



Working together to ensure everyone has the help they need to achieve and maintain a foundation for lasting recovery and well-being

## *Magic Under the Stars* a smashing success!



The August 2018 fundraiser for **Malama Family Recovery Center** starred former professional magician Tom Gaddis in a fun comedy magic show at a magnificent upcountry Kula estate. Thanks to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, attendees and gracious hosts Mason and Trudy Williams, the event raised almost \$31,000 for Malama's child-related programs and services!

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During the event a proud Malama graduate shared her story... *"Malama gave me a safe place to talk about my past life experiences and beliefs as well as a place that I could gain insight as to why and how using drugs affected me and why I should make healthy choices to become a better person instead of giving up. I gained so much sober support and a huge amount of resources I didn't know about. And most important for me and my children, Malama gave us a place to sleep, eat and take care of myself and them. I realized what specific issues and negative beliefs were keeping me from success.*

*Today I am a single mom of three who stays encouraged, supported and standing firm in a solid foundation of values and beliefs that positively affect me and my children. I work overtime to provide for them and make sure I continue to do my best for a bright future. I have 6 years clean from Meth addiction and nothing is greater than knowing I am doing everything I can for my kids. I see my children becoming all they can be and having purpose and strength to overcome every obstacle placed*

*in their path. I love being a mother. It has kept me on my toes and able to see life in a whole new perspective. I have learned to enjoy just the simplest things and I love waking up every day knowing that I can help three amazing people who will make a difference in people's lives just as they did in mine. They are my drive to success and will do greater things than I have!!!"*

## Island Honda Supports Tri-Agency as Part of Honda's 2018 'Week of Service'

This past June, Island Honda of Maui donated more than \$1,000 worth of self-care, footwear, school and infant-related items, as well as creative writing tools, to the tri-agency as part of Honda's 2018 Week of Service that took place throughout North America between June 8 and 17. The items were distributed among clients of our three organizations, which work together to provide behavioral health and other related services to more than 6,000 people in Maui County each year. The wide variety of items will help our clients who struggle to afford basic hygiene and school supplies, clients in addiction treatment who want to express themselves through writing but don't have journals or pens, or want to participate in physical activity but don't have shoes or socks, as well as mothers who have their young children with them in treatment.



Island Honda of Maui staff at Malama with the car seats they donated

This year's Team Honda Week of Service marked the company's third year of coordinated volunteer service projects across North America that reinforce the Team Honda spirit of working together to make a difference in the communities in which they live

and work. "Here at Island Honda it is our mission "to create lifelong bonds with our clients, and consider each one family," said Mari Benda, Island Honda staff member. "This in fact made us think of Aloha House and all of its counterparts. We wanted to partner on a service project to create a lasting impact on our community together."

**Shortly after Aloha House received the donations, a client about to graduate from residential treatment came to staff asking for help because he didn't have proper footwear for his new job. He was able to leave treatment and start his job with a new pair of socks and shoes thanks to Island Honda's generosity!**

We are extraordinarily grateful to the Island Honda of Maui team for their willingness to go out of their way to make a difference in the lives of those we serve!



Aloha House residential program staff with some of the donated items

### September 2018 marks the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual *National Recovery Month!*

*National Recovery Month* promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment and recovery for mental and substance use disorders. During this time we celebrate the millions of Americans who are living their lives in recovery from mental and substance use disorders and honor those who work to make recovery possible. We also take time to remember the people who have lost their lives and those who still need help.

*"I am 14 years old. Two years ago I was homeless, on drugs and committing crimes so I could eat. I felt hopeless and lonely and every day seemed to get longer and longer. When I finally got into the MYFS program, they made me feel like I mattered when no one else did. They gave me hope that there was something better and they gave me a place to heal. I got treatment, work full-time now and no longer use drugs to escape reality."* Maui Youth & Family Services Graduate

*"If it weren't for Aloha House I would probably be dead and my kids would be in Foster Care or adopted. Before, I couldn't go one day without drinking. Now I have changed the way I think and choose to live. Because I am sober I can be with and raise my kids. This is the best gift I have ever had because when the time comes that I have been sober for 3-5 years, my boys will be young teenagers and will need a role model around. I am so blessed that I can now give my boys a life. All I care about is their happiness. I wouldn't have anything without Aloha House."* Aloha House Graduate

*"Today I know what my priorities and responsibilities are. Today I love and respect myself. I care about myself and what happens to me, and I know that my disease of addiction will never go away. So I have learned and will continue every day to stay aware and committed to my recovery, doing what I need to stay safe, stay sober. I love being a mother. I love being me. I love being everything I can be. I can walk with my head up continuing to go forward because today I believe in myself."* Malama Family Recovery Center Graduate

***MAHALO for saving lives, restoring families and helping people turn their lives around!***

