

List of Community Projects

Pi'ina Hoku Youth Leadership Program: August 2005 – The program was initiated by the adult class of 2005 who conducted the ground work and planning while the class of 2006 implemented and executed the program. The first class of 20 Pi'ina Hoku youth leadership program participants graduated in April 2007.

Kaua'i PTSA: June 2007 - This project implemented a website to bring PTSA programs from each school together. The Kaua'i PTSA site serves as an informational tool to make it easier for parents to get involved. All middle school and elementary schools participated in the development of the site to list contact information and meeting times for each PTSA. Grants from KIUC were utilized to implement and host Kaua'i PTSA.org.

Pi'ina Hoku Youth Program, Kapa'a New Park Beautification & Skate Contest: February 3, 2007 - The project focused on beautification and painting of the Kapa'a skate park in collaboration with local artists to help deter vandalism.

March 31, 2007 - A skate contest was held for the youth in our community to enjoy the newly restored skate park.

Jump Start, Assisting Non-Profit Organizations: June 2007 - The project provided a presentation and document of resources and tools local non-profit organizations need to succeed.

Got Drugs? Awareness Speaker Series I: August 7, 2007 - Presentations were given by Gary Shimabukuro, Lualima Hawai'i and Keith Kamita, Department of Public Safety Narcotics Enforcement Division Chief to raise awareness on drug use and prevention. Gary shared his vision for "Many hands, hearts and minds working together to create a drug-free Hawai'i."

Kapa'a "Home Field" Stadium: September 2007 - This project was managed and implemented to fulfill the desire for a new stadium to be available for Kapa'a High school (the only school on island that did not have a stadium.) Today and for many years to come, both local schools and sports groups use and enjoy the facilities.

Global Warming Awareness - "An Inconvenient Truth" Showing & Panel: December 8, 2007 - This project provided a complimentary showing of the movie "An Inconvenient Truth" and a panel discussion with local leaders who provided insight and raised awareness island wide to the effects of global warming and what our community can do on Kaua'i to make a difference globally.

Japanese Stone Lantern Restoration: January – March 2008 - Designated as one of "The Nine Most Endangered Historic Sites in Hawai'i" by the Historic Hawai'i Foundation, the Kapa'a Stone Lantern has a significant historic and cultural value and is an educational asset as well. The project will preserve a civic monument that will enhance community pride.

Got Drugs? Awareness Speaker Series II: February 6, 2008 - Follow on to the first Speaker Series in August 2007, these presentations were scheduled by Leadership Kaua'i Alumni continuing the effort to raise awareness on drug use and prevention with Gary Shimabukuro, Lualima Hawai'i, Mark Middleton, Martin County Sheriff's Dept., and Thomas Janette and Scott Duva of the Connecticut Narcotic Enforcement Officer Association (CNEOA).

Pi'ina Hoku Youth Program, Operation: Restore Polihale: February – May 2008 - This project took place over four clean up days working with the State of Hawaii, dedicated to restoring camping and bathroom facilities, running water, and beauty of Polihale. Efforts included general clean up of the area, implementation of boundary markers, painting of vandalized bathrooms and picnic tables, fixture replacement and vegetation cutback.

Aukahi Life Skills: March 11, 2008 - The Aukahi Life Skills project mission is to provide the youth of Kaua'i basic life skill resources to ease the transition from high school to self-sufficiency via a youth-oriented Web page focused on the following major areas: 1) work readiness, 2) coping skills, and 3) money management. The March 11th fair featured several booths with informational handouts and speakers from the community who represented the three major areas. Students also had opportunities to have one-on-one discussions with the speakers.

Mentor Program: May – June 2008 - The Mentor program's vision is to create an awareness and perpetuate the values and practices of the Kaua'i longitudinal study that made the Keiki resilient. The Mentor program is working in collaboration with the Kukui Malamalama program to mentor youth of Kaua'i, a chance to help shape the future of Kaua'i's children through support and guidance. Kukui Malamalama's monthly training events provide strategies for mentors to help build self-esteem, positive self-image and trust in our youth through healthy role modeling. Through this process we hope to decrease anxiety and destructive cycles in youth and strengthen family relationships so they can lead successful, enriched and meaningful lives.

Teen Zone ~ "Da Zone": February – March 2009 - "Da Zone" is a safe and fun environment for teens to engage in a variety of diverse activities including live music, arts & culture, sports, science, environment, career/occupational, and personal, social, and leadership development.

Pi'ina Hoku "Follow Our Future Leaders" Fun Run Benefit: April 11, 2009 - Members of the Pi'ina Hoku 2009 Youth Program committed their community project efforts to the "Follow our Future Leaders" Fun Run held Saturday April 11th, 2009 in Waimea. Over 80 runners came to participate in a 2k and 5k run. This community project raised funds to support 2009-2010 Pi'ina Hoku participant scholarships. The run was a huge success & the youth class raised \$2,500 to split among all 20 participants, reducing their tuition fee to half.

Special Needs Shelter: June 2009 - The Special Needs Shelter Workgroup mission is to address the needs of the community in an emergency within four different classifications of emergency shelters on the island: General Population, Level I, Level II, and Level III shelters. Plans exist for Level II shelters, but deployment has not been finalized. Locations have been proposed, but no needs assessment has been completed to determine actual projected unit counts or appropriate geographic distribution. People requiring Level II sheltering are those in need of special attendant medical care, electricity to power medical devices and refrigeration for medication, and those in need of special assistance to perform activities of daily living or manage alone in an evacuation shelter. We will bring together the valuable work and people of the various stakeholders into an effective coalition.

Got Drug Awareness? Speaker Series III: June 2009 - Community event series with a focus on drug prevention on Kaua'i. The presentations feature Mr. Gary Shimabukuro of Lualima Hawaii, on June 2 (Chieffess Kamakahahele), June 3 (Waimea Neighborhood Center), and June 4 (Princeville Golf Club), at 5:30pm each evening. The evening will also feature other speakers from the Kaua'i Drug Action Team, the Kaua'i Police Department, and a rehabilitation specialist.

The Waipa Ahupua'a: Educational Project: June 2009 - The Waipa Ahupua'a: Educational Project's mission is to construct a model of the Waipa Ahupua'a for the Waipa Educational Center, create an educational poster and organize an educational planting at Waipa.

Lualima Keiki Scholarship Fund: June 2010 - The project provides Kaua'i youth ages 7-18 with scholarships for travel and/or program resources (e.g. airfare, equipment, shoes, registration fees, etc.) to participate in program activities involving arts & culture, education and sports. This project intends to provide alternative learning and health opportunities for the youth of Kaua'i who would otherwise be limited due to economic hardship. The mission of Lualima Keiki is education and opportunity will overcome adversity. To assist sporting activities for the poor and needy this project aims to provide scholarships for 120 youth.

Pulama Kupuna: June 2010 - This group reaches out to Kaua'i's Kupuna. Their goal is to recruit a constant pool of volunteers and coordinate with four elderly care programs on the island of Kaua'i: Alu Like, Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, Garden Isle Healthcare, and Hale Kupuna Heritage Home including the County of Kaua'i Agency on Elderly Affairs to increase visitation and foster relationships between Kupuna and members of the community. Special interest in recruiting and working with student volunteers (at the high school level) with a focus on increasing visitation during times of the year that are especially difficult, such as the months following the holiday season will be important pieces of this project. Volunteers will be recruited through publicity campaigns and a project Website working closely with the four elderly care programs mentioned above to administer any training volunteer may need. This project will help to bridge generational gaps in the community, save the histories of our Kupuna and ease the burden of caretakers of the elderly, including family members and non-profit staff suffering from budget cuts. In addition, it will draw attention to care of the elderly and create a pool of volunteers for the future. Currently 1 in 8 Americans is over the age of 65; by 2030 that number will double. This project also provides Kaua'i's youth with a positive program that teaches about health care and builds both self-esteem and a sense of social responsibility. This project will affect 310 kupuna at the various care homes participating in this project.

Hui Holomua (Battery Recycling Program): June 2010 - Currently, the people of Kaua'i only have one opportunity to properly dispose of their hazardous materials, including household batteries, which is provided annually by the County. We will provide a location(s) where people can not only properly dispose of their household batteries, but have them actually recycled. It will be easily accessible and available year-round. Our hope is to alleviate some of the stress from the County landfills and eliminate some of the hazardous toxins that are escaping into our environment. This project will provide a year-round location(s) for the proper recycling of household (alkaline) batteries. This is essential in considering the environment and also to create space in our island landfills. Household batteries contain cadmium, lead, lithium, mercury, nickel, silver, and zinc. These metals can detrimentally harm the environment by discharging into our water systems or into the air and soil. With long-term exposure to these metals, they can cause numerous health ailments to the people of our society. These include (but are not limited to): damage to the lungs, circulatory systems, and reproductive systems; cause genetic, neurological, or psychological disorders; damage to the brain, kidneys, or fetuses; cause development disorders and immune deficiency.

Pi'ina Hoku, Youth Program KEEF Project: June 2010 - Through partnerships with KIUC, Blue Planet Foundation, and Trex Enterprise, this group created and developed the Kaua'i Energy Education Program, www.KEEPProgram.org. The project has three components - 1) interactive website that allows site-visitors to self-assess their home energy consumption, information on costs involved to retrofit to a more energy efficient movement and basic energy-wise information; 2) Use data from the existing assessment that the high school facilities already have through KIUC and begin an awareness retrofitting to meet energy efficient standards; 3) Through the use of the Kill A Watt, an instrument to measure consumption, each student conducted a personal energy assessments of their own homes and share the data on their website along with a video demonstration on how to use the Kill A Watt.

Intergenerational Houselessness Outreach Project (January 2011): The youth and the adult leadership program teamed up together with the Hanapepe Salvation Army and local dentists to provide the community with a service project that focused on the Homeless on Kaua'i. Dr. Trisha Kehaulani Watson of UH-Manoa, author and contributor to the book, The Value of Hawai'i, spoke to our students and other interested community members regarding "Restoring Our Homes – Hope, Homelessness and Humanity." Our students prepared and served a lunch in the Soup Kitchen and assembled over 200 hygiene kits that were passed out at Salt Pond and Lucy Wright Park.

Intergenerational Stewardship Project (March 2011): Both of our leadership classes and RYLA camp students came together for this stewardship project at the Waipa Foundation on Kaua'i's North Shore. Four hours of service were given to helping a local mahi'ai (farmer) eradicate weeds and pink menace apple snail eggs from his lo'i kalo (taro patch). Under Stacy Sproat's direction, three hours were spent landscaping the fishpond in the Waipa ahupua'a

with native plants. Not only were traditional Hawaiian farming methods learned, but students developed a strong sense of place and aloha for this unique area.

Pi'ina Hoku Program, Operation T.H.O.T.- Teens Helping Other Teens (April 2011): Our youth program, Pi'ina Hoku, with the help of Councilman Tim Bynum, identified their community project for the year to bring awareness of teen issues (underage drinking, illegal drug use, teenage pregnancy, depression/suicide) to their peers. Adam Prall of ThinkingMan.com and our youth leaders created a website (www.Thot.LeadershipKauai.org) for a national contest that awarded a \$500 cash prize for the best media entry that brought a positive light to one of those issues. The students raised the money through service to the West Kaua'i Rotary Club and the winning entry was announced and streamed LIVE at their leadership graduation at the Kaua'i Beach Resort on April 16, 2011.

Stewardship Projects (August 2010 & May 2011): Both of our leadership classes worked for a combined 8 hours to eradicate blackberry from the Kaluapuhi Trail in Koke'e under the direction of Brad Soria and Hui o Laka.

Got 1, Gave 1-Volunteer Kaua'i: April 2011- The goal for this group is to bridge together volunteers with non-profit organizations. Their first project, "Hot Rocks for Humanity" included a community imu as an incentive for every person living on Kaua'i to donate at least 1 hour of volunteerism and canned food items for the local Food Bank. Local non-profit organizations were on hand to provide information on their services and to sign up new volunteers. www.volunteerkauai.org

E Aloha Kaua'i: June 2011- This group wanted to do something about the gradual disappearance of aloha from our daily routine. They have developed 2 components to revitalize the aloha spirit here on Kaua'i: 1) an education pilot program that will help students in a local high school's leadership development class to grow a deep sense of belonging to a community and desire to care for one another; and 2) "Acts of Aloha" that selects 4 events a year for their network of volunteers to participate in that will benefit the community.

Mauka Makai: June 2011 –This group's mission is to provide at risk students in grades 6 through 12 with opportunities to learn about Kaua'i's mountain and ocean ecosystems through experiential education and literacy with a cultural connection. Activities currently include eradicating invasive species in Koke'e's forests, beach cleanups, zoning for the monk seal and pup sitting projects.

Ho`okanaka Awards: May 2012 – The goal was to raise the level of awareness on the importance of good leadership skills, and to recognize leaders in diverse capacities and roles island-wide. From this, spawn the idea of an annual leadership awards ceremony named after the key phrase in their class motto "Ho'okanaka" – "be someone" in the largest sense possible - to make a difference for the future, the community, and the world. The group enlisted Mayor Carvalho to proclaim the entire month of May as "Leadership on Kauai` Month". As a result of this project, 20 adults and 8 youth were nominated from the community, and 5 adult and 5 youth awards were presented on May 5. This awards process and ceremony became an annual signature event for Leadership Kaua`i. The Mayor's Proclamation can be viewed on our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/lkexdir

"Maile or the Highway": June 2012 – Celebrating the importance of mailelauli'i, a native and endemic plant to Kaua'i, this group created and distributed statewide an informational DVD, and sponsored an essay contest for our island's 4th and 5th graders, with the winners receiving an ice-cream party for their class. This video can be viewed on our YouTube Channel at: www.youtube.com/user/lkexdir

Drug & Alcohol Abuse Awareness Campaign: June 2012 – An impactful and informational DVD was created for funders, neighborhoods, schools & employers to serve as a tool to help combat drug and alcohol abuse on Kauaʻi. This DVD includes powerful interviews and statistics, and speaks to the need to provide assistance for people with addiction to drugs and or alcohol. This video can be viewed on our YouTube Channel at: www.youtube.com/user/lkexdir

Intergenerational Project – Kupuna Day: January 2012 – The adult and youth classes together organized "Kupuna Day" at the Regency at Puakea on January 14th, 2012. This event included games, craft projects, and karaoke to entertain and uplift the Kupuna's spirits. Also, they interviewed a number of the Kupuna to gather information on their life experiences that is being compiled into a book or online source titled "Recipes for Life".

Intergenerational Project "For Da Kids" Sports Day Camp: October 2012 – This project was organized and led by the youth class and was supported by the adult class. "For Da Kids" Sports Day Camp was held on October 15th, 2011, and provided youth ages 4 to 13 years a chance to learn a new sport, get active and have fun. More than 70 youth attended and rotated through three different sports throughout this day-long event: Soccer, Kickball, and Basketball.

"Let's Get Local" March 2012 – In partnership with the County "Kauaʻi Grown" organization, our 2012 Piʻina Hoku Youth Leadership class organized a special event during the Farmers Market at KCC on Saturday, March 17. The goal was to encourage local teens to support our island farmers. Live entertainment was provided, and a teen survey was conducted identify what products were of most interest to teens at the various Farmers Markets on Kauaʻi. As an incentive for the survey, a random drawing for one of the survey participants to win an ukulele.

Local Entrepreneur Videos: June 2013 – Created six videos featuring six successful businesses on Kauaʻi. The goal of each video is to inspire more local people to embrace the entrepreneurial spirit and create new businesses of their own and made available through the Hawaiʻi Small Business Development Center. Another goal is to encourage our youth to return to Kauaʻi after their college education by showing them successful local businesses.

Leadership Kauaʻi Alumni Network: June 2013 – Leadership Kauaʻi has a strong network of alumni and this project brings them all into an online database so that alumni can continue to connect easily with each other and continue productive collaborations among organizations on Kauaʻi. The database will also be available to Kauaʻi high school seniors needing a mentor for their senior projects.

Hanapepe Salt Pond Signage: June 2014 - This is an informational sign for kāmaʻāina and visitors that provides the history and culture of the Salt Ponds. The interpretive sign will include: the history of Hanapepe Salt Ponds (*moku/ahupuaʻa*), and the process of salt-making; the value of the 2 rare forms of salt – paʻakai (white sea salt) and ʻalae (red sea salt). The mission isto increase awareness of the cultural and historical significance of the salt pond, increase respect and care of salt bed, and increase cultural and historical value of salt beds.

Ohana Night at the Movies: June 2015 - Knowing that finding something fun and safe to do on the weekends for our families and keiki is something they are ALWAYS looking for. So why not a movie night? Instead of driving all the way to Lihue or sitting at home on the couch they can grab our cousins and friends and go catch a movie in the park. Outdoor movie nights were held at Kehaha Softball Field and Vidhina Stadium for families to bond and enjoy themselves.

S.T.E.M. Project: June 2016 - The best way to enhance the quality of life on Kauai is through education. Focused specifically on raising awareness of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, by supporting the 2016 Kauai Regional Science & Engineering Fair. They connected professionals to help at the fair, event coordination and logistics, inspired Kauai's Youth by providing a fun and educational LED paper flashlight to make at the fair, grow the future events by collecting data for improvement and compiled a DOE Directory resource for judges, mentors and supporters for future fairs.

THE PROCESS: June 2016 - The Class of 2016 proposed to build a Football Storage Facility located within the Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex in the Kapa'a Ballpark. The project's design and construction is a community-collaboration between Leadership Kauai and Kauai Pop Warner Football. The purpose of the Project is to safely and securely store costly athletic equipment, temporary shelters (pop-up tents), first-aid kits, and other related items in convenient proximity to the football stadium. This 20' x 60' unit divided into three 20' x 20' sections, and will include electricity and water spigots.

As of this writing, the project is not complete and Leadership Kauai will assist Kauai Pop Warner with the submission of a \$150,000 Haolo Lokahi grant administered by the County of Kauai, Department of Parks and Recreation. After the project's construction and closeout of the grant, the County of Kauai will be responsible for its maintenance and other related costs.

CAREER ROADMAP: HEALTH: May 2017 –This program was created to explore the many career paths available in healthcare on Kauai. We seek to provide the tools to empower students to apply for college with a career goal in mind. Meet the Pros: Healthcare Professionals and Discover: Your Passion. Principal Debra Badua and faculty selected 12 students to attend five afterschool sessions for hands on learning with health professionals - Kaci Manion and Addison Bulason of The Specific Chiropractor, Cyrus Tumbaga of Lifeway Pharmacy, Dr. Punzal of Punzal Optometry, and Dr. Christopher Jorden of Wilcox Health.

KUPUNA TO KEIKI VOYAGING TOGETHER: April 2017
Coinciding with the homecoming of Hōkūle'a, this community project navigated from Lihue to Waimea to bridge kupuna with keiki. Together, they learned about Polynesian navigation and Mālama Honua as they prepared model canoes to be handed out during the historic ceremonies on 'Oahu. Partnerships included Hokulea Voyager Steve Soltysik, Regency at Puakea, kupuna at the Waimea Neighborhood Center, and youth from home schools and Island school. Today, the Regency at Puakea Kupuna continue to make the sails for Steve's classes to the 4th graders at all public schools and more.

CORN FOR CHROME BOOKS: August 2017
Corn for Chromebooks listened and heard the need for access to technology at Kekaha Elementary. With help from the Kekaha Elementary students and the westside community, this community project planted, harvested, then sold hundreds of corn to raise funds for Kekaha students. In partnership with Hartung Brothers, the students raised corn at school while the LK team and volunteers harvested fresh corn from the fields. The corn sales raised \$3000.00 for the purchase of Chromebooks and software for the students.

KEIKI READING PROJECT: April 2018
Children growing up in homes with at least twenty books get three years more schooling than children from bookless homes, independent of their parents' education, occupation, and class. *Evans, M. D., Kelley, J., Sikora, J., & Treiman, D. J. (2010)*. Reading is the single most important skill to succeed in education! Education is the key to ending poverty! This project collaborated with the community initiative Keiki to Career's Reading Buddies Program at Kekaha Elementary. The team created a free event for families at the Waimea Theatre. Families were encouraged to read, watched a Disney Movie, and selected free books to take home.

LINK KAUA'I: On-going
Mission - To link 'āina-based projects that preserve, protect and perpetuate Kaua'i values, creating a legacy of connection to the community. Thus far, the project has brought together over 10 aina-based projects and community leaders to discuss their needs and find pathways for LINK Kauai to best serve this community. This project is on-going.

PILINA 'OHANA: June 2018 A pilot program for foster families that offers various projects that are both entertaining and educational. The Leadership Kaua'i class of 2018 (LK) in partnership with the Kauai Animal Education Center (KAEC), Kauai Families First Program (KFF), OHS Child Welfare Service (CWS) and Child and Family Services (CFS) is implementing a Family Pilot Program called "Pilina 'Ohana". Specifically focusing on reunification efforts between foster kids and their biological parents and family through working together on a family project that will help build and strengthen family bonds and connections. This Pilot Program ran from March 1, 2018 - May 31, 2018, and continues today.