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Nā Keiki O Emalia

Newsletter

May 2023

Help Carole Reach 10K in Matching Funds for Nā Keiki O Emalia!



44TH ANNUAL VISITOR INDUSTRY

CHARITY WALK '23

A Tradition of Giving

MAUI | MOLOKAI | LĀNAI


On May 6th Carole, Nā Keiki's fearless Executive Director was out rocking, strolling, and rolling to raise \$10,000 to expand Nā Keiki O Emalia's programming for children who are grieving on Maui.

The donations are being matched by The 2023 Visitor Industry Charity Walk, Maui County thru May 31st!


Please help Carole meet her goal.
All Donations for Nā Keiki O Emalia will be matched
by the 2023 Visitor Industry Charity Walk, Maui County thru May 31st!

Donate here!


Nā Keiki O Emalia Receives 3 Grants!



NEW YORK LIFE FOUNDATION



First Hawaiian Bank



FRED BALDWIN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION


We are extremely grateful to receive grants from The **New York Life Foundation** administered by the National Alliance for Children's Grief, **First Hawaiian Bank Foundation**, and **The Fred Baldwin Memorial Foundation**. We appreciate their partnership with Nā Keiki O Emalia to help expand our services across Maui county!

Their contributions have made a significant impact, expanding resources and providing vital assistance to children and families facing loss. We express our heartfelt Mahalo nui loa to these foundations for their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of those navigating grief.



Our First Quarterly Roundtable Meeting

Mahalo nui to all who attended our community roundtable on May 5th! At the table were community organizers, representatives from social service organizations, community members touched by grief, and those invested in the well-being of young people.

The contributions from everyone involved have been invaluable as we work towards building meaningful piliina (relationships) in both the communities where we are already established and those we plan to expand into.



Board members Candice Alelani Carter and Carri Markoulis at the May 5th Roundtable with Carole Zoom



What we learned and how we will move forward:

- We will continue to get together and stay connected to support each other's work. We will continue our efforts to collaborate with organizations doing similar or complementary work.
- We will continue to think about how power functions locally and will prioritize facilitating access to resources within disenfranchised groups and individuals.
- We are planning additional roundtable discussions.

We truly cannot do this work without you.

Please Join Us

The next community roundtable will take place
June 20, 2023 - 1:00 pm
Lahaina Civic Center

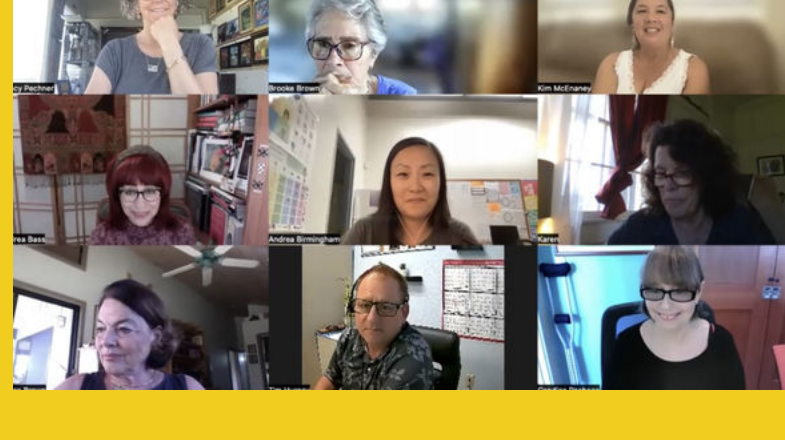
Please sign up if you are interested in attending our Roundtables or know of someone we should invite.

Receive Round Table Notifications

Monthly Zoom Facilitator Training

We are delighted to share the exciting news that we will now be hosting monthly Zoom Meetings, aimed at enhancing the skillsets of both new and experienced Nā Keiki O Emalia facilitators.

If you are not currently a facilitator but are interested in exploring this role, we warmly invite you to join us.




Sign Up for Meeting Reminders

Ongoing Meetings:

First Wednesday of Each Month at 4:00pm

All are Welcome to Attend



Andrea Bass


Our May 3rd Facilitator Meeting


During our last facilitator meeting on May 3rd, Andrea Bass expertly led the session and shared a wealth of insights. Her guidance provided valuable information on effectively engaging with children who are experiencing grief.

Andrea is a former Associate Director of Josie's Place for Grieving Children with Pat Murphy, Director and Founder, in San Francisco, California (also modeled after the Dougie Center). She is a licensed Marriage Family Therapist, Board-certified art therapist and worked at Hospice By the Bay in SF and Marin for more than 10 years as Youth Bereavement Specialist.

Andrea has a private practice in the Bay Area and works with many grieving children, teens, and parents. Andrea planned and facilitated training and supervision for interns at Josie's Place, provided grief support groups for children in the SF public schools for 10 years, and worked at Camp Erin, grief support group for 10 years as well. (And although Andrea does not mention it in her bio, she is an accomplished visual artist.).

Mahalo Andrea for sharing your time and expertise!








OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW OFFICE MURAL!

Our beautiful new office mural was a fun and joyful two-day project for the keiki. Leading the mural painting was the talented **Kaela Forsythe**, a remarkable artist and High School Senior who also volunteers with Nā Keiki O Emalia.


Designing a mural offers a unique opportunity for children to express and navigate their emotions, especially in times of grief. It brings them together with peers who understand their journey, fostering a supportive environment.

Mahalo Kaela!





April 30th Fundraiser- Book Signing at the Maui Country Club




Nancy Pechner with Nā Keiki O Emalia participant Everett

The book signing fundraiser was a fun and touching event with a wonderful turnout.

Carole briefly spoke about Nā Keiki O Emalia and her own personal experiences, and then we had the privilege of hearing from Everett, an extraordinary young individual.

Everett shared a touching account of his personal journey with grief and how the sessions he attended at Nā Keiki O Emalia made a profound impact on him after the loss of his mother a few years ago.




5:00





Nancy Pechner's, **Them Before Me**, a powerful work of memoir and healing, traces her journey from intergenerational trauma and grief, and a childhood of emotional chaos, to forgiveness and healing of heart and soul.


Nancy is generously donating half of all her book proceeds to Nā Keiki O Emalia and the rest to other non-profits. Her commitment to supporting grieving children, teens, and their families is truly admirable.

Purchase "Them Before Me"

Mahalo Carole, Nancy, Everett and Ken!







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