



March 2024

Dear valued Donor:

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. On behalf of MKCF, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your past support and generosity. Your contributions have made a significant impact on the lives of the individuals and families in our community.

We are writing to share some exciting news about the future direction of our giving. After careful consideration and strategic planning, we have decided to focus on three key community projects that we believe will have the greatest potential for positive change and long-term impact.

1. **Lanai Kupuna Weekend Meals program** – The health and well-being of our community seniors is paramount to us. This program focuses on providing weekend meals to home-bound seniors.
2. **Scholarship Program** – Education is a vital tool for empowering individuals and creating opportunities for a brighter future. These scholarships are available to any LHES graduate.
3. **Travel Assistance Program** - This program provides transportation off island for medical purposes to those who would otherwise be unable to get their much needed treatment. With this we can ensure that everyone can lead a healthy and fulfilling life. Funds are available for kupuna and keiki whose insurance doesn't cover transportation.

We truly believe that by concentrating our efforts on these three community projects, we can maximize our impact and create long-lasting change. Your continued support is crucial in making these initiatives a success. Your generosity has already made a difference and we invite you to join us in this new chapter of giving. We will keep you updated on the progress of these projects and share stories of the lives that have been positively impacted through your support.

Thank you for being an invaluable partner in our mission to make a difference.

With gratitude,

Sally Clemens, President

MKCF Board of Directors:

Victoria Larsen, Treasurer Ernie von Simson, Secretary

Directors: David Green, Erin Kelly, Kathy Knapp and Bob Haimsohn



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## **MKCF Scholarship Instructions**

MKCF intends to award \$2,500 scholarships each year to Lanai High and Elementary School (LHES) Graduates, which may be renewable for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year, if the student continues to pursue a course of study and is in good standing academically (C average or better). Applicants who indicate an intention to return to Lana'i to use the skills and knowledge gained in higher education, particularly medicine and education, will get preferential consideration. The funds may be awarded to LHES graduates in both a four-year program and two-year community college.

Eligible are recent LHES graduates or have graduated from LHES in the last five years, LHES graduates moving from community colleges to four-year universities, and any LHES graduate pursuing a teaching credential or medical studies. Students must be enrolled at an accredited educational institution that provides an educational program acceptable for full credit towards a bachelor's or higher degree or offers a training program to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

### **Application Process:**

- Applicants are requested to complete the Application for MKCF Scholarship and provide all information asked for, including but not limited to name, address, planned major, phone, email address and basic demographic data.
- Two Letters of Reference are required, including one in the applicant's field of study.
- The applicant must submit a 200-word essay explaining the reasons for the applicant's interest in the planned major, previous work experiences demonstrating that interest, and any special circumstances, including financial need and intention to return to Lanai after college.
- The applicant must submit a recent CV outlining contact information, work experience, educational history and a general summary of your goals.
- The applicant's LHES transcript must be received directly from LHES or an accredited educational institution.
- The applicant is to provide a Letter of Acceptance from an accredited college or university and should be enrolled as a full-time student.
- The applicant may be asked to complete an in-person interview with the Selection Committee.
- The applicant must sign the Acknowledgement and Consent form acknowledging and consenting to MKCF selection, payment and oversight procedures.

### **Payment Procedures:**

Grant will be paid directly to the Recipient for qualified tuition, and related expenses and/or for room and board. MKCF must receive an annual report on the progress of each recipient. This report must include a summary of the use of the funds, courses taken, and grades received as verified by the educational institution. MKCF will use such reports to determine whether it has any tax reporting obligations with respect to all or a portion of the Scholarship Grant, or any duty to investigate whether the grant is being used in furtherance of an educational purpose. If MKCF determines that all or any part of a grant is not being used in furtherance of the purposes of the grant, MKCF shall take all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover the grant funds and/or withhold future payments to the grantee.

**Application follows on the second sheet.**

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It's the holiday season but on Lana'i, the poinsettia grow in hedges and aren't just exotic potted house plants one month a year!

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Aloha <<First Name>>,

It's been a momentous year around the world and the State of Hawaii has not been an

organizations with links that we recommend:

[Hawaiicommunityfoundation.org](http://Hawaiicommunityfoundation.org)

[Mauifoodbank.org](http://Mauifoodbank.org)

[World Central Kitchen](http://WorldCentralKitchen)

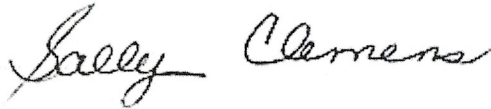
[Lanaicatsanctuary.org](http://Lanaicatsanctuary.org)

Great news: going forward, the MKCF will no longer have formal funding cycles. Instead, we have decided to adopt a more flexible approach to better meet the evolving needs of our community. We will continue to support currently established programs and review any new requests on a case-by-case basis. These adjustments are necessary to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of our funding process. Applications for project funding can be found [here](#).

Our commitment to supporting Lanai non-profits remains steadfast.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your partnership and appreciate your understanding as we navigate these waters.

Mahalo and Happy New Year!



*Sally Clemens*

President of the Board

You can reach me and other members of the board by emailing [mkcflanai2016@gmail.com](mailto:mkcflanai2016@gmail.com).

David Green, Treasurer

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***A`ohe lokomaika`i i nele i ke pâna`i  
No kind deed has ever lacked its reward.***

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We all have played the “Knock, Knock” game, guessing who’s there with varying degrees of humor, but for Lana`i seniors a knock on their door may be Rachelle Garbin and Puna Villiarimo delivering nutritious meals that bring a smile to their faces.

In early 2022, Manele Koele Charitable Fund (MKCF) found out there was food insecurity in our community, and home-bound seniors were “on their own” for meals on the weekend.

find out how we could help.

It does take a village and in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente, Lānaʻi Community Hospital, Meals On Wheels, Pūlama Lānaʻi, and Lanai Community Association, a program was implemented to deliver fruit and veggie packs for home-bound seniors. We started delivering veggie packs in October 2022 and have now added frozen meals to the delivery. Fully cooked, frozen meals are ready to pop into the microwave at any time for the recipient's convenience. Nutritious vegetables and fruit packs are included in each Friday delivery. Sensei Farms also donates lettuce weekly, helping to defray costs. Microwaves were provided to assist with the program and a state-of-the-art certified kitchen located at the Lanaʻi Community Hospital prepares all the weekend meals delivered on island.



Thanks to the generosity of MKCF donors, \$25,000 was allocated to this project and we've been able to provide funding for the program for another year. Approximately 30 meals are delivered each week. This allows seniors who cannot shop or prepare meals to be self-sufficient and live at home longer.



Many dedicated volunteers help make this program possible. We'd like to recognize a few of the key individuals who have diligently worked to help our community. MFCF board members David Green, Katherine Knapp, and President Sally Clemens, Kris Kahihikolo, Lanai Senior Center Director, Kay Okamoto, President, Lanai Community Association Board of Directors, Jody Anderson, Kaiser Permanente Maui Food & Nutrition Services, Leslie Barayuga, Kaiser Permanente Maui Chef/Manager, Danette Rodriques Lanai Community Hospital Food Service Supervisor, Isalina Rendo Lanai Community Hospital Food Service, Glory Malaqui,

Administrator. Kerry Pitcher, formerly of Kaiser Permanent Maui, was instrumental in getting this program started and we will miss her leadership as she has left the organization.

With the help of so many, MKCF will continue to ensure that no Kapuna goes hungry on the weekend.

*By Victoria Larsen*

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### **Since 2016 MKCF has Funded**

At LHES: Chromebooks during the pandemic, kindergarten smart boards, woodshop & autobody shop equipment, computer lab with 20 Dell XPS laptops, a scoreboard for the gym, musical instruments

At LHES Foundation: Entrepreneurship classes, college visits to Oahu, "College & Career Project," Lana'i Community Health Initiative

### **Partial List of Other Organizations and Projects Funded:**

Lana'i Youth Center, Lana'i Academy of Performing Arts, Lana'i Community Association's Pineapple Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting, Hospice Hawaii/Lana'i, United Filipino Council of Hawaii, Lana'i Senior Center, Maui Health Foundation, Lana'i Art Center, Hale Kapuna, Community Closet, after-school programs like Little League baseball, wrestling, tennis, swim, softball, basketball, dance, robotics and drone clubs

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Kindly forward this email to anyone who would be interested in updates about life and projects and on this unique and magical island.

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