



# HO'OLA NĀ PUA

October 2023 Newsletter

## Spotlight of the Month: Pearl Gala!

Mahalo to all who brought their light to shine at our 8th Annual Pearl Gala! With almost 800 people in attendance, our sponsors, attendees, performers, volunteers, vendors and staff sent a powerful message: our keiki are precious and our community is showing up to protect, empower and celebrate them.



[Watch the video!](#)



[View the photos!](#)



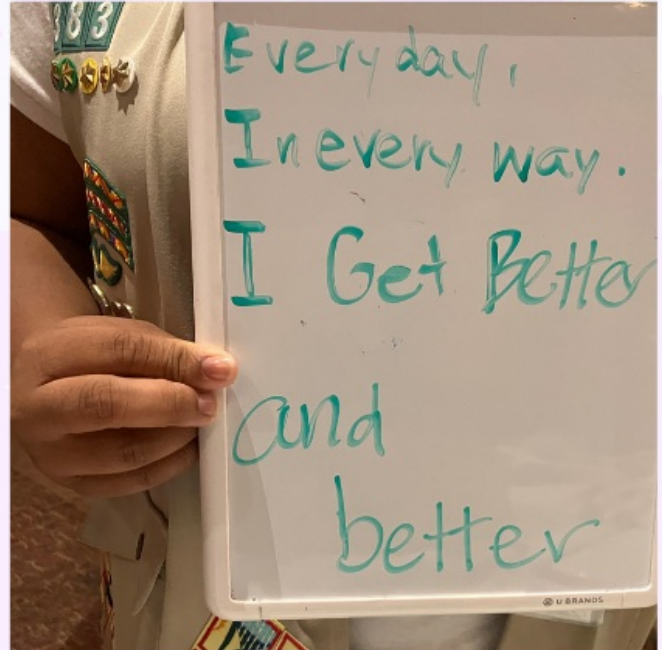
## Community Engagement

October has been an amazing month for community outreach and events! Each time we hui with community partners, we

expand the opportunities for community engagement. Mahalo to the many wonderful organizations in Hawai'i for your great works and for helping amplify the mission of caring for keiki.

Events pictured below include:

- 10/1 - Children Youth Day at the Capital
- 10/3 - Presenting at Holy Trinity with Rochelle from Prosecutor's office
- 10/3 - Hawai'i Tourism Authority Panel
- Kosasa Foundation Opportunity Youth Program Launch
- 10/18 National Association for Social Work Conference





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## Starfish Mentoring

**Mentor Magnificence!** In the past 3 months, we have had 5 successful mentor-mentee matches through our Starfish Mentoring Program.

Please reach out if you have youth in your community who would benefit from a Starfish Mentor!

 *Become a Mentor!*

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## Hōkū Programs

**Self-care isn't selfish!** It's a mindful reminder that we are all important, and deserve a little "me" time. Every month our Hōkū group services dedicate time to explore various self-care interests. Youth are able to explore these opportunities, sometimes for the first time. Interests such as making origami, stress balls, nail painting, journal decorating, or just playing various board games. When we take time to rest and relax, we show ourselves love and kindness, while building our resilience.



Interested in becoming a Hōkū volunteer? Or donating supplies to help support our Hōkū groups? Check out our website at [www.hoolanapua.org](http://www.hoolanapua.org)

✦ Support Hoku!

## Hawai'i Island News!

The month of October is widely recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness about the impact of domestic violence, support survivors, advance preventative initiatives, encourage early intervention, and provide support to those affected. At this event, Lovey Silva, the Hoku Program Coordinator for Hawai'i Island, participated in this event and shared Ho'ōla Nā Pua's mission, community programs, volunteering opportunities and Pearl Haven. In collaboration with several community service organizations, Ho'ōla Nā Pua gave participating community members access to resources and

### "IT'S OUR KULEANA"

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUMMIT

Sponsored by: Administration of Justice Club & Human Services Club  
Supported by: County Council District 2 Jenn Kagiwada & He Ho'omaka Hou Ana O Puna

Friday, October 13, 2023  
9:00 A.M - 3:00 P.M.

HawCC Manono Cafeteria

To provide awareness and education about the co-occurring dynamics of domestic violence, mental health, addictions & more.

Registration required.  
Scan QR code below.  
Or sign up via:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAPzL5pp31s8J0z8n282p3G0z9v0Y2h8FwN\\_al\\_cq4lRHSag/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAPzL5pp31s8J0z8n282p3G0z9v0Y2h8FwN_al_cq4lRHSag/viewform)




Free Lunch to be served.  
Maximum 80 participants.

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HawCC - Pearl Haven

information so they could help build a community where families and children feel safe and can look forward to bright futures.

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## Education + Training

### *Aloha!*

Let's join together and raise awareness to the reality of Sexual Exploitation. Check out the list of upcoming events where we will host live, free, public webinars.

#### November 1

12:00pm-1:00pm - CSEC: An Overview – Myth vs reality, trafficking in Hawaii, Risk vs Protective Factors, identification and response.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/commercial-sexual-exploitation-of-children-an-overview-tickets-745704892407?aff=oddtcreator>

#### November 8

12:00pm- 1:00pm CSEC: Trauma Informed Response– Checklists and hotlines serve a purpose, but trafficking and trauma go hand-in-hand. Our response needs to meet survivors where they are – whether they choose to disclose or not.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trauma-informed-response-to-csec-tickets-745706166217?aff=oddtcreator>

#### November 15

12:00-1:00pm Online Safety- There are 4.66 billion people online right now creating 2.5 quintillion bytes of data a day. Not all of them have good intentions. We'll take a look at some of the dangers of the internet and some tips and considerations to stay safe online.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-safety-preventing-exploitation-online-tickets-748731244307?aff=oddtcreator>

#### November 22

12:00pm- 1:00pm GUY TALK, Upcoming Events- Grab lunch, sit down and let's talk story about issues we face today in regard to Sex Trafficking and what we can do to make a difference.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guy-talk-fight-against-sex-trafficking-tickets-745707399907?aff=oddtcreator>

#### November 29

12:00pm- 1:00pm Practical Ways to Fight Sex Trafficking Today- Got 20 minutes? A free afternoon? You might not be able to end trafficking today, but you can do something to fight it! Here are some ideas.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/practical-ways-to-fight-sex-trafficking-today-tickets-748732658537?aff=oddtcreator>

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# Coming Soon - Shine Hawaii

Keep your radios tuned to iHeartRadio for our upcoming Shine Hawai'i campaign - unifying local voices from every part of our community.

When each of us shines our light, we are like stars in the sky - piercing the darkness and creating constellations that guide us toward a future where keiki are safe.



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