



HAWAII NATURE CENTER

Connecting children and families to nature

We foster awareness, appreciation, understanding and stewardship of Hawai'i's environment by educating children with an interactive and immersive approach.

Aloha,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Nature Center Board of Directors, we are requesting your support for our annual fundraiser, the Green Gala. Funds raised at the Green Gala are used to support our mission of providing interactive environmental education programs to Hawai'i's children, families, and visitors.

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We respectfully ask for your support in one or both of the following ways: **We cordially invite you to join us** in celebrating 38 years of environmental education in Hawai'i at our Green Gala on **Friday, May 24, 2019** at The Pacific Club. We also humbly request your support through a tax-deductible **in-kind donation of an experience or items** for our live and silent auctions.

Every year, these hands-on environmental education experiences reach nearly 20,000 participants across Maui and O'ahu. Your contribution will help fund programmatic opportunities for economically disadvantaged students, including Title One school students and families in financial need. One second grader remarked after program, "We must say sorry to Mother Nature because we cut down all her trees, and say thank you to her for forgiving us." This child's honest observation illustrates how environmental education is more than the educational components of a curriculum—it is about inspiring the emotional connection to nature that motivates children to be the next generation of environmental stewards.

Join us as we celebrate environmental education programs and stewardship of our islands. Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Executive Assistant, Robin Chapin at 955-0100 x126 or email robin@hawaiiaturecenter.org. Visit us at www.hawaiiaturecenter.org or follow us on Facebook or Instagram for more information. The deadline for verbal commitments is **Monday, April 15, 2019**.

Thank you in advance for your support connecting children and families to nature. We look forward to receiving your donation and hosting you at the Green Gala this year.

Fond Aloha,

Jeeyun Lee
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P.S. – Check out our upcoming events at HawaiiNatureCenter.org!