



# FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER OF O'AHU

*Dedicated to assisting child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, sex trafficking, and witnesses to violent crime.*



## Supporting abused keiki

**In 2021, Friends provided direct assistance to 773 children on O'ahu.**

The Children's Justice Center is a safe place for keiki to be interviewed about allegations of abuse. The Friends of the CJC of O'ahu assists the Center and the professionals, while also helping child victims and their families in their healing from the trauma. We provide emotional and financial support through our Ho'ōla Nā Mana'o (Hope & Healing) program.

**1,001 HO'ŌLA NĀ MANA'O REQUESTS FILLED IN 2021**

### Examples of the needs we met include-

- Basic**- beds, clothing, groceries, child care, infant items
- School**- laptops, backpacks & school supplies, desks, school fees
- Sports** - volleyball club, ballet lessons, martial arts, tumbling classes, boxing equipment, surfboards
- Medical** - equine therapy, retainers, dental work, anxiety reducing tools, medical supplies
- Enhancements** - holiday gifts, musical instruments and lessons, art camps, bicycles, skateboards, craft supplies, hobby items, movie tickets, educational toys, games



"It gives me such a warm feeling knowing that there are people there for me and people who care enough to help me out not just financially, but mentally as well."



Thank you notes from youth assisted by Friends' Ho'ōla Nā Mana'o program

## April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month



In April of 2021, Friends hosted a press conference to release child abuse statistics from across the state of Hawaii for 2020. Compared to 2019, the numbers were down, but this did not indicate less abuse occurring. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and stay-at-home orders isolating children, abuse was likely not being reported.

To help raise awareness of the extent of child abuse in Hawaii and how the pandemic lockdown affected these children, professionals and partners of the Children's Justice Center of O'ahu discussed these statistics, what they meant, and how the community could be part of the solution. Agencies present at the press conference included partners from Friends, Children's Justice Centers, Honolulu Police Department Sex Crimes Detail, the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office, and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center.

Friends will hold a similar press conference on April 24, 2022 to highlight the prevalence of child abuse in Hawaii.

### Keeping Staff and Clients Safe Year Round

Throughout the year Friends assists the Children's Justice Center with day-to-day needs. Friends provides equipment, furnishings, and supplies used by the Center to create and maintain a facility where children feel safe as they start their journey towards healing.

*"I appreciated the kind, friendly, and understanding atmosphere and feeling. We were put at ease due to the homelike setting and caring staff. Thank you for the services offered during COVID as it was also clean and safe."*

*-comment from caregiver at the Center*



*Hope, Health, and Justice for all children*

**Donations help us keep saying "yes" so we may assist all children in need.**

### How to Donate:

**MAIL TO: FRIENDS OF CJC**  
3019 Pali Highway Honolulu, HI 96817

**TEXT "KEIKI" TO 44321**

*Or visit our website,*

**FCJCOAHU.ORG/**



We hang pinwheels along our fence every April to raise awareness about the prevalence of child abuse in our communities. These pinwheels represent hope, health, and justice for all children.

*Mahalo to our generous donors and who responded to our call to action.*