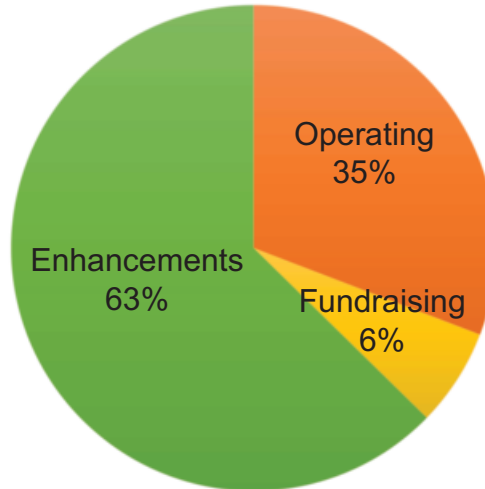
Fiscal Income

July, 1 2022 - June 30, 2023
\$509,335.80



Fiscal Expenses

July, 1 2022 - June 30, 2023
\$572,926.42



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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 annual "Healing Hearts" fundraiser. Due to your generosity each year we have been able to surpass the previous year in revenue. Once again, 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. Also, with the recent situation on Maui due to the wildfires the Friends we able to immediately respond and fulfill the various needs of the children who were traumatized by the fires. Our board members hold their fiscal responsibility near and dear to their hearts, which always allows us to not have to wait for funds or grants but to be able to have an immediate response from our reserves to meet the needs that the children we serve have. 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 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

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

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