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A series of fund updates are coming your way and here is September 2022, Fall's first outlay...

Manele Koele Charitable Fund (MKCF) summer 2022 funding season has come to its end and the final vote was cast and news is now in!

In the areas of Education, Health Care, Senior Services and the Arts, MKCF continues to create and expand opportunities and foster growth within the Lāna'i community by granting funds to cultivate and support important projects. MKCF's Board of Directors gave green lights to nine non-profit organizations that are working to improve the quality of life and economic viability for the community of the island of Lāna'i. Here are three of the funded:

Lāna'i Art Center

To advance artistic learning and creative expression in art and crafts, new artists of all ages are sought for new kinds of art to be wrought. MKCF has funded the Lāna'i Art & Culture Center, Artist in Residence, Visual Arts Program, in the amount of \$2,483.85, and artist and instructor, Terri Batte, will offer classes and workshops to teach the community in the arts of textile, glass fusion, ceramics, paper making, bookbinding, and silk painting. From the youth to the elders, the Lāna'i community will have the opportunity to be instructed and learn about diverse art forms and have support to explore and create their own unique arts and crafts. Maybe one day we will see Lāna'i's budding new artists offer their creations for purchase in the Lāna'i Art Center or perhaps one of the instructed will evolve to become the instructor--and this is the beauty within the art of life!

Manele Koele Charitable Fund (MKCF) will continue to support the wonderful work of making art and crafts possible in the lives of the community. Join with MKCF and help advance the effort of the Lāna'i Art Center in cultivating the Lāna'i community of souls to reach artistic bloom!



Lānaʻi High and Elementary School Foundation (LHES)

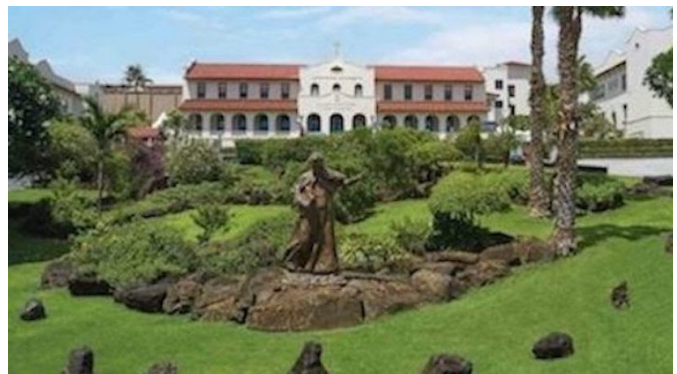
Fear not—oh youth, when you see, the unknown phantom looming on the horizon—not far off in the distance, cries out to you, college? Look to me, oh innocent youth, take my hand and let us go together and we will find the way to your bright future...

MKCF has funded the LHES Foundation tour to Oahu in the amount of \$4,000.00. With the financial support of MKCF, the lucky young ladies of the Lānaʻi girls basketball team will fly out of the confines of years of pandemic life and will now have the opportunity to travel to Oahu and visit college campuses, Chaminade University and Hawaii Pacific University. Building a foundation team to team and a network island to island,

LHES Foundation's work to help these young women visit Oahu's college campuses will provide the exposure, support and encouragement needed to not only find their place in college sports but to help them find a better position in life by seeking a college education.

The youth need guidance to navigate the unknown territory of college and we must do our best to protect and guide them so they will not flounder nor fail--and fear shall flee and fade away in the helpful hands, loving heart and under the watchful supervision of a companion adult who can help lead these youths to their future lives.

Did you face college alone or did you have help to find your way? MKCF continues to support the work of LHES Foundation, helping young women to have the support they need to build their future success. Will you make a difference in the life of someone who needs support to play college sports and gain access to a college degree? Preparation is key and so is wise counsel from those who understand the steps to take to pursue and attain a college degree—give to MKCF and help create the next generation of college educated women who also play college sports and hand-in-hand we can make a marvelous difference to the young ladies on the island of Lāna'i reaching for their future goals—game on!



Lāna'i Union Church

And the MKCF vote to fund was “yes!” The Lāna'i Union Church is the third nonprofit organization funded by MKCF in the amount of \$3,000.00, for their important work to provide an after-school program for all children and young adults of the Lāna'i community with a special focus on the Kosraean community.

The Lāna'i Union Church, supervised by Pastor Ben, will now have the ability to maintain and improve their after-school program, which serves fifty-eight children and young adults, kindergarten through twelfth grades, Monday through Thursday, September through May. For nearly a decade, the Lāna'i Union Church has helped the Lāna'i community and the Kosraean community by providing a welcoming and safe after-school place for children and young adults to gather and do their homework, have the support of tutors to help them with their academics, access to high speed internet, and to be supplied with white paper, pens, and crayons for various school projects and creative playtime—let's not forget the special addition—kids can count on a delicious snack and beverage that satiates late afternoon hunger and makes studying a whole lot easier.

The after-school program is also serving as a crucial hub of communication to facilitate discussion between families, kids, tutors, and teachers, and with parental permission, the church and tutors will act with oversight to make sure the youth are supported and have the confidence and help to accomplish their assignments and the ability to make consistent progress in their studies: student class grades will be monitored so no child will be left behind in school. When a community is provided the support to help their children, and tutors and teachers work together with families, cohesion and unity is built-up, and from the foundation of love and dedication to help one another grow, individual and collective potential is more so realized, individual and communal bonds are strengthened which creates mutual growth in learning and achievement and amplifies success for all involved.

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Manele Koele Charitable Fund (MKCF) is excited to be a part of the progressive development of the Lāna'i community and we thank our donors for their gracious donations of any and all denominations which help us continue to fund these critical projects for the improvement of the whole community of Lāna'i.

With the helping hands of the Manele Koele Charitable Fund and our loyal donors, congratulations to these three nonprofits that now have a sprouting step forward to bringing greater success and accomplishment into the everyday lives of the community and building a better future for us all.



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