Family traditions are important to us. Things like jumping rock at Waimea every birthday. Making haupia for Valentine’s Day. And the Family Programs Hawaii Holiday Party has become one of our traditions every year, too.

We feel that we’re one big ‘ohana, all of us, together celebrating with one food, fun games, enjoying each other’s company, talking story, and of course, gifts from Santa. The smile and laughter of the kids makes us feel like for one day, even if it’s just one day, dreams can come true.

-Resource Caregiver
(Foster Parent at the 2019 Holiday Party)
Welcome to the Family Programs Hawaii 22nd Annual Holiday Party

Season’s greeting to you and your family! Given State and County orders, you may be feeling a bit disappointed in your ability to gather for celebrations, like baby luaus to Thanksgiving meals. With the pandemic still raging in the US, many of us do not have the opportunity to gather with loved ones in the way we’re accustomed. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to produce uncertainty, stress, and anxiety in our communities. This is a time like no other in our lives.

Despite the challenges we are facing every day, this is also a time that brings out the best in many people, from the Child Welfare Services staff and community providers, to our amazing Resource Caregivers and Kinship Caregivers who continue to open their home to children in need, providing a place to live, be nourished, and receive comfort. On behalf of the staff of Family Programs Hawaii and our Board of Directors, we are incredibly thankful to all of you for serving and caring for those in need. We, too, are proud to play a role in supporting families and children in our community.

I am grateful to live in an incredible State – one that is driven by the spirit of Aloha, to care for and help out vulnerable children and families. Thank you to our generous donors and event sponsors, our staff and volunteers who have made this drive-thru event a special one for the children and families, one that will hopefully bring joy and a sense of hope to allow children to “reach for the stars.” It is our hope, as well, that you and your family remain safe and healthy during the holiday season. Happy Holidays!

Our Best Wishes,
Keith Kuboyama, LCSW
President & CEO

Mahalo Nui Loa to our General Sponsors
The following general sponsors make it possible to grab hold of that star!

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They need to have self-esteem, confidence and experience joy and celebration.

They need to know there is support to help them along their journey to adulthood.

Positive experiences always provide hope since good memories will help during challenging times.

Happy Holidays to all and Mahalo for all your support!

Regards,
Leonard Leong
Vice President

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Regards,
Leonard Leong
Vice President
Aloha! One reason I joined the Family Programs Hawaii Board of Directors is that I grew up in a broken home and was abused as a child. I promised myself that when I grew up, I would help abused and neglected children.

Upon graduation from College in 1963, my wife, Joanne, and I moved to Hawaii. Shortly after, I became one of the original Big Brothers and my Little Brother, Alex, has been part of our family ever since. I joined Family Programs Hawaii 18 years ago and we have supported Foster Children ever since.

11 years ago, my family built a 10-bedroom safe house for endangered children named “Ho’omalu O’Na Kamali’i” (Hawaiian for “safeguarding our children”). Since we opened the doors, Family Programs Hawaii and our family have provided a safe and caring home for over 1,500 Keikis. Our family feels very fortunate to be able to help this organization and it’s children in need.

Mike Wood
Donor/Volunteer

If you have an idea, you can turn it into a dream. If you have a dream, then you have hope - and if you have hope, you can do anything! You always have a choice, so choose to believe in YOURSELF! The Cades Schutte and Cades Foundation family believes in you, and we want to help you Reach for the Stars! We wish you the best of holidays, and a very Happy New Year!

Mahalo to our...

Stephanie & Wayne Batzer
Wayne and I would like to thank each and every donor for their part in making this celebration happen, and the resource caregivers for their hard work and dedication. We are proud to have played a small piece in furtherance of Family Programs Hawaii, its staff, and FPH’s work in the foster community. Every child deserves to have a safe and happy home.

Mahalo, Family Programs!