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We're in the business of life-altering change. Nā Keiki O Emalia's organizational raison d'être starts right where big, often devastating, change leaves off. We stand alongside children and families while they sort out grief's tangled questions of *what's next* -- pondering, disoriented, how to reconstruct a meaningful new normal with what's left, when a death takes so much away.

In some sense, COVID-19 has brought this same challenge to us all, including Nā Keiki O Emalia. With schools closed, we don't see students face-to-face in weekly support groups. With social distancing, we can't gather on Monday nights for pizza and family groups. Our June fundraiser honoring Emalia's birthday was called off out of deference to the hospitality businesses and supporters who've been the backbone of it. There is no shortage of losses.

Yet, we stay true to what we know: That by sticking together, allowing ourselves a season of numb confusion, and then trying some new things, life and meaning assert themselves again. In this issue, we'll tell you about projects in which we are trying new things, experimenting with fresh technologies, and preserving the core purpose of Nā Keiki O Emalia: Standing by children in grief.

Mahalo for your encouragement, volunteering, gifts and friendship. Despite social distancing, I look forward to becoming closely connected with you! My line is always open, 214-9832. I invite and welcome you to reach me by phone or email: Terri@nkoemaui.org.

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