



This year
we celebrate
15 years of
support for the
Employee Ohana

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and we could not have
done it without

YOU!

Thanks to your donations, there is a new dental hygienist in town

Marisa Lyman first studied at University of Hawaii at Manoa with the help of Higher Education Scholarships between 2008 - 2011, receiving her Bachelors of Arts degree in Hawaiian studies. Marisa's mother is Darlene Hijirida, a single parent who has worked as an Auditor in the Four Seasons Accounting department since 1999.

After graduation Marisa worked in a Dental office where she found her true calling and decided to enroll in the Dental Hygiene program at UH Manoa. She chose the program in Oahu because it is the only three year Bachelors program in the state. **Once again, with your generous donations HOF was able to assist with a Higher Education Scholarship award.** In Spring of 2017 Marisa Lyman graduated from UH Manoa as a Registered Dental Hygienist.

Marisa is now working back home on Hawaii island and providing dental hygiene services to the local community, but she's not done yet. Marisa hopes to return to school one day in pursuit of a Master degree in Education of Public Health.



Darlene Hijirida and her daughter Marisa Lyman, at the UH Manoa Graduation ceremony 2017

The call, the planes, the treatment plan

Elijah Presiados was a 19 year old student attending college in the Philippines in fall of 2016 when he found out he was sick. He hadn't really been feeling well, but the pace and pressures of school kept him focused. **When he finally went to the doctor, a CT scan found a mass in his chest.** After several frantic phone calls home, it was decided with limited treatment service options in the Philippines and at home in Hawaii he would fly directly to New York where he had extended family. Within hours Elijah was in route to New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell and his parents were on a plane to meet him. **Once there, Elijah was quickly diagnosed with Primary Mediastinal Lymphoma with DLBCL. A condition that when not treated aggressively is fatal.** They knew they had made the right choice. Elijah immediately started treatment and 6 cycles of intense chemotherapy that lasted nearly 7 months.

"Everything was going super well. I was a 5th year Physical Therapy student with high grades and then the next day I was on a plane to a hospital in NYC". -Elijah Presiados



Elijah and Nonie Presiados preparing to share their story at the 2017 Annual HOF Auction

Meanwhile, his father Nonie traveled back and forth to maintain his position at Hualalai as a Landscape Field Supervisor for Chambers Landscape. **One day while at work, a homeowner suggested that he contact the Ohana Foundation for assistance.** Reluctantly, Nonie came to the office. He was surprised to learn that **with donation support from homeowners like you HOF is able to provide grant assistance for Serious Medical cases like Elijah's.**

It was a traumatic roller coaster ride for Elijah and his ohana with hurdles, successes and many set-backs along the way. **Finally in March of 2017, Elijah came home to Hawaii with an excellent long-term prognosis and is considered in remission.** You may see him around Hualalai as he is now working part-time with his dad and continuing his routine follow-up in Oahu.

In the words of our recipients...

Dear Ohana Foundation,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making the Honor Roll Ceremony possible. It was an absolutely amazing day. **The idea of giving out free school supplies to people who need them most, but also making it fun along the way is such a heartfelt idea.** I love it!

This Awards Ceremony is a great way to get kids and parents and other people out and having fun.

It is also super nice of all of the homeowners to contribute money to us kids who do well in school, but are never rewarded for it!

Keilana Crane- 10th Grader, Konawaena High
Daughter of Ed Crane, Beach Tree

Mahalo homeowners and everyone at the Ohana Foundation.

Thank you so much for your generosity, once again.

Just to let you know, Adrienne is recovering nicely now and is regaining her strength from her treatment.

The Ohana Foundation makes Hualalai a special place.

Thomas and Adrienne Kelley
Golf Operations

Hualalai Ohana Foundation,

You guys have been and continue to be such a great support system for myself and my ohana. It has been about 10 years since you guys helped sponsor my 8th grade field trip to the East Coast.

Then yesterday, I got to watch my little brother blush on stage while receiving his 8th grade Honor Roll Award. **It is such an amazing thing watching him and remembering when it was me on stage.**

And I can't thank you enough for my recent Education Opportunity Award that helped me get my Real Estate License!

Kaila Voss
Daughter of Dennis "Devo" Voss, Keolu

Every donation *Makes a Difference*



HOF Donors Summer Brennan (11)
and Ava Wick (12)

Maybe you saw them?

Last Thanksgiving member children Summer Brennan and Ava Wick set-up shop outside The Trading Company with their handmade rings and necklaces.

These young supporters, spent their day selling their crafts to homeowners and hotel guest alike in an effort to raise funds for the Hualalai Ohana Foundation.

When all was said and done Summer and Ava hold the title of youngest Foundation donors, with a staggering total of \$57.50 donated from their jewelery sales that day!

Summer and Ava know that
no effort is TOO LARGE or too small
when it comes to supporting our employee ohana.

A Note From The Hualalai Ohana Foundation President

Aloha!

From one Hualalai homeowner to another, you know what an amazing ohana we share! The resort employees who take such great care of us every day truly exemplify the spirit of aloha!

Over the last 15 years, **you have made it possible** to provide them with extensive educational opportunities, not to mention the medical assistance offered in times of exceptional need.

Now, it is time once again, for me to ask you for your support, so that we may continue to assist our extended ohana with meeting their educational goals, and offering the comfort of knowing we will financially assist them with urgent, critical medical needs.

EVERY DONATION makes a difference for our employee ohana.

To give you an idea, if you make a donation of:

\$600.00 it will provide < 4 > **Middle School Honor Roll Awards** (Average need = 50 awards)

\$1,000.00 it will distribute < 500 > **Books for newborn to 5 years** (Average need = 3,000 books)

\$2,000.00 it will assist < 1 > **Dental Award recipient** (Average need = 55 awards)

\$3,000.00 it will aid < 1 > **Surgical Award recipient** (Average need = 25 awards)

\$5,000.00 it will provide < 1 > **Higher Education Scholarship** (Average need = 45 scholarships)

I think from the stories on the previous pages, you will see the Foundation makes every attempt to use your donations wisely. Making that difference for the employees, both educationally and medically, is the goal we strive to meet.

Because of your generosity, the Foundation has been able to increase the amounts given for Medical Awards, and have added 6 new educational programs, just in the past few years. We currently offer adult learning programs for employees as well as a learning tool or educational opportunity for every child from newborn through college!

I hope you will agree it is important to not only maintain what we are currently offering to the employees, but to continue to grow our programming as the needs of our ohana grow as well.

For that, we definitely need your participation!

Please help me to preserve the tradition of giving back to our ohana, by supporting the exceptional individuals of this community who work to make Hualalai the paradise that it is!



Join me and make a donation today.

With ho'omaika'i (gratitude),

Donna Chipps

Donna Chipps | Hualalai Ohana Foundation | Board President | 2015-2017

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