



Friends

of the Children's
Justice Center of Maui

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Annual Report for Fiscal 2023-2024

"Assisting Maui Keiki for 35+ Years"

For 35 years, the Friends of the Children's Justice Center has drawn upon the generosity and compassion of our community to help Maui keiki and families who have suffered abuse and neglect. Our business model continues to be simply asking you to "help us help others," which has resulted in transformative resources provided to help vulnerable children recover, heal, and thrive.

Reflecting on our journey over the last 35 years, we remember the many young lives impacted by the Friends.

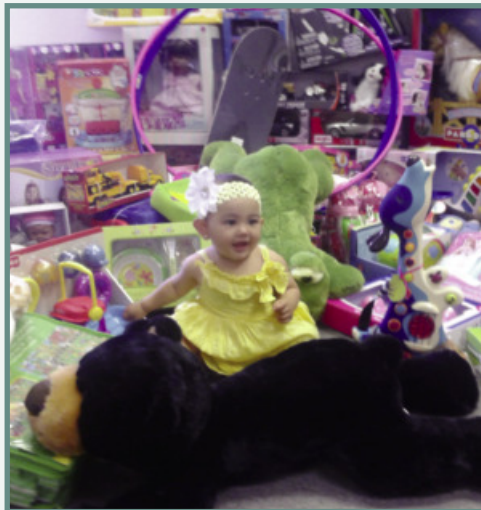
· For Maui keiki who suffered from abuse and neglect, we found ways to meet immediate needs ranging from financial support to providing therapeutic services to help victims heal from trauma and stop the cycle of abuse.

· When the children of our community faced isolation, sickness, and loss of family members during the Covid pandemic, we provided laptops to help students keep up with schoolwork and counseling services to help survivors process their grief.

Mission Statement

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

· In the immediate aftermath of the 2023 wildfires, we distributed gift cards for Maui families to purchase basic necessities, such as clothing, underwear, backpacks, and toiletries.



Our original prevention program, "Journey to New Beginnings," empowers children to understand their value and to use their voice for change. Through the abuse they have endured, our keiki often experience a loss of innocence and a loss of power. "Journey to New Beginnings" restores survivors' empathy, compassion, courage, and wisdom, providing a path for them to heal from trauma and grow into successful adults.

In addition to direct resources provided to children and families in need, the Friends seeks to prevent child abuse and neglect. We produced DVDs on "Mandated Reporting" and "Shaken Baby Syndrome," which were shared with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, educators, and families nationwide. Every year, we publish a supplement to the Maui News to increase awareness and share links to local resources, reaching over 24,000 Maui residents.

Looking ahead, we are going to continue to ask for your help. Children growing up today will need support from the community around them, as familial bonds are threatened by financial stressors, substance abuse and generational trauma. With your support, we can continue collaborating with the Children's Justice Center (CJC) of Maui County. Part of the State Judiciary, the CJC is the facility where suspected child victims are brought for an interview and possible forensic examination. The Friends help make this place a safe and nurturing environment, providing training support, toys for children, resources for caregivers, and holiday décor.

For 35 years, the Friends have survived and thrived because of people like you. All of these resources are possible due to the generosity of our community, including individuals, organizations, companies, and foundations. As always, the Friends do not receive local, state, or federal government funds. Our work is completed with one paid staff member and dozens of compassionate volunteers.

On behalf of the children we serve and the community we all live in, thank you for supporting our mission.

Mahalo for 35 years of helping us to help others,

Paul and Sheila

Aloha!

My 2 daughters and I are currently staying at the women's shelter. My oldest is 8 years old and my youngest is 2 years old. I wanted to thank you folks for your kindness and generosity. We literally came here with just the clothes on our backs. Thanks to your organization I was able to purchase clothes for my kids. From undies to outfits, we got to spend quality time together and do some "retail therapy." My oldest absolutely loved it! No words can express how truly grateful I am. Thank you from the bottom of this Mama's heart!

Lots of Love,
T.R.; TRJ, ARJ

Mahalo Letters!

To: The Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui:

Aloha, I wanted to thank you folks for the Ross Voucher, that I received, to take my son, Austin school shopping. It helped me out so much, & it came at a perfect time when my finances were really tight. I was able to get a lot of things & finished his school shopping. It was such a "Blessing" and I appreciate the generosity you folks showed us.

Mahalo & Much Love!!
T.H. or A.H.

Mahalo to all of the Children's Justice Center of Maui for the baseball clothes, I am beyond thankful for it!

- Kambui

Dear Friends of the Aloha Children's Justice Center

I wanted to thank you in the most sincere way by ^{donating} helping the voucher for my two boys. It really helped at the right time we didn't have anything thank you. I send blessings to all the people who could make this happen.

Mahalo nui

J.C. & Reika

11/13/2024

To Children's & Justice Center,

My children and I are currently a resident alongside with my two children at the Women Helping Women shelter. We just wanted to thank you for your generous donation to our family with a voucher for clothing, back to school clothes, underwear and socks. Upon coming into the shelter, school just started and wasn't able to provide for my children starting school this year.

Happy Holidays!

M.M.



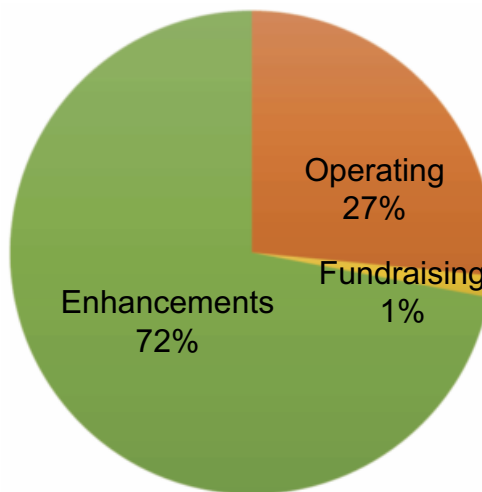
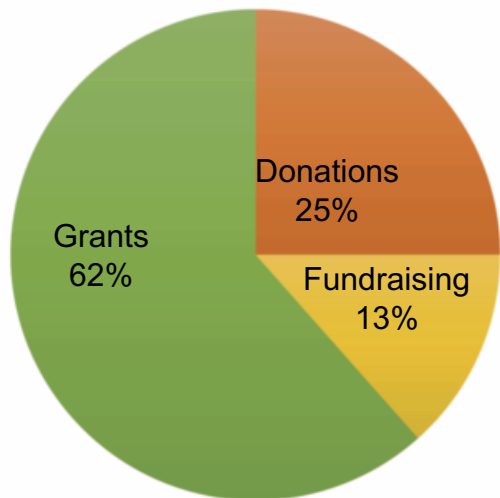
A Financial Summary

Fiscal Income

July, 1 2023 - June 30, 2024
\$707,673.58

Fiscal Expenses

July, 1 2023 - June 30, 2024
\$618,154.53



Friends Yearly Update

All of us at the Friends of the Children's Justice Center want to extend a big "MAHALO" to our community for your responses to our annual "Healing Hearts" fundraiser. Due to your generosity each year, we continue to surpass the previous years in revenue. Once again, we not only met our goal but far exceeded it, which allows us to increase our reach even further by providing much-needed healing services to the children we serve.

We know you have a lot of choices when it comes to donating, and we are so grateful that you have chosen to donate to our cause. The trauma of child abuse causes children to lose their sense of safety and trust in the world and harms their relationships. Resilience is a critical part of emotional wellness for all of them. It's important to teach kids—no matter what their age—that they can overcome obstacles, imagine new possibilities, and enjoy life no matter what they face. We want all of you to know that the children of abuse and neglect in Maui County extend their gratitude to each one of you for not only enhancing and enriching their lives but also being part of their healing process.

Your support continues to show them that there is a caring and loving community out there for them. During the holidays, in collaboration with Maui United Way, we distributed over 3,000 gifts to the children in need throughout Maui County. You have and continue to show all of us the true meaning of giving.



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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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