



HAWAI'I NATURE CENTER

Connecting children and families to nature

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

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Dear friend of Hawai'i Nature Center,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Nature Center Board of Directors, we thank you for your support of the 2019 Green Gala. We raised enough money to educate 8,000 underserved students during 175 school visits. In 2020 we hope to increase our impact and educate more keiki, as such we request your support for our 2020 Green Gala. Funds raised at the Green Gala support our mission of providing placed based, outdoor environmental education programs to Hawai'i's children and families.

We cordially invite you to join us in celebrating 39 years of environmental education in Hawai'i at our Green Gala on **Friday, May 22, 2020** at The Pacific Club. Please see attached information for various sponsorship levels.

Hawai'i has no shortage of environmental issues, ranging from threatened plants and animals found in no other location of the world, increased incidences of coral bleaching, changes at watershed scale to water quality and quantity issues. Along with environmental issues, kids increasing lack a strong connection to their surrounding environment. HNC addresses both of these issues by connecting kids and families to nature via evidenced based curriculum. HNC believes the best way to understand, restore and protect Hawai'i's natural resources are to see, touch, smell, interact with, and learn from, nature.

Every year, HNC's hands-on environmental education programs reach nearly 20,000 participants who spend over 73,000 hours in nature across Maui and O'ahu providing experiences only found with our unique curriculum and facilities. Your contribution will help underwrite opportunities for economically disadvantaged students, including Title One schools, and families in financial need.

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@hawaiinaturecenter.org. We request your commitment and/or payment be received by **Friday, May 1, 2020**.

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.

Aloha,

Todd Cullison
Executive Director