



February 2023 Newsletter

News and Updates

Come Celebrate with Nā Keiki O Emalia

Friday, March 3rd, 3–5pm
at the Cameron Center
Courtyard
95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku

We made our match!

**We are launching new
programs!**

**We have a beautiful new
office--Suite 10--in the central
corridor, just a few doors
down from the Auditorium!**

Our open house is part of a four-agency blessing ceremony with Kumuhula Pi'ilani Lua and music by Kaniāla Masoe. Start at the Courtyard for the ceremony, followed by tours of our offices.



Dear Carole,,

Mahalo for supporting Nā Keiki O Emalia. Many of you have given generously of your time and expertise through volunteerism and advocacy. Some of you have helped share our mission and spread awareness within the community while others have tirelessly donated to ensure the financial health and longevity of the organization. Whether it was five years ago or yesterday, you are an important piece of our success and Nā Keiki O Emalia wouldn't be here if not for you all.

We can all agree that Maui is amazing. There are few places with as compassionate and caring individuals as ours here. Collectively, we are a community woven together by profound aloha for the Islands' raw beauty, genuine people, and vibrant culture and history. We believe it's always our shared kuleana or duty to respect and protect our islands and the common good of the people. We are a community large enough to celebrate our many diverse heritages, yet small enough that at mom and pop shops, strange faces become familiar. News on events and public safety travels like brush fires via social media and the coconut wireless. Driver's kindly make way for others on the roads and people take time out of their busy days to serve free meals to homeless people on the island. Endangered animals are as fiercely guarded as family and dear friends deliver each other food during hard times. And here, we band together to raise

hundreds and thousands of dollars for local nonprofits—all for the benefit of our community and those less fortunate. What a magnificent place we live in.

Nā Keiki O Emalia is so grateful for this community. **We are ecstatic to share that with your help, we surpassed the goal of our recent \$100,000 match challenge, raising more than \$200,000 for Maui's bereaved children and teens!** Sincerest thanks to our board President Laura Fortin Schwing for the matching gift that kicked off this fundraising success. These vital funds enable the organization to provide and expand meaningful services free-of-charge for keiki who have experienced incomprehensible loss at such tender ages. Our work is critical as it helps prevent future problems with substance abuse and mental health issues, academic and social struggles, and/or the inability to effectively process emotions and develop healthy relationships. These children deserve happy and fruitful lives despite these terrible tragedies. Because of your support, we can help steer these young lives in positive directions, shaping Maui's future leaders and supporters.

I truly believe a community that gives together, grows together. I am so proud to be a part of this organization helping Maui's grieving children and to work alongside such a dedicated board, an inspiring executive director and a devoted community. I simply ask that you stay involved, continue to donate and inspire others to give, and share with all you know that we are here for every child in need of bereavement services.

Sincerely, from the bottom of my heart,
mahalo nui loa for your support.



Birgitte Golden
Operations Director



With your help we raised more than \$200,000 for Maui's grieving keiki!

In early 2022, Nā Keiki O Emalia was presented with a most generous, yet challenging proposition by our very own President of the Board, Laura Fortin. The goal was that if we successfully raised \$100,000 by December 31, 2023, Laura would match the total dollar-for-dollar. With a staff of two, we were a bit leery to bite off more than we could chew, yet 100% positive that we could meet the challenge goal by the deadline—and we did! Better yet, with the overwhelming kindness and support of our amazing community, we raised *more than* \$100,000 in donations (and gifts are still

coming in!). We are so delighted to announce that once matched, we raised more than \$200,000 to underwrite, enhance and broaden our programs to support the bereavement of all of Maui County's keiki, teens and their families. This support ensures that all of our services and programs can remain *free and at no cost* to participants.

The outpouring of support for this match challenge is truly touching and we are so very grateful to each and every person that helped us beat our goal. We'd also like to express our sincerest thanks to Laura for her remarkable generosity both with her match challenge and many hours of volunteerism on the Board. We'd also like to extend our deepest mahalo to Zadoc Brown, Jr. for his steadfast dedication to the campaign and Nā Keiki O Emalia. We are truly fortunate to have our Maui community behind us.

Program Highlights

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