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Hawaiian Electric holiday donations benefit local nonprofits helping keiki and families

A total of \$141,500 contributed to a dozen-plus organizations

HONOLULU, Dec. 21, 2021 – Hawaiian Electric has given a total of \$141,500 in donations this holiday season to more than a dozen local nonprofit groups and educational organizations that contribute to the cultural enrichment, education, and health and welfare of Hawai'i keiki and families across the state.

- **American Lung Association in Hawai'i** will use the funds for its “Asthma Friendly Schools” program that helps Hawai'i keiki with asthma increase their self-management skills and improves their parents’ and teachers’ ability to support them.
- **Center for Tomorrow’s Leaders** intends to deepen its youth leadership programs within the Wai’anae schools complex.
- **EPIC ‘Ohana** will continue its work to strengthen families and enhance the welfare of children and youth through family conferencing, facilitation, training and program development.
- **HawaiiKidsCAN** earmarked the donation for its Wi-Fi on Wheels program, an initiative that closes the digital equity gap by providing high-speed internet access to low-income areas so underserved students can access online programs while adhering to safety guidelines.
- **Hoa ‘Āina O Mākaha** will continue program operations at its 5-acre community garden and learning center that teaches gardening skills and Hawaiian culture to children and families on the Wai’anae Coast while encouraging healthy lifestyles.
- **Kapili Like Hawai'i** provides Native Hawaiians, community members that need a hand up and those in transition or displaced with no-cost education and workforce development so they can achieve career and life success and fortify local communities.
- **Kupu** will hold its Hawai'i Youth Sustainability Challenge seeking student-driven solutions to conservation and sustainability issues facing their schools and communities.
- **Nā Kama Kai** and its mission of educating and inspiring keiki about ocean safety, environmental stewardship and conservation has already touched the lives of more than 35,000 keiki through its free programs that include ocean safety clinics, mentorships and ocean equipment recycling.
- **North Shore News** will fill its Operation: Toybox and Christmas Cheer with new unwrapped toys, Christmas treats, toiletries and non-perishable food for keiki and families in need.

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- **'Olelo Community Media** is planning its 2021-2022 Youth Xchange Statewide Student Video Competition that empowers youth to identify and draw attention to critical community issues through un-editorialized video content.
- **Special Olympics Hawai'i** has refined its virtual programs for the Sports and Wellness Complex in Kapolei that offers sports, fitness and health activities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, their families, coaches and volunteers.
- **Valley of Rainbows** will hold its Youth Leadership conferences and community projects in 2022.

Hawaiian Electric also continued its support of the annual MATHCOUNTS® O'ahu Chapter and Hawai'i State Competitions organized by the **Hawai'i Society of Professional Engineers Educational Foundation** and robotics programs at **McKinley High, Nānākuli High & Intermediate** and **Waialua High** schools.

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