



Nā Kai 'Ewalu

A Hawaiian Canoe and Cultural Club

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Aloha Maui Ohana,

We are writing to you about a unique opportunity to help in a truly Hawaiian endeavor. Nā Kai 'Ewalu was established in 1972 as a 501c non-profit organization, with the goal to revive, develop and perpetuate Hawaiian culture and traditions through instruction and training.

We meet these goals through competitive racing, community participation in parades, hosting Boy Scout troops, hula halau, Kamehameha School Maui's interscholastic paddling team, and helping Seabury Hall with their Hawaiiana program to name just a few.

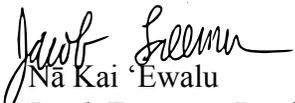
Nā Kai 'Ewalu was a vibrant, competitive club when we suffered a devastating blow in November 1996. A malicious fire destroyed our hale and almost the entire fleet of canoes, including two heirloom koa canoes. Through hard work of club members and the generosity of the community we were able to replace our hale and racing fleet. However, replacement of the koa has eluded us and our club hasn't been the same since this tragic event.

Our canoe club has been on an amazing spiritual, emotional and cultural journey since then. With the help of Kelii Taua and Kimokeo, we've been preparing culturally and spiritually to replace one of our koa canoes. We've replanted hundreds of koa seedlings in Kahikinui and Ulupalakua, held a night march, and continue to be involved in cultural activities that include learning chants, hula, working in the loi and restoration of Ko'ie'ie fishpond in Kihei.

After exhausting all avenues on Maui, we turned to Hawaii Island. Finally in May 2009, with the help of the State Forestry and Wild Life Division, a group of our men found a beautiful 43 foot long koa log from the Keanakolu area. The log is now in the hands of master canoe builder, Sonny Bradley, on O'ahu. Nā Kai 'Ewalu is very excited about this cultural project and are thankful for those who have helped thus far. We have a special canoe fund and continue to hold fundraisers, but we also realize we need more help as the cost is too great for our humble club.

We are asking for your generosity in helping us achieve this culturally significant goal. Help bring another koa canoe back to Maui! Help keep Hawaiian culture and tradition alive! It cannot be done without your help. We are asking for a donation towards our silent auction for our June 18, 2016 regatta in the Kahului harbor. You can send your donations to the address above or contact Heather Snipes at (808) 269-0640.

Mahalo nui loa,


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Jacob Freeman, President